

To our Canadian shippers:

FURMARK® IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

Furmark® is the comprehensive global certification and traceability system for natural fur that guarantees animal welfare and environmental standards. In the implementation of Furmark®, FHA has the obligation to ensure that its wild fur shippers have access to certain information. While most of you will already be aware of this information, we recreate it here to fulfill our obligations.

The use of traps that have been certified under the Agreement on International Humane Trapping Standards (AIHTS) is required in all Canadian jurisdictions for the species listed in the AIHTS. FHA promotes the use of certified traps. To keep Canadian trappers informed, the Fur Institute of Canada (FIC) regularly updates a certified trap list. The most recent update can be found by accessing the following link:

<https://fur.ca/fur-trapping/certified-traps>. Click on certified traps list.

In addition to the use of certified traps, trappers are required to abide by trapping and hunting regulations that are relevant to the jurisdiction in which they operate. FHA expects that all pelts supplied by our shippers are harvested in accordance with the relevant regulations. FIC maintains links to these regulations, which can be accessed via the following: <https://fur.ca/links>. Go to Government Departments and click on your appropriate provincial or territorial agency.

Many jurisdictions rely on trappers to provide relevant fur harvest information that aids in furbearer management. FHA encourages all trappers to cooperate with their relevant government authorities in collecting and sharing this information.

FHA also encourages all wild fur harvesters to complete an approved education course relative to the applied methods of harvest.

To assist in managing the phased-in approach to Furmark® implementation, FHA will be making various information requests to its shippers in 2024 – 2027. Your assistance in responding to these information requests will be critical to the implementation of Furmark®, and your assistance will be much appreciated.