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# RAW MATERIALS GUIDELINES

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

At Audemars Piguet, we are dedicated to operating a responsible supply chain that upholds ethical, social and environmental standards within the watch industry.

Our guidelines establish the following requirements to ensure that the materials we work with correspond to our quality product image, reduce environmental or social negative impacts, as well as foster transparency and accountability throughout our operations.

The current guidelines describe Audemars Piguet's approach in terms of supply chain and purchasing procurement. This document represents the principal directions and responsibilities required to achieve success in implementing the **Supplier Code of Conduct** and the high-quality specifications required in the materials supplied and used for the company.

The current guidelines complement the existing technical specifications for materials and will evolve regularly to expand to other areas or materials and formulate new requirements.

# 2. OBJECTIVES

In addition to Audemars Piguet's Supplier Code of Conduct, the principal objectives of the present guidelines are as follows:

- Contribute to reducing Audemars Piguet's social and environmental negative impacts, such as reducing greenhouse emissions, optimising waste management and promoting circular economy principles as well as human rights
- Ensure responsible sourcing practices such as promoting the use of recognised certifications, supporting fair business practices and making active efforts to prevent human rights violations
- Focus on transparency and traceability to enhance visibility within the supply chain, thus enabling better monitoring and accountability
- Encourage supplier engagement about the importance of responsible supply chain choices and practices
- Provide direction for our business partners on future requirements with respect to materials

Audemars Piguet suppliers are strongly invited to prefer short supply chains with a minimum number of intermediary stakeholders.

# 3. SCOPE OF THE GUIDELINES

These requirements apply to all products purchased by Audemars Piguet and its affiliates.

For restricted substances, Audemars Piguet takes into consideration all the current available international regulations for dangerous substances and opts for the strictest limits.

Specific requirements are laid out in these guidelines.

Audemars Piguet invites its suppliers to design their products in such a way as to reduce raw material consumption and also highly recommends adopting the circular economy process within this context.

These guidelines take the form of material sheets, each divided into four sections:

- **Introduction** of the raw material (non-systematic)
- **Mandatory** rules directly applicable. If a certificate or label is required, the supplier must share these documents with Audemars Piguet
- **Restrictive points:** all rules in this section involve prohibitions
- **Horizon 20xx:** "Nice to have" requirements: this section contains some rules that are currently not mandatory but should become mandatory by the indicative date

A full chapter is dedicated to packaging and defines ESG criteria.

The appendix provided at the end of this document lists the raw materials whose ESG requirements are in progress.

## 3.1. REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL RAW MATERIALS

### 3.1.1. MANDATORY

Audemars Piguet does not accept any supplies coming from or having gone through Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas (CAHRAs) and/or **Russia, Sierra Leone and Angola**.

Audemars Piguet invites its partners to engage in local sourcing while giving priority to the European Economic Area. Otherwise, AP will require certifications or audits such as SMETA conducted against four auditing pillars, or else ISO 14001, 9001 and SA-8000 integrated management systems. Other audits or certificates must be analysed by Audemars Piguet's procurement and ESG departments for prior recognition.

If the "[Children's Rights and Business Atlas](#)" evaluation ranks a country of origin or operation in the "Enhanced" or "Heightened" categories in the Workplace Index, Marketplace Index or Community Index, a SMETA 4-pillar or equivalent audit is required within less than three years.

### 3.1.2. NICE TO HAVE

Audemars Piguet invites its suppliers to

- Report on products' environmental impact in terms of carbon footprint, water and biodiversity
- Eco-design their products as part of a circular economy process

### 3.2. LIST OF LABELS RECOGNISED BY AP



#### Specific labels for woods and their derivatives



#### Specific labels for textiles



#### Specific label for gold, diamonds and gemstones



#### Specific labels for leather



# 4. REQUIREMENTS BY RAW MATERIAL

## 4.1. ORGANIC MATERIALS

### 4.1.1. LEATHER\* (SENSITIVE MATERIAL)

#### CONTEXT

Leather is a strong, flexible and durable material obtained from the tanning, or chemical treatment, of animal skins and hides.

