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OF SWEDEN AB

## **Code of Animal treatment policy - Shepherd of Sweden AB - Appendix 2 of Purchase Agreement**

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### **Our Policy and demand**

#### **Introduction:**

Shepherd of Sweden only purchase animal material from known suppliers that comply with our Animal Welfare policy.

This policy is the demand of Shepherd of Sweden AB for all people who handle and manage sheep.

The crucial importance of sound animal husbandry principles cannot be over-emphasised. Among the most important factors affecting welfare in a flock are the behaviour and attitude of the management

#### **1. Animal treatment**

The skin aimed for Shepherd of Sweden are sourced as a by-product from food industry and purchased from known skin-traders that only use slaughterhouses approved by relevant authority and following the legislation in each country.

Shepherd of Sweden never accept skin that have come from animals who have been solely raised for their skin, or from animals who have been raised or slaughter inhumanely.

Shepherd of Sweden does not source sheepskin from sheep raised in Middle East, North Africa or countries that do not have animal welfare standards.

The animal should be able to walk free and have access to water at all time in an environment that is normal for the animal and good for their health.

The animal must also be provided with access to a diet which is nutritionally adequate to maintain health and meet appropriate physiological requirement for growth pregnancy lactation and withstand cold exposure.

The animal should be taken care of and looked after and treated well so they will be protected against unnecessary suffering and illness.

The animal must have the possibility to be protected from extreme weather conditions.

This means that our supplier is required to respect and uphold the five freedoms.

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### 2. Mulesing

Shepherd of Sweden AB do not agree with the practice of Mulesing, none of our suppliers are allowed to work with skins or purchase skins from farmers / breeders that are practicing Mulesing.

Therefore, we also guarantee that all our product is produced from skins that have never been affected by Mulesing.

### 3. Shipment and transport of live animals

Our company do not agree with and do not accept live animal shipments on vessels.

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