

MF BRANDS MATERIAL POLICY

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V2023	July 2023	First version
V2024	March 2024	Recycled down mixed with virgin down
V2025	November 2025	Restriction of cotton origin and deforestation

ABOUT THIS POLICY

This policy shall give a clear guidance to all our business partners on the position MF Brands and its Brands take on raw materials and production related rules, which includes commitment towards animal welfare and the sourcing of related raw materials, protection of forest and other materials specificities.

Suppliers are encouraged to strengthen the control over their respective part of the supply chain and to place the same demands on their sub-contractors. All parties are encouraged to cooperate to improve the industry dialogue and enhance traceability and transparency, down to farm level.

Generally, LACOSTE encourages the use of renewable, recycled and responsibly sourced materials which are substantiated with third party certifications and are traceable.

1. RAW MATERIALS FROM ANIMAL

1.1 GENERAL RULES – ANIMAL WELFARE

The objective of this policy is to encourage, promote and secure good husbandry practices and respectful treatment of animals, from farm to slaughterhouse (including all handling of animals in connection with breeding, transports, harvesting and shearing etc.), regarding products and materials originating from animals, for example but not limited to animal hair, fibers, hides, skins, fur, feathers and bones.

When raw materials are obtained from animal farming, the Business Partner commits to ensuring that the well-being of the animal in question is preserved throughout the supply chain (breeding, transport, slaughtering, etc.). Furthermore, LACOSTE only accepts animal-derived materials if they are a by-product of the food industry and encourages all breeders and parties handling the animals to adhere to the Five Provisions for animals defined by EU Fama Animal Welfare Council/ World Organization for Animal Health (OIE):

1. Provision from Hunger and Thirst - by ready access to fresh water and a diet to maintain full health and vigor.
2. Provision from Discomfort - by providing an appropriate environment including shelter and a comfortable resting area.
3. Provision from Pain, Injury or Disease - by prevention or rapid diagnosis and treatment.
4. Freedom to Express Normal Behavior - by providing sufficient space, proper facilities and company of the animal's own kind.
5. Provision from Fear and Distress - by ensuring conditions and treatment which avoid mental suffering.

All suppliers are **urged** to provide information of origin of the materials as detailed as possible.

1.2. SPECIFIC REQUESTS FOR DEFINED ANIMAL DERIVED MATERIALS

Animal hair: only hair from living and domesticated animals is allowed. Hair must not originate from animals that have been handled, harvested or sheared in a way that harmed the animals with the following requirements:

- **Wool:** We do not accept the practice of mulesing. The use of wool is only accepted if certified Responsible Wool Standard¹.

- **Angora:** The use of angora wool from angora rabbits is banned.
- **Mohair:** The use of mohair from angora goats is only accepted if certified Responsible Mohair Standardⁱⁱ.

Downs & Feathers: Any removal of down and feathers from live birds (live-plucking or molt-harvesting) and forced feeding is banned. LACOSTE only accept downs and feather certified Responsible Down Standardⁱⁱⁱ.

In the case where recycled down and feathers would be mixed with virgin down and feathers, the rule regarding certification applies to the virgin part of the mix.

Leather & Hides: May only be used if they are the by-product of the food industry.

Endangered species: All parties involved, handling the animals and/or the materials, shall follow national and international legislation regarding forbidden materials. We do not use skins from animals listed on the IUCN List of Threatened Species and endangered species as defined by CITES 3^{iv}.

Fur: We are Fur Free Brands.

Perfume and cosmetics: We do not accept animal testing for perfume and cosmetics.

2. RAW MATERIAL AND FORESTS

2.1. DEFORESTATION

It is strictly prohibited to use or supply LACOSTE with raw materials, including cotton, leather, rubber, and their derivatives, from areas that have been deforested or have suffered forest cover degradation after December 31, 2020, in accordance with the European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) and international industry standards (e.g., FSC).

As such, suppliers undertake to implement complete and documented traceability for all raw materials concerned, to produce on request any verifiable proof of the geographical origin and legality of the materials, and to comply with any due diligence procedures established by LACOSTE.

2.2. MAN MADE CELLULOSIC FIBER AND WOOD AND NON-TIMBER FOREST MATERIALS

Business Partners are responsible for ensuring that Man Made cellulosic fibers (MMCF) like rayon, viscose, modal, acetate, and lyocell as well as all wood and non-timber materials follow the below requirements.

- LACOSTE does not allow any MMCF, wood or non-timber forest materials used in its products that originates from ancient or endangered forests^v, or forest operations damaging high conservation values.
- LACOSTE does not allow vulnerable or endangered species^{**vi} of wood or non-timber materials to be used
- LACOSTE does not allow any MMCF, wood or non-timber forest materials that have been illegally harvested or harvested in violation of traditional and civil rights.
- LACOSTE does not allow any MMCF, wood or non-timber forest materials originated from natural forests cleared for plantation or non-forest use.
- For wood originated from countries with tropical rainforest or ancient and/or endangered forests, LACOSTE requires the full supply chain to be certified under the FSC Chain of Custody standard.

3. OTHER MATERIALS REQUIREMENTS

LACOSTE has made the following commitments and ask their business partner to respect them.

- 2.1 The use of sandblasting techniques and of potassium permanganate are banned for all products to ensure the health of the workers who manufacture products for LACOSTE. This ban not only includes the blasting with sand, but also similar material such as aluminum oxide, aluminum silicate, silicon carbide and copper slag.

2.2 Uzbek, Syrian, Tadjik & Turkmen Cotton: as LACOSTE strives for coherent and stringent social & environmental compliance policy, LACOSTE expects that the business partner does not source cotton from these countries and that they put in practice a due diligence process related to the origin of the cotton. Generally, LACOSTE bans any cotton produced with any form of forced labour.

ⁱ <https://textileexchange.org/responsible-wool-standard/>

ⁱⁱ <https://textileexchange.org/responsible-mohair-standard/>

ⁱⁱⁱ <https://textileexchange.org/responsible-down-standard/>

^{iv} <https://cites.org/eng>

^v Defined as intact forest landscape mosaics, naturally rare forest types, forest types that have been made rare due to human activities, and/ or forest that are ecologically critical for the protection of biological diversity

^{vi} As defined by CITES (Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species), and the IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) Red list of Critically endangered; Endangered; or Vulnerable listed species.