Leather can be used to make alligator and/or bovine leather straps and a variety of items, including clothing, handbags and furniture.

Critics of tanneries claim that they engage in unsustainable practices that pose health hazards to people and the nearby environment.

Since leather comes from animal skins, this material is classified as sensitive.

All Audemars Piguet suppliers must commit to imposing on their raw material suppliers a set of strict animal welfare practices aligned with the five freedoms established by the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) along with full transparency within the supply chain.

#### MANDATORY

- Ensure that sourcing does not include endangered or protected species
- Exclude any form of deforestation
- Guarantee respect for the five freedoms established by WOAH
- Provide annual supply chain mapping

→ Only skins from the following animals are accepted by Audemars Piguet:

- *Alligator mississippiensis* bred in farms certified by the International Crocodylian Farmers' Association ([ICFA](#)) or equivalent standard and engaged in population recovery programmes (origin USA)
- Bovine, sheep, goat (origin EEE)

No other species are accepted.

→ Tannery requirements for leather articles:

- Leather Working Group (LWG) standard, in its latest version
- or AQC-certified

→ Bracelet Manufacturer requirements (original strap):

- AQC certified

#### RESTRICTIVE POINTS

None

#### HORIZON 2027

The choice of European leather suppliers and tanneries is strongly encouraged.

- For all leather, indicate the location and name of the last breeding stage and slaughtering facility.
- If there is any alternative to animal-origin leather, please indicate the full composition of the entire material and the difference between plant-based or food waste alternatives. A full life cycle assessment will be required for these alternatives. Audemars Piguet's ESG and Procurement Departments are exclusively responsible for analysing and approving these proposals.

## **4.1.2. VEGETABLE FIBRES**

Vegetable fibres are field crops grown for their filaments that are traditionally used to make paper, cloth, or rope. Worldwide, several hundred plant species are harvested from the wild and used as a source of various types of fibres.

When it comes to products from nature or agriculture, Audemars Piguet demonstrates particular vigilance in avoiding the intensive use of pesticides or polluting practices that have harmful effects on the environment.

### **4.1.2.1. COTTON**

#### **MANDATORY**

Selected supply cotton sources are certified to one of the following certifications:

- Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS)
- Fairtrade Label
- Better Cotton initiative
- Regenerative Organic Certified
- OEKO-TEXT STANDARD® 100
- EU-Ecolabel
- Organic Content Standard (OCS)

If recycled cotton,

- The percentage of recycled materials must be 100%.
- Global Recycled Standard (GRS)

#### **RESTRICTIVE POINTS**

Non-GMO crops

#### **HORIZON 2027**

None

#### **4.1.2.2. OTHER VEGETABLE FIBRES**

Linen, coco, rattan, wicker, hemp

##### **MANDATORY**

- European Flax™, Master of Linen™ certification or equivalent certification
- Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS)
- OEKO-TEXT STANDARD® 100
- FSC

##### **RESTRICTIVE POINTS**

Non-GMO crops

##### **HORIZON 2027**

None

### **4.1.3. NATURAL RUBBER**

#### **MANDATORY**

- Natural rubber:
- FSC certification or Global Organic Latex Standard (GOLS)
- Country of origin

#### **RESTRICTIVE POINTS**

- None

#### **HORIZON 2027**

- None

#### **4.1.4. ANIMAL FIBRES**

Composed of organic substances, animal fibres or proteins, come in the form of hairs or silks.

All Audemars Piguet suppliers must commit to imposing on their raw material suppliers a set of strict animal welfare practices aligned with [the five freedoms established by the World Organisation for Animal Health \(WOAH\)](#) as well as full transparency within the supply chain.

##### **MANDATORY**

No animal cruelty practices such as the plucking of live animals and mulesing are tolerated.

##### **4.1.4.1. WOOL: ANGORA, ALPAGA, MOHAIR, CASHMERE**

- Responsible Wool Standard or equivalent regulation
- SFA Cashmere Standard or equivalent regulation
- RAS label: Responsible Alpaca Standard
- RMS label: Responsible Mohair Standard

##### **4.1.4.2. FEATHERS**

- Responsible Down Standard (DWS) or equivalent regulation.

