CARIAGGI



## **Cashmere fibre**

Cariaggi spa, to find the best cashmere raw material and to ensure its presence on the area, has been using a partnership with the Chinese company SHIJIAZHUANG SHAN YOU CASHMERE PRODUCTS CO. LTD, located in the HEBEI area, since 1994.

In addition to our joint venture, we have been dealing with other local companies, located in some areas of Inner Mongolia (Alashan) and Outer Mongolia (Suhbaatar, Bajanhongor), to provide the best fibre and, at the same time, the best relationship with the farms.

As a position, our company wants to confirm that: we constantly supervise the grazing areas through our Joint Venture, present in those areas from '94, and we never faced situations of animal abuses. Moreover, the animal welfare is fundamental to be able to provide the best fiber quality: being a natural fiber, its quality is definitely related to the animal well-being.

Cariaggi is particularly careful to the territory, to the animals and quality of the cashmere fiber: quality needs respect of combing periods, which is May/June, because in Spring the hair is easily removed from animals. As a company we plan the cashmere supplies one year before, therefore we are not after strict suppling timing. Conversely we support shepherds in advance.

We never followed the way of quantity, but always pursued quality.

Cariaggi is very far from the logic of quantity, which requires faster combing timing, risking to injure the animals, and repeating the combing more times per year even during the Winter, risking the death of animals and intensifying the raising and stressing the territory.

The decay of the territory and of the animals has taken place over the years by those who do not make quality, who look for price, cost reductions, higher earnings, and apply policies which go against the naturalness of things.

In 2016 Cariaggi has invested in an Organic cashmere project where the fibre is totally traced and that confirms the company's commitment.





