



## ANIMAL WELFARE MANIFESTO

Sustainability of production is a fundamental value for tanning industry.  
The welfare of animals from which raw material derives, in every moment of their life, is considered as a prerequisite.

These are our Leathers MANIFESTO and INTER LEATHER policies;

- A. Healthy and controlled **breeding conditions**, such as to avoid or minimize suffering, pain or injury to the animals
  - Buildings must be kept clean, and under proper conditions of temperature, air humidity and circulation, noise and light.
  - All animals, even if tethered or confined, must be given the appropriate space for movement, without risk of injury or fall.
  - All animals must be fed a wholesome diet suitable for the species, at opportune intervals and in sufficient quantity.
  - Cruelty, violence or unjustified abuse to animals must be avoided. All animals must dispose of proper care in case of injury or disease.
  
- B. Safe conditions during **transfer/transport**
  - Sufficient floor area and height in the means of transport is provided to animals. Water, feed and rest are guaranteed to the animals, appropriate to the species and the intended journey.
  - Journey must be carried out as rapidly as possible and without unjustified delay.
  - Unloading procedures must minimize the risk of injury, slipping or stroke among animals; the transfer to assembly centers must guarantee the same conditions.
  
- C. **Killing** conditions such as to minimize pain and distress
  - Animals must receive comfort by being kept clean, properly fed and by being prevented from injury and distress.
  - Killing must be carried out exclusively after the restraint and stunning (except for particular methods prescribed by religious rites), which shall be maintained until the death of the animal.
  
  - Restraint and stunning procedures must minimize suffering and ensure compliance with current legislation.

*We call for the progressive and rapid adaptation to the OIE/FAO guidelines and to the most effective national regulations (mainly valid in Europe, North America & Oceania).  
More than 80% of the raw hides processed come from EU and totally 95% come from countries openly committed to animal welfare.*