##### **4.1.4.3. SILK**

- Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS) or equivalent certification

##### **RESTRICTIVE POINTS**

- Animal fur is not tolerated

##### **HORIZON 2027**

- Seek innovation and new ways of product transformation when including, for example, recyclable materials and new fibres (such as REFIBRA™ and TENCEL™).

#### **4.1.5. WOOD AND ITS DERIVATIVES\* (SENSITIVE MATERIALS)**

wood, paper, cork

Since 1992, the company has contributed via the Audemars Piguet Foundation for Trees (formerly the Audemars Piguet Foundation) to support local NGOs in forest conservation projects around the world.

As part of this approach, Audemars Piguet is committed to sourcing wood exclusively from sustainable forest management in order to preserve natural resources and biodiversity. This includes supporting suppliers in taking the necessary steps to eliminate deforestation from our supply chain, implementing sustainable alternatives and collectively defining high traceability requirements.

##### **MANDATORY**

- Certification Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) preferred or Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC)
- If recycled:
  - ✓ 100% from recycled material without any addition of chlorine
  - ✓ cradle-to-cradle or FSC recycled-certified
- Location of the forest and the type of wood
- The “Bois Suisse” label is accepted
- Full compliance with the checklist of allowed species permitted by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)
- For plywood: a Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) certificate and a product etiquette must be provided

Should there be any distinctive feature of the sourced material, the Audemars Piguet purchasing department must provide special formal approval.

##### **RESTRICTIVE POINTS**

- No wood from exotic species
- No GMO
- No bamboo

##### **MANDATORY STARTING 2027**

- Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification at the company level and local-based wood sources
- Local wood

## 4.2. PRECIOUS METALS

### 4.2.1. GOLD\* (SENSITIVE MATERIAL)

Gold mining can have huge negative impacts on people and the environment.

Mining extraction is very greedy from an environmental point of view: enormous water consumption, water pollution around the mines, frequent use of harmful chemicals (cyanides, mercury), deforestation, loss of biodiversity, etc.

Gold production often gives rise to degrading social practices: child labour in mines, prostitution, alienation of local populations by armed groups, financing of militias, organised crime.

Audemars Piguet seeks to contribute to changing practices within this industry by providing strong support for ASM mines and short value chains making it possible to put in place relevant verification operations and maintain direct contact with the players concerned.

Audemars Piguet asks its gold suppliers to include in their supply specific requirements regarding:

- Measurement and reduction of GHG from extraction to AP gates
- Reduction of water consumption in gold extraction
- Restoration of the mine to its natural state after operation
- Development of projects to help local communities around mining operations
- Commitment to ensuring that gold purchased for AP is sourced from AP-approved suppliers

#### **MANDATORY**

- Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) gold from RJC COP-certified gold suppliers, or
- Gold extraction from artisanal and small-scale mining (ASM) only from AP-approved ASM initiatives (currently PX IMPACT®, Swiss Better Gold initiative, Fairtrade, Fairmined)
- AP gold sourcing questionnaire filled out (yearly)

#### **RESTRICTIVE POINTS**

- See areas specified in point 3.1

#### **HORIZON 2026**

- RJC gold from RJC COC/COP-certified gold suppliers

#### **4.2.2. OTHER PRECIOUS METALS**

(Except gold) palladium, platinum, silver, rhodium

##### **MANDATORY**

- Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) Certification
- Metal sourced from artisanal and small-scale mining (ASM), if existing
- Certificates of origin when certification is not available

##### **RESTRICTIVE POINTS**

- See areas specified in point 3.1

##### **HORIZON 2027**

- Location of each intermediary process and country of metal extraction

### **4.3. NON-PRECIOUS METALS**

Steel, stainless steel, aluminium, bronze, BMG, cobalt, copper, iron, brass, indium, nickel, titanium, tantalum, tungsten, zinc, zirconium

