

# **KATHARINE HAMNETT LONDON**

## **RESPONSIBLE SOURCING POLICY**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

We are committed to only using raw materials from sustainable sources; organic, bio-based, regenerated or recycled.

We are 100% transparent about all raw materials (fabrics, trims and components) that we use to make our products, explaining how we verify their sustainability credentials and the reasons we choose the materials we do.

We will only use conventional raw materials in exceptional circumstances where there is no high-quality, commercially viable, sustainable alternative with equivalent performance properties available. When this occurs, we work with our suppliers to support them in developing more sustainable alternatives. We will always look for ways to lessen our impact and implement solutions.

### **2. SCOPE OF THE POLICY**

This policy applies to the sourcing of raw materials used in products that we design and manufacture. Sustainability issues linked to processes used in the production of our products (e.g. Chemicals, Waste, Water Use, Wastewater Treatment, Energy, Air Emissions etc.) are covered in the Katharine Hamnett London Environmental Policy.

### **3. TRACEABILITY**

We are working to trace the origin of our raw materials, one-by-one. We understand how difficult this process is, due to the complexity of raw material supply chains so we work closely with our manufacturers, fabric suppliers and mills to trace the full route of our materials step-by-step, from origin to finished product.

### **4. IMPLEMENTATION**

We have processes in place with our design, sourcing and production teams to ensure that we uphold the standards set out in this policy. We work closely with our suppliers to make sure they understand our values and that we understand theirs.

Suppliers are required to provide evidence, demonstrating compliance with this policy before we place an order with them. We will always support our suppliers on sustainability progress where needed, as developing long-term relationships with suppliers is important to our brand.

We update this Responsible Sourcing Policy with every collection or in line with significant sustainability developments.

## 5. RAW MATERIAL SOURCING

### 3A. PLANT DERIVED RAW MATERIALS

We use the following plant derived raw materials under the conditions outlined below:

- GOTS Organic Cotton
- Conventional Cotton
- LYOCELL™/MODAL™/TENEC™ (LENZING™)
- Organic Linen
- Corozo
- Card and Paper

#### ORGANIC COTTON

- We are committed to growing the demand for certified organic cotton globally and 99% of cotton we source is certified organic (+/- 1% depending on units produced in each collection).
- We only use Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS) certified organic cotton.

#### CONVENTIONAL COTTON

- We do not permit the use of conventional cotton in our fabrics. Cotton fabrics must be 100% GOTS certified organic cotton.
- Conventional cotton is used for our stitching thread and minor trims only, when there is no commercially viable option available. We are working to switch to certified organic cotton for all thread and trims, bringing our use of organic cotton up to 100%.

#### LYOCELL™/MODAL™/TENEC™ (LENZING™)

- We only source cellulose based fabrics that are produced using the LENZING™ process, a closed loop production process that does not discharge toxic chemicals into the environment.
- We are committed to ensuring that wood pulp used to produce any cellulose based fabrics that we source, does not come from ancient or endangered forests. LENZING™ procure wood and pulp from Forest Stewardship Council (FSC®) and Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC™) certified sustainable sources\*.

#### LINEN

- We use linen for its inherent sustainability properties; derived from flax, which requires no fertilisers/herbicides/pesticides or irrigation in its cultivation.
- We only use 100% GOTS certified organic linen.

#### COROZO

- Derived from the Tagua nut tree, Corozo seeds used to make Corozo buttons are harvested naturally when they are ripe and at their most durable for producing buttons.
- We use Corozo as it is a fully biodegradable, renewable resource.

#### CARD AND PAPER

- We are committed to ensuring that any wood pulp used to produce our packaging does not come from ancient or endangered forests.
- We only use wood pulp based fibres sourced from forests certified to the FSC® for our packaging.

## 3B. ANIMAL DERIVED RAW MATERIALS

We use the following animal derived raw materials under the conditions outlined below:

- Animal Hair; Wool, Cashmere, Mohair, Regenerated Baby Camel Hair, Alpaca
- Silk
- Recycled Down
- Regenerated Animal Derived Leather
- Farmed Mother of Pearl

### ANIMAL HAIR

- We give preference to animal hair from regenerated or recycled sources.
- All virgin animal hair used in our products must come from farms with high animal welfare standards, preferably accredited/certified by a recognised body - we are committed to upholding the highest animal welfare standards, based on the internationally recognised 'Five Freedoms' for animal welfare.
- Virgin animal hair used in our products must be gathered, clipped, shorn or combed/groomed only.

### Wool

- We give preference to wool from regenerated or recycled sources, supporting the traditional process of mechanically reworking fabric offcuts into new yarn, that has been widely in use in the Prato area since the 1800's. This process can however affect the durability of certain fibres and in these cases, we use virgin wool.
- All virgin wool fibres must come from farms with high animal welfare standards, preferably GOTS certified or ZQ™ certified in certain cases.
- All virgin wool fibres must come from farms that do not practice mulesing. Wool originating from Australia must be declared as 'non-mulesed' (NM) or 'ceased-mulesed' (CM) in National Wool Declaration (NWD) documentation.

### Cashmere

- We actively source sustainable alternatives to virgin cashmere fibres, due to the negative social and environmental impacts caused by current cashmere production practices in Mongolia and other cashmere producing regions.
- We give preference to cashmere from regenerated or recycled sources, supporting the traditional process of mechanically reworking fabric offcuts into new yarn, that has been widely in use in the Prato area since the 1800's. This process can however affect the durability of certain fibres and in these cases, we use virgin cashmere.
- We experiment with different types of wool compositions to find the highest performing sustainable blend and will only ever use a small % of fully traceable virgin cashmere fibres in these instances.

