

Guidance Note for Hide Traceability - Suppliers of Splits Audit Protocol - Section 2.2

The current environment requires companies to have visibility through the supply chain of their raw material.

In the case of splits, the supplier should be able to provide each customer with the following information:

- Identification by quantity of the volume of splits which come from LWG rated tanneries, broken down by LWG rating/tannery
- An explanation of how the traceability has been achieved, defining how they ensure the accuracy of the details from each supplier.

Raw Materials in Brazil

Those sourcing raw material in Brazil will need to demonstrate traceability to the slaughterhouse including the date of slaughter. Suppliers sourcing from Brazil will need to ensure that the meat packers where the material originates meet minimum acceptable criteria, which include the following;

- The direct farms (within the Amazon Biome) should have been GPS mapped in at least one location by July 05, 2010 and have had their complete boundary shape registered by November 13, 2010
- The farms should not have been involved in any form of deforestation in the Amazon biome since October 05, 2009.
(The map is available at ftp://geofpt.ibge.gov.br/mapas/tematicos/mapas_murais/biomas.pdf)
- The farms should not be involved in slave labour, invasion of indigenous lands and protected areas, or farms included in IBAMA's embargo list (www.ibama.gov.br)

A signed declaration will be required from the slaughterhouse clearly demonstrating compliance with the above criteria.

Raw Materials from the Rest of the World

All raw material suppliers from other parts of the world must be able to supply the following information:

- Name of the slaughterhouse
- Breakdown of slaughterhouses if relevant

A signed declaration will be required from the suppliers clearly demonstrating compliance with the above criteria.

An example of a letter that could be sent to a supplier is given below:

Suggested letter to suppliers of splits

To (Supplier of splits)

XYZ Ltd is committed to ensuring that all inputs within its supply chain are responsibly sourced.

In line with this commitment, we are involved in the Leather Working Group (LWG) program and have been audited against the LWG Environmental Stewardship Protocol.

We supply leather to global footwear brands, who, through the auspices of the LWG, promote sustainable and appropriate environmental business practices to improve the leather supply chain.

Traceability and environmental stewardship within the hide supply chain is a key to this process, including specific information relating to the source of split material.

It is important that split material supplied to our company complies with the following criteria:

- Identification by quantity of the volume of splits which come from LWG rated tanneries, broken down by LWG rating/tannery
- Traceability of split material supplied back to the specific slaughterhouse
- An explanation of how the traceability has been achieved, defining how they ensure the accuracy of the details from each supplier.
- Those sourcing raw material in Brazil will need to demonstrate traceability to the slaughterhouse including the date of slaughter. Suppliers sourcing from Brazil will need to ensure that the slaughterhouses from where the material originates meet a minimum acceptable criteria which includes the following;
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