

**To our USA 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.**

FHA promotes the use of traps that have been approved by the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA) and that comply with relevant Best Management Practices (BMP's). A list of approved traps and BMP's, as well as related furbearer trapping and hunting information, can be found by accessing the following links:

<https://www.fishwildlife.org/afwa-inspires/furbearer-management>

<https://www.fishwildlife.org/landing/membership/member-list>. Under Governmental Members, click on your appropriate state agency.

FHA encourages all wild fur harvesters 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. FHA also encourages all trappers to use traps that comply with relevant BMP's.

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.