

RIVER ISLAND

ANIMAL WELFARE POLICY

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It is the policy of River Island to ensure animal products are obtained from fair and ethical sources and that animals from these sources are treated humanely at all times. Our policy is based on the industry best practise the Five Freedoms for Animal Welfare defined by the UK Farm Animal Welfare Council.

All Suppliers must be socially responsible when sourcing animal products, and are responsible for demonstrating due diligence in ensuring this policy is observed. All leather, skins and feather must only be sourced as a by-product of the meat industry. Animal products and synthetic materials made to look like animal products must be clearly labelled to avoid confusion.

River Island request that where possible suppliers source materials with accreditation such as Responsibly Sourced Wool (RSW), Responsibly Sourced Down (RSD) and Leather Working Group (LWG) sourced leather.

THE FOLLOWING ANIMAL MATERIALS MUST NOT BE USED IN OUR PRODUCTS:

ENDANGERED SPECIES

These species are listed in the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) List.

FUR

Real fur or pelts must not be used in our products. This includes Karakul lambskin pelts from aborted or newborn lambs. This excludes Shearling (Sheepskin) animal skins with hair on hide. Hair on hides are not considered fur.

LEATHER

Leather or skin obtained whilst the animal is still alive or from aborted animals.
Leather or skin obtained from animals kept in confinement in veal or sow crates.
Leather or skin from wild-caught animals, exotic animals or vulnerable and endangered species.

ANGORA AND MOHAIR

Angora and other rabbit hair must not be used in our products.

BONE, HORN, SHELL OR TEETH

Shell includes Mother of Pearl

WOOL AND ALPACA

Wool from sheep exposed to Mulesing. Wool must be sourced from Suppliers with good animal husbandry.

FEATHER

Feathers or down obtained through live-plucking. Feathers as a by-product of fowl raised to produce foie-gras. Ostrich, Peacock or Marabou feathers.

ANIMAL TESTING

River Island are against animal testing. No beauty products sold may be tested on animals, in accordance with the EU ban which came into effect on the 11th March 2013.

In addition, suppliers of animal products and goods containing animal products are responsible for ensuring with their factories and tanneries that all requirements specified by local laws, hygiene legislation and waste disposal legislation are proactively managed.