

Materials Policy

General considerations

- Desigual does not permit the use of materials derived from protected animal or plant species that appear in the IUCN (1) and CITES (2) lists.
- The species of animals used must be domestic, such as cow, pig, sheep, lamb, goat, alpaca, llama, alpaca, buffalo, yak, rabbit (except angora) or horse, and must be a by-product of the meat industry.
- Living conditions and transport of the animals destined for the textile industry must be dignified.
- Likewise, animal testing (of any kind, including cosmetic) on live animals is prohibited.
- Forced feeding of animals must not be carried out on any species.
- Annex I must be complied with for all materials of animal origin used (see the following annex).

Animal hair and leather

- The use of angora is prohibited unless there is the appropriate certification to prove that the wool has been shorn.

Feather and down

- The method of extraction where these are pulled from the living animal is strictly prohibited. Express declarations and/or certification must be requested in these cases.
- In accordance with European regulation EN 12935, there must be guarantees that all feathers and down are properly sterilised.
- The *Grey Goose* species must only be used if they are raised and fed on certified farms.

Wool

- The practice of *mulesing* is prohibited on any animal whose wool is used for Desigual products.
- Certificates are required to confirm that this practice is not used (especially when the wool is of Australian origin).
- The use of angora is prohibited unless there is the appropriate certification to prove that the wool has been shorn.

Cotton

- Desigual does not accept cotton products produced in Uzbekistan or Turkmenistan unless they are certified with a responsible management certificate (GOTS or Fairtrade, for example).
- Any product made from organic cotton should have the corresponding certificate and traceability documents attached.

Others

- Products based on palm oil will only be accepted if they are awarded a sustainability certificate (e.g., GreenPalm Oil).
- Only cultivated pearls are used in Desigual products.
- If shells are used, these will not be from any protected species that appears in the CITES or IUCN lists. See (1) and (2)
- Any Mother of Pearl used must have a certificate of origin and the name of the species it comes from.

LINKS

- 1) IUCN Red List: <http://www.iucnredlist.org/>
- 2) CITES list: <https://cites.org/sites/default/files/eng/app/2016/S-Appendices-2016-03-10.pdf>