

Public Summary

SFA-ICCAW Cashmere Goat Welfare Code of Practice

Overview: In April 2020, the Sustainable Fibre Alliance (SFA) and the China Association for the Promotion of International Agricultural Cooperation International Cooperation Committee on Animal Welfare (ICCAW) signed an MoU to develop and manage a joint Code of Practice for cashmere goat welfare. The Code of Practice is to be used for accreditation of animal welfare in cashmere goat production in China. The Code of Practice will be managed within the SFA Standards System and will be in line with ICCAW's 'Farm Animal Welfare Requirements – Cashmere Goat'. In July 2020, a joint SFA-ICCAW Technical Group drafted the Cashmere Goat Welfare Code of Practice (consultation draft).

About the Cashmere Goat Welfare Code of Practice: The Cashmere Goat Welfare Code of Practice is based on the Five Freedoms of animal welfare. The Code of Practice (consultation draft) consists of specific requirements divided into eight units covering

1. Feeding and drinking water
2. The farming environment
3. Husbandry management
4. Health
5. Fibre harvesting
6. Transport and farm transfer
7. Humane slaughter
8. Farm inspection and auditing

For each unit, there are mandatory requirements; good practice requirements applicable to all farms; and additional good practice requirements for farms managed by enterprises or institutions.

The Cashmere Goat Welfare Code of Practice (consultation draft) can be downloaded in English [here](#) and in Chinese [here](#).

Public consultation process: In line with the SFA Standards System, there will be two rounds of public consultation:

Consultation Round 1: August 17 – 16 October, 2020

Consultation Round 2: 26 October – 25 November, 2020

Decisions regarding the process and changes to the draft Cashmere Goat Welfare Code of Practice will be made in line with the SFA Standard Setting Procedure. Any feedback received during Consultation Round 1 will be considered in the revision process prior to Consultation Round 2, and any feedback received during Round 2 will be considered in the revision process prior to adoption of the Code of Practice. A summary of how feedback received was addressed in the revision process will be made publicly available.

How to participate: Information about the Cashmere Goat Welfare Code of Practice in English and Chinese is available from the SFA website (www.sustainablefibre.org) and ICCAW website (www.iccaw.org.cn). Comments, feedback and suggestions can be sent to lesley.colvin@sustainablefibre.org or ficcaw@163.com in either English or Chinese.

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