



# Stakeholder update - 19th June 2023

## Chain of Custody Guidelines v3.0

### Reason for changes

We have recently published the 2023 Chain of Custody Global Guidelines version 3.0.

These Guidelines move us towards ensuring that only products that contain 100% 'SFA Certified' fibre are sold as 'SFA certified' fibre. In practice this means that 'SFA Certified' fibre can no longer be blended with non-certified fibre from 1 July 2023. Companies will need to take timely action to sell any existing fibre that has already been blended, as from 1 July 2024 it is only products made of 100% 'SFA Certified' fibre that will be able to be sold as 'SFA Certified'.

To streamline our requirements and encourage more consistent outcomes between countries we have also merged the Mongolian and China Chain of Custody Guidelines into one single, globally applicable document. Finally, we have also made efforts to reduce duplication and make it clearer who is responsible for which requirements.

### Key changes

- Inclusion of Glossary of Terms.
- Update to include 100% 'SFA Certified' cashmere content required for claims:
  - The company shall not blend 'SFA Certified' fibre with non-certified fibre after 1st July 2023.
  - From 1st July 2024, the company shall not sell products as 'SFA Certified' unless 100% of the cashmere in the product is 'SFA Certified' fibre.
- Update to include when compliance with new SFA Cashmere standard comes into effect.
- Clarification of requirements versus guidance.
- Clarification of SFA Chain of Custody vs TE's Content Claims Standard pathways.
- Removal of duplication.
- Hyperlinks added:
  - Chain of Custody Registration Form
  - Updated Transaction Receipts
  - Transaction Receipt registration forms
  - CCS requirements
  - SFA approved Conformity Assessment Bodies.