

# Plan A



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## Non-food Animal Welfare Products Policy

Marks & Spencer is committed to using responsibly sourced raw materials including the use of products derived from animals. This policy forms part of our Plan A commitment to uphold the M&S animal welfare principles for all animal non-food based products we source.

### Marks & Spencer Non-Food Animal Welfare principles

- No animal will be slaughtered specifically for the production of M&S products. Only by-products of the meat industry will be used
- No non-food products will be derived from endangered species, defined as those which appear on CITES or the IUCN red list

### Compliance

Our suppliers are required to ensure these standards are met. The following information must be provided as a minimum:

- The name of the species (Latin and common name)
- The country or area from which the animals derive

The following materials **do not comply** with our business principles for animal welfare and therefore must not be used in our non-food products:

- **Endangered species** - species **must not be used** that are defined as those which appear on the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) (see [www.cites.org/](http://www.cites.org/) for list of species) or the IUCN red list as Critically Endangered, Endangered or Vulnerable ([www.redlist.org/](http://www.redlist.org/)).
- **Angora Rabbit fibre** - must not be used in any product.
- **Animal Fibres** – eg wool, cashmere, mohair **must not be obtained** from live plucking of animals.
- **Fur – must not be used**. This includes farmed fur (e.g. fox, sable, mink, chinchilla, rabbit)

- **Feather and Down - must not be obtained** from the live plucking of birds or from birds used in the production of Foie Gras
- **Astrakhan / Karakul – must not be used**, or any other leather/skin products which are the product of unnatural abortions
- **Leather/skin product - must not be obtained** from live skinning (e.g. reptiles) or live boiling
- **Cow hide - must not be sourced** from India

### **Animal testing**

All cosmetic and household products and ingredients must be approved by the BUAV under the Humane Cosmetics Standard. This standard has been in place since January 2006.

### **Pet accessories**

All products produced specifically for animal use or wear must be developed in consultation with the RSPCA to respect the rights of animals.

### **Product Design & Promotion**

The use of animal imagery will be reviewed to ensure it is sensitive to the key animal welfare issues such as animals in zoos and circus. We will not support any activity that encourages animals being given as pets as we advocate the responsible ownership of pets.