

## Animal Welfare Policy

Polarn O. Pyret believes that animals shall be treated well and be protected from suffering and disease. The purpose of this policy is to secure good practices and that no animal should be harmed in the making of our products. This policy refers to all materials used for Polarn O. Pyret own products, which originate from animals.

### **BASIC REQUIREMENTS**

Materials used for PO.P products must not originate from vulnerable or endangered species as specified in the Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES). All parties involved, handling the animals and the materials, must follow national and international legislation.

**THE FIVE FREEDOMS**; recommendations on animal welfare set out by the World Organization by Animal Health (OIE), should be the guiding principles on all farms used in the production of fibre origin from animals used for PO.P products.

1. **Freedom from hunger, malnutrition and thirst** by ready access to fresh water and a diet to maintain full health and vigor
2. **Freedom from heat stress or physical discomfort** by providing an appropriate environment including shelter and a comfortable resting area
3. **Freedom from pain, injury and disease** by prevention or rapid diagnosis and treatment
4. **Freedom to express normal patterns of behaviour** by providing sufficient space, proper facilities, and company of the animal's own kind
5. **Freedom from fear and distress** by ensuring conditions and treatment which avoid mental suffering

### **MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS**

**SHEEPS WOOL:** PO.P only accepts wool from living and domesticated animals. The wool must not originate from animals that have been handled, harvested, or sheared in a way that harmed the animals.

- Wool bought for PO.P products should preferably be RWS certified. If the product consists of >30% wool, RWS is required.
- All wool must be mulesing free wool from Australia or New Zealand certified as Non Mulesed or Ceased Mulesing or merino wool from countries that do not practice mulesing.
- PO.P does not accept Mulesing with Pain Relief.
- PO.P require certificate of origin for all wool.

<b>ANIMAL HAIR:</b>	Cashmere, alpaca, mohair, angora or other animal hair is not allowed in PO.P products
<b>LEATHER:</b>	Not allowed in PO.P products
<b>DOWN &amp; FEATHERS:</b>	Not allowed in PO.P products
<b>FUR:</b>	Not allowed in PO.P products, PO.P have signed the Fur Free Retailer Program
<b>BONE, HORN &amp; SHELL:</b>	Not allowed in PO.P products
<b>REPTILE SKIN:</b>	Not allowed in PO.P products