### Regenerated Baby Camel Hair

- We source Regenerated Baby Camel Hair as a more sustainable alternative to virgin cashmere fibres, as camel hair has similar performance properties to cashmere and regenerating it extends the life of this lightweight and luxurious fibre.

### Alpaca

- We experiment with different types of wool compositions to find the highest performing sustainable blend. We use a small % of alpaca for added smoothness, softness and durability.
- Alpaca is one of our preferred fibres when it comes to wool blends, as alpacas are raised without the need for toxic chemicals, minimising the impact of their farming on the environment and they create less damage to soil, than cashmere goats for example.

#### Mohair

- We are aware of animal welfare abuses in mohair supply chains and are working to ensure that we uphold the highest animal welfare standards while continuing to support credible local herders in mohair producing regions.
- Mohair sourced from South Africa should come from farms audited to the Mohair South Africa Sustainable Mohair Production Guidelines.
- We are following the development of the Textile Exchange Responsible Mohair Standard for best practice standards in mohair producing regions.

#### SILK

- Our silk comes from conventional sources. We have trialled alternatives, Peace Silk for example, but found that supporting our existing Italian supplier to create a fully certified supply chain of GOTS organic silk is the best option for our brand. We want to encourage other suppliers to convert to sustainable silk and drive the supply of a more commercially viable option.
- Our silk is dyed using low impact GOTS certified dyes.

#### RECYCLED DOWN

- We do not use virgin down or feathers due to animal welfare issues, live plucking and force feeding for example.
- We only use recycled down certified to the Global Recycled Standard (GRS).

#### REGENERATED ANIMAL DERIVED LEATHER

- We do not use virgin leather but we do use a small amount of regenerated animal derived leather to reinforce buckles in one of our products.
- All regenerated animal derived leather should be certified to a credible standard and the source of the leather used for regeneration should be verifiable.

#### HORN

- We have used horn buttons in the most recent collections prior to this policy update.
- Due to difficulties in assuring animal derived materials as by-products of the meat industry, we are working to phase out horn buttons, trialling more sustainable alternatives, recycled nylon for example.

#### MOTHER OF PEARL

- We only accept farmed mother of pearl for our buttons, that come from reputable suppliers who can verify the origin and provide animal welfare and biodiversity protection assurances.

### **3D. MINERAL DERIVED RAW MATERIALS**

We use the following mineral derived raw materials under the conditions outlined below:

#### SWAROVSKI CRYSTAL

- We only accept crystal embellishment from Swarovski, as Swarovski crystal is sustainably produced to their Advanced Crystal standard. This ensures that the crystal glass and all other materials in its composition, contain 0.009% lead or less.

### **3C. SYNTHETIC RAW MATERIALS**

We use the following synthetic materials under conditions outlined below:

- Virgin Petroleum Derived Fibres
- Elastane
- Recycled Polyester & Recycled Nylon

#### VIRGIN PETROLEUM DERIVED FIBRES

- We are working to eliminate all virgin petroleum derived materials and that includes switching to recycled alternatives where more high-quality, commercially viable options become available.
- We give preference to petroleum derived fabrics that are 100% recycled from industrial waste and/or post-consumer waste and certified to a credible standard e.g. Global Recycled Standard (GRS).
- We do use virgin petroleum derived fibres in a portion of our trims (zips, shoulder pads and a small percentage of stitching thread) and three of our fabric blends contain a small percentage of elastane.

#### ELASTANE

- We allow a small amount of elastane across three of our products; 2% of elastane in some of our denim to offer a commercially viable fit, 5% in knitted mesh for durability and 22% in our swimwear fabric, as we have yet to find a swim fabric innovation that does not require the use of elastane for performance purposes.
- We are working to phase out the use of elastane completely, particularly in denim by highlighting the benefits of raw denim fit to consumers and hopefully stimulating a market shift away from elastane blend fabrics.

#### RECYCLED POLYESTER & RECYCLED NYLON

- We only use recycled polyester that is 100% recycled from industrial waste and/or post-consumer waste (e.g. plastic bottles) and certified to the Global Recycled Standard (GRS).
- We only use recycled nylon that is 100% recycled from industrial waste (e.g. discarded fishing nets) and post-consumer waste that is certified to the Oeko-Tex® certified and/or Global Recycled Standard (GRS). We are also exploring bio-based nylon options for our upcoming collection.

## **6. RAW MATERIALS THAT WE DO NOT USE**

We do not permit the use of the following:

- Conventional Acetate
- Conventional Cotton Fabrics
- Conventional Nylon Fabrics
- Conventional Polyester Fabrics
- Conventional Viscose
- EVA
- Exotic Skins
- Fur (including Angora)
- PVC
- Virgin Animal Derived Leather
- Virgin Down and Feathers
- Virgin Wool Fibres from farms that practice mulesing
- Virgin Petroleum Derived Fabrics

The materials listed here as ones that we do not use, are materials that we deem the most important to highlight due to their environmental, social and economic impacts. It is however, not an exhaustive list. We are always monitoring the latest sustainability developments and innovations and will update this list accordingly.

\* To support businesses who cannot afford sophisticated and expensive certification procedures, minor volumes of wood are purchased from small-scale producers which Lenzing wood buyers are very familiar with. These partners prove their sustainability commitment continuously to Lenzing's wood procurement and forestry experts.