

Materials policy

General considerations

- Desigual does not allow the use of materials made from protected animal or plant species that appear in the IUCN (1) and CITIES (2) lists.
- The animal fibres used must come from domestic animals such as cows, pigs, sheep, lambs, goats, alpacas, llamas, camels, buffalos, yaks, rabbits (except Angora) or horses, and must be a by-product of the meat industry.
- The living and transport conditions of animals intended for the textile industry must be decent.
- Likewise, conducting usage tests (for cosmetics or products of any other nature) with live animals is forbidden.
- Force-feeding is forbidden on all animal species.
- The use of any materials of animal origin requires the completion of Annex I (see Annex I).

Animal fur and leather

- The use of Angora fur is forbidden, except when a corresponding certificate is submitted ensuring the fur was sheared.

Feathers and down

- Use of the plucking method is expressly prohibited when animals are alive. In these cases, express declarations and/or certificates will be requested.
- In accordance with European Standard EN 12935, it must be guaranteed that all feathers and down have been correctly sterilised.
- The grey goose species may only be used if rearing and feeding farms have been certified.

Wool

- The practice of mulesing is forbidden on any animal whose wool is used to manufacture Desigual products.
- **Certificates to verify the absence of this practice (especially for wool sourced from Australia) will be required.**
- The use of Angora wool is forbidden, except when a certificate ensuring the fur was sheared is submitted.

Cotton

- Desigual does not accept products containing cotton from Turkmenistan, except when certified with a responsible management certificate (GOTS or Fairtrade, for example).

- Any product made from organic cotton must have a corresponding certificate (GOTS/OCS).

Recycled materials

- All materials designated as recycled must be certified to ensure their origin and traceability (GRS/RCS).

Viscose

- Desigual will require manufacturers of fibres derived from cellulose pulp to demonstrate their commitment to preserving primary and endangered forests. From 2025, these cellulose fibres will be allocated to those fibre manufacturers who are able to demonstrate that they pose no risk of sourcing from these ecosystems.
- Furthermore, they will have to comply with the precepts of the European Union's Best Available Technique (EU-BAT).

Others

- Products with a palm-oil base will only be accepted if they have been awarded a sustainability certificate (GreenPalm oil).
- Any pearls that may be used to manufacture Desigual products shall always come from farming.
- Should shells be used, they must never belong to a protected species that appears on the CITIES or IUCN lists.
- The use of mother of pearl always requires a certificate of origin stating the name of the species concerned.
- The use of PVC to manufacture any Desigual product is strictly forbidden.