



G-STAR RAW

G-STAR MATERIALS POLICY

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Driven by our philosophy 'Just the Product', G-Star is focused on the constant reinvention of denim craftsmanship. Innovating for the future also includes taking responsibility for the social and environmental impact of our products.

Attention to sustainability starts at the design stage and continues throughout the entire manufacturing process. This makes it important for us to work together with suppliers that share G-Star's values. We outlined the minimum Social and Environmental, Health & Safety (EHS) standards for the manufacturing of G-Star products in the G-Star Supplier Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct refers to the G-Star Materials Policy as the basis for monitoring the use of raw materials for G-Star products. The G-Star Materials Policy contains restrictions and requirements with respect to the use of raw materials for G-Star products and applies to all our suppliers.

G-Star's suppliers are expected to familiarise themselves with the policy and operate accordingly. All suppliers are required to create a traceable and transparent system to keep on file records that provide credible assurance of the origin of the raw materials as described in the Materials Policy, and are required to provide this information to G-Star on a regular basis.

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- G-Star does not accept raw materials from any endangered species as listed on the IUCN Red List¹ as critically endangered, endangered or vulnerable, including materials such as tortoise shell and ivory.
 - Suppliers should implement international industry best practices for animal welfare on the farm, in transit, at the market or at a place of slaughter: "The Five Freedoms for Animal Welfare", as defined by the Farm Animal Welfare Council².
- 1. Down and feathers:**
 - G-Star prohibits the use of down and feathers from live-plucked birds.
 - G-Star only accepts down and feathers from birds raised for poultry meat production.
 - G-Star prohibits the use of down and feathers from birds that are force fed during their life for any reason including the production of foie gras.
 - G-Star gives preference to down and feathers that are certified to the Textile Exchange Responsible Down Standard.
 - 2. Fur:**
 - G-Star prohibits the use of genuine fur.

1) <http://www.iucnredlist.org/>

2) <http://www.fawc.org.uk/freedoms.html>

3. Leather:

- G-Star only accepts leather from cows, sheep, buffalos, goats and pigs raised for meat production.
- G-Star prohibits the use of real exotic animal skins, including but not limited to: snake, alligator, crocodile and lizard.
- G-Star gives preference to leather processed through facilities rated by the Leather Working group (LWG) as Gold, Silver or Bronze.

4. Angora:

- G-Star prohibits the use of angora to prevent live plucking of angora rabbits.

5. Wool:

- G-Star only accepts wool from sheep that have not been mulesed.

6. Cotton:

- In line with our G-Star Supplier Code of Conduct, G-Star does not accept forced labour and underage workers being used anywhere in the supply chain, including cotton cultivation.
- G-Star suppliers are prohibited to use cotton from Uzbekistan for G-Star products, as long as the government of Uzbekistan forces adults and children to work in its cotton fields.

7. Wood:

- G-Star does not accept wood-based products³ deriving from illegally logged sources, ancient and endangered forests⁴, or from any endangered species as listed in the IUCN Red List as critically endangered, endangered or vulnerable.
- G-Star gives preference to recycled and FSC⁵ certified wood products.

³) Including man-made cellulosic fabrics made from dissolving pulp (rayon, viscose, lyocell and modal).

⁴) Including Indonesia's Rainforests, Coastal Temperate Rainforests of North America, Canada and Russia's Boreal Forest, and rainforests in Africa and South America.

⁵) <http://ic.fsc.org/>

