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SUSTAINABILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR MATERIALS AND PROCESSES

GUIDELINES FOR PREFERRED MATERIALS

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Introduction

With the goal of **minimizing industrial waste** and **reducing its environmental impact**, the Armani group has intensified its research aimed at using materials of organic origin obtained through recycling or regeneration, as well as second-generation raw materials.





























The Armani group's brands are committed to the selection of sustainable raw materials through the increasing use of recycled and organic materials.

In 2021, the group drafted those updated guidelines replacing the previous ASP (Armani sustainability project) protocol and integrating it with new protocols, standards, and sustainability certifications. In particular:

- they provide instructions for each type of material and are a reference for internal departments – from design, research and development, to manufacturing and merchandising – and for suppliers.
- they refer to **“preferred materials”**, according to the definition of Textile Exchange: *“A fiber or raw material that delivers consistently reduced impacts and increased benefits for climate, nature, and people against the conventional equivalent, through a holistic approach to transforming production systems.”*
- they take into account international standards, although the group often go beyond them.

At the completion of these activities, at the end of 2021, work was carried out on the revision of the ASP logo applied on the tags of products (garments and packaging) made from sustainable materials, which, starting from the spring/summer 2023 season, will be replaced, while stocks last, from tags with the ASV - Armani sustainability values logo, in order to better align customer communication with the sustainability strategy.

SUMMARY TABLE FOR MATERIALS, PROCESSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

Natural Raw Materials				
Sustainability Attribute	Material	Certifications / Protocols / Standards / Brands / Programs		Recommended % of Main Material
Organic Material or from Organic Farming	Cotton, Linen, Hemp, Silk, Cashmere, Wool	GLOBAL ORGANIC TEXTILE STANDARD (GOTS)		70% (also in mix)
		ORGANIC CONTENT STANDARD (OCS) / OCS blended		
	Linen	EUROPEAN FLAX®		-
	Cotton	BETTER COTTON INITIATIVE (BCI)		-
		FAIRTRADE USA		-
COTTON MADE IN AFRICA			-	
REGENERATIVE ORGANIC CERTIFIED™			-	
Animal Welfare Traceability Environmental, chemical and social aspects (no heavy metals)	Wool	RESPONSIBLE WOOL STANDARD (RAF)		-
		ZQ NATURAL FIBRE		-
		GLOBAL ANIMAL PARTNERSHIP		-
		RSPCA ASSURED		-
		CERTIFIED ANIMAL WELFARE APPROVED BY A GREENER WORLD		-
		CERTIFIED HUMANE		-
		SUSTAINAWOOL		-
		AUTHENTICO		-
		NATIVA™		-
		LABEL ROUGE VIANDES		-
	Mohair	RESPONSIBLE MOHAIR STANDARD (RAF)		-
	Alpaca	RESPONSIBLE ALPACA STANDARD (RAF)		-
	Other certifications on the procurement of fibers from goat, sheep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CERTIFIED GRASSFED & ANIMAL WELFARE APPROVED BY AGW - CERTIFIED HUMANE - RSPCA ASSURED - CERTIFIED KAROO MEAT - ORGANIC CERTIFICATION OUTSIDE THE EU - RED TRACTOR - IP SUISSE - WOOLWORTHS FREE RANGE LAMB - FARM ASSURED NAMIBIAN (FAN) MEAT 		-
	Cashmere	GOOD CASHMERE STANDARD® by (AbTF)		-
		SUSTAINABLE FIBRE ALLIANCE (SFA) (*)		-
		AGRONOMES ET VÉTÉRINAIRES SANS FRONTIÈRES (AVSF)		-
		GREEN GOLD PROJECT		-
	Down	RESPONSIBLE DOWN STANDARD		-
		GLOBAL TRACEABLE DOWN STANDARD (TDS)		-
		EDFA CODE OF CONDUCT AND TRACEABILITY STANDARD		-
Leather	LEATHER WORKING GROUP (Audited, Bronze, Silver, Gold)		-	
	ICEC TS SC410 ICEC TS PC412		-	
Other certifications on the procurement of leather	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EU ORGANIC CERTIFICATION - BETER LEVEN - LABEL ROUGE VIANDES - CERTIFIED GRASSFED & ANIMAL WELFARE APPROVED BY AGW - CERTIFIED HUMANE - RSPCA ASSURED – FOR BEEF & CALVES - LE VEAU SOUS LA MÈRE - CREMBA - CLASSYFARM - ORGANIC CERTIFICATION OUTSIDE THE EU - ANIMAL WELFARE CERTIFIED - NATURA-BEEF, NATURA-VEAL, SWISSPRIMBEEF - RED TRACTOR - IP SUISSE - VEAL CARREFOUR QUALITY SCHEME - RAINFOREST ALLIANCE CERTIFIED - CERTIFIED AMERICAN GRASSFED - CERTIFIED PASTUREFED - CARNES DEL PASTIZAL - ABPO PANTANAL ORGANICO - CERTIFIED NATURAL BEEF & VEAL - BIRD FRIENDLY BEEF - AGRICUALITA 		-	

(*) SFA is under investigation, it is recommended to use other standards

