

ICT MANIFESTO FOR ANIMAL WELFARE

Sustainability of production is a fundamental value for the global tanning industry represented by the International Council of Tanners (ICT).

The welfare of animals from which the industry's raw material derives, in every moment of their life, is considered as a prerequisite.

ICT supports:

A Healthy and controlled **breeding conditions**, for example to avoid or minimise 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 be subject to proper care in case of injury or disease.
- All animals should be protected, as appropriate, against disease or infestation.

B. Safe conditions during **transfer/transport**

- Sufficient floor area and height in the means of transport should be provided for animals. Water, feed and rest are guaranteed to the animals, appropriate to the species and the intended journey.
- Journeys must be carried out as rapidly as possible and without unjustified delay.
- loading and unloading procedures must minimise the risk of injury, slipping or stress among animals; the transfer to assembly centres must guarantee the same conditions.

C. **Killing** conditions such as to minimise pain and distress

- Animals must be kept comfortable by being kept clean, properly fed and by being protected from injury and distress.
- Killing must be carried out exclusively after 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 minimise suffering and ensure compliance with current legislation.

ICT calls for the progressive and rapid adaptation to the OIE/FAO guidelines and to the most effective national regulations (mainly valid in Europe, North America and Oceania – see appended list).

I Protection of Animals on Farms

- Council Directive 98/58/EC of 20th July 1998 concerning the Protection of animals kept on farming purposes
- Commission Decision (2006/778/EC) 14th November 2006, amending Decision 2005/50EC, concerning minimum requirements for the collection of information during the inspection of production sets on which animals are kept.

II Protection During Transportation of Animals

- Council Regulation (EC) No. 1/2005 of 22nd December 2004, on the protection of animals during transport and related operations and
- European convention for the protection of animals during International transport.

III Protection of animals at the time of slaughter and killing

- Council Directive 93/119/EC of 22nd November 1993
- Council Regulation (EC) No. 1099/2009 of September 24, 2009
- European Convention for the protection of animals for slaughter: Official Journal L137, 02/06/1988 P. 0027 – 0038.
- 88/306/EEC: Council Decision of 16th May 1988 on the conclusion of the European Convention for the protection of animals for slaughter, official Journal L137/ 02/06/1988, P. 0025 – 0026