

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 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/fur-trapping/trapping-regulations>. The links provided to provincial and territorial wildlife agencies and trappers associations also provide information on how to participate in trapper education courses. FHA encourages all wild fur harvesters to complete an approved education course relative to the applied methods of harvest.

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>. This site also provides a link to the North American Trapper Education Program. FHA encourages all wild fur harvesters to complete an approved education course relative to the applied methods of harvest.

FHA encourages all wild fur harvesters to abide by trapping and hunting regulations that are relevant to the jurisdiction in which they operate. A list of state wildlife agencies and relevant fur harvesting regulations can be found here: <https://www.fishwildlife.org/landing/membership/member-list>. 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.

