



TOTEME

Animal Welfare Policy 2024

TOTEME's stance on animal welfare

At TOTEME we care about the welfare of the animals involved in the production of our materials, which is why we champion transparency and traceability and advocate for animals in conversation with our suppliers.

ANIMAL WELFARE ACT

In our production, we do not allow harsh or cruel animal treatment. We therefore ask all our suppliers to follow the United Kingdom's 2006 Animal Welfare Act, which demands that animals are:

- 1. Free from hunger and thirst**
They must have ready access to fresh water and a diet that helps them maintain their health and vigor.
- 2. Free from discomfort**
They must have an appropriate environment, including shelter and a comfortable resting area.
- 3. Free from pain, injury, or disease**
These must be prevented, rapidly diagnosed and treated.
- 4. Free to express normal behavior**
They must have sufficient space and proper facilities and be in the company of animals of the same species.
- 5. Free from fear and distress**
They must be offered the right conditions and treatment to prevent mental suffering.

RESTRICTIONS ON ANIMAL MATERIALS

ANGORA

TOTEME does not accept angora wool obtained through methods that hurt angora rabbits. To use this material, we require traceability and animal welfare certificates or audits from a renowned auditing company.

MERINO

TOTEME only uses merino wool originating from sheep that have not been subjected to mulesing (a practice used to prevent flystrike).

DOWN

TOTEME does not use down or feathers plucked from live birds. To ensure this, all products that contain down or feathers must be certified by the International Down and Feather Testing Laboratory (IDFL) or the Responsible Down Standard (RDS). In the case of IDFL, products must be ranked 'low risk'.

ENDANGERED SPECIES, LEATHER AND FUR

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TOTEME forbids using materials that originate from animals identified in the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)'s lists of endangered species.

LEATHER

The hides we use for our products are a byproduct of the food industry and do not originate from areas where rainforests have been cut down to make room for farms. Additionally, all of our leather comes from suppliers audited by Leather Working Group, a not-for-profit organization that promotes and develops standards for a more responsible leather industry.

FUR

We are members of Fur Free Alliance and follow their guidelines.

ANIMAL TRANSPORTATION

TOTEME follows the regulations outlined in the latest version of the European Convention for the Protection of Animals on International Transport, which states that:

- Transportation must be carefully planned to minimize travel times.
- Only healthy animals may be transported, not sick or pregnant animals.
- During transportation, water, feed and rest shall be offered to animals at suitable intervals in appropriate quality and quantity according to their species and size.
- The transportation of live animals should be replaced by fiber or hides wherever possible.

