



Public Summary

Development of Sustainable Cashmere Standard Global Principles

About the SFA

The Sustainable Fibre Alliance (SFA) is a non-profit international organisation working with the extended cashmere supply chain, from herders to retailers. Our goal is to promote a global sustainability standard for cashmere production in order to preserve and restore grasslands, ensure animal welfare and secure livelihoods.

Our aims are to ensure that internationally traded cashmere is produced using sustainable practices, resulting in a reduced environmental footprint, and to secure appropriate economic returns for participants throughout the supply chain.

The SFA's specific objectives are to:

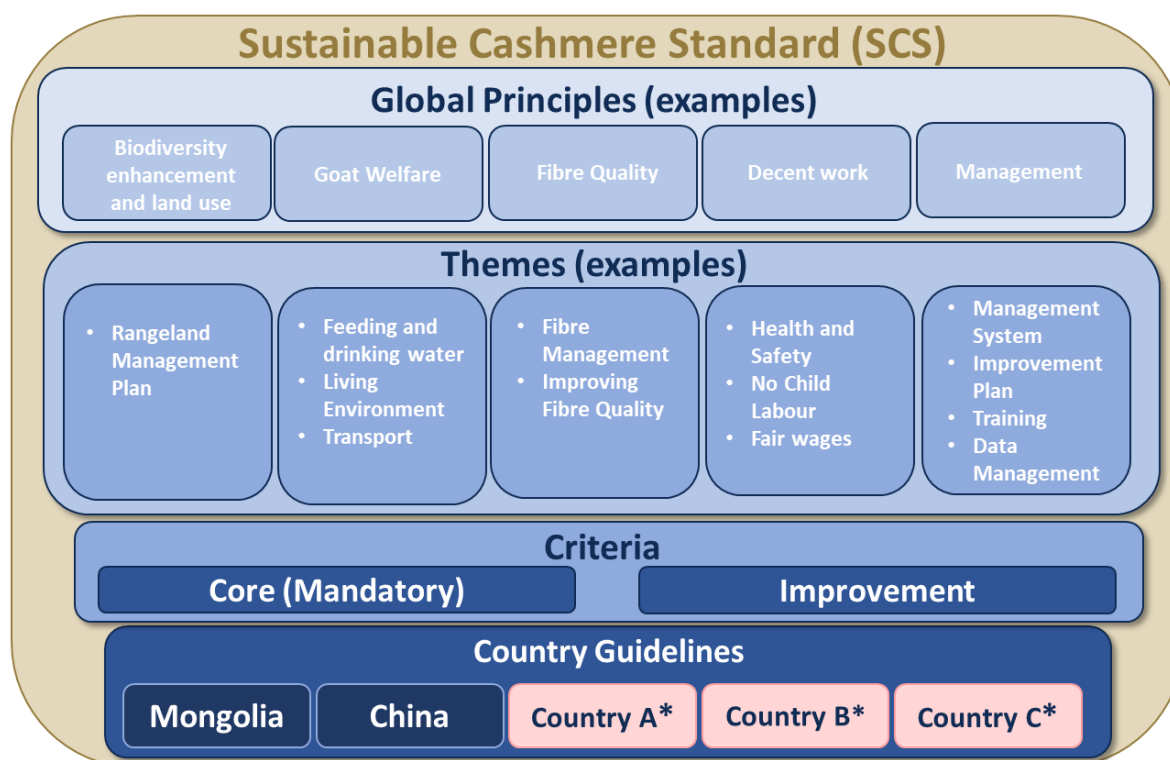
1. **Reduce the environmental impact of cashmere production and promote the conservation of biodiversity** through a range of Codes of Practice, designing and implementing globally applicable solutions that are also effective locally.
2. **Raise the animal welfare of cashmere goats** through the Animal Welfare Code of Practice, helping herders to better their livestock from the hazards posed by extreme weather conditions.
3. **Reduce the environmental impact of cashmere fibre processing** through the Sustainable Fibre Processing Code of Practice, to eliminate industrial releases of hazardous chemicals from the scouring and wet processing of cashmere fibres.
4. **Improve livelihoods and economic development** in participating cashmere producing regions by scaling up our grassroots projects and supporting herders' livelihoods through value chain innovations.
5. **To promote the awareness of sustainable production to consumers of fibres internationally and improve commitment to, and the flow of, sustainable cashmere** from herding cooperatives to brands and retailers, through the realisation of collaborative market-led sustainable value propositions across the supply chain.

Overview of Development

SFA first published codes of practice for rangeland stewardship, animal husbandry, and clean fibre processing. The focus for each of these is on continuous improvement with certification at three award levels to reflect compliance.

In 2022 the SFA is proposing consolidating into the Sustainable Cashmere Standard, a performance-based, outcome-oriented worldwide standard. The Principles and Criteria focus on the production of cashmere in a way that is measurably better for animals, the environment, and herding communities.

The SCS Principles are the essential rules or elements of environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial and economically viable cashmere production, and the Criteria provide the means of judging whether or not a Principle has been fulfilled.



*Provided for examples only

The purpose of the consultation

We are inviting every person to provide their feedback on the content and structure of the Sustainable Cashmere Standard. We have drafted the Global Principles, themes and Criteria and we would like you to let us know what you think. Some example questions for you to consider?

- Are they sufficient?
- Is anything missing?
- Should there be any criteria with Red Flags? E.g., no certificate can be achieved until red flag criteria have been fully met. If so, which ones?
- Is the wording of the criteria sufficient to ensure that it can be fully met anywhere in the world?
- Will the criteria deliver the required/intended outcome?

How to Contribute

Become a Member of the SCS Global Principles Steering Group

The SFA is seeking qualified individuals to join the Sustainable Cashmere Standard Global Principles Steering Group. Successful candidates will support the SFA's mission and values, have experience with the SFA's Standard, Code of Practice and or Chain of Custody, and represent a diversity of stakeholders in various geographies. Complete the [Application Form](#). [The Steering Group Terms of Reference](#) set out the role and responsibilities of Steering Group members.

Please submit your [application](#) and CV no later than 1 October 2021 to Lesley Colvin, Standards and Compliance Manager, Lesley.Colvin@sustainablefibre.org.



Provide feedback

To provide feedback or comments relating to the proposed content or structure of the Sustainable Cashmere Global Principles by completing and submitting the [SCS Global Principles Feedback Form](#).

Please submit your feedback no later than 14 November 2021.

Reference Documents

- SCS Global Principles
- SCS Evaluation Indicators Goat Welfare
- SCS-036-01.0-EN Standard Setting Procedure
- SCS-007-02.2-EN C001 Animal Husbandry and Cashmere Fibre Harvesting Code of Practice
- SCS-008-01.2-EN C002 Rangeland Stewardship Code of Practice
- SCS-009-02.1-EN C003 Clean Fibre Processing Code of Practice

Contact us

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