

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.

For Canadian shippers:

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/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/CertifiedTrapsList_FIC_October-1-2021_ENG_FINAL.pdf

In addition to the use of certified traps, trappers are required to abide by trapping 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/fur-trapping/trapping-regulations>

For USA shippers:

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 can be found by accessing the following link:

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

FHA encourages all wild fur harvesters to abide by trapping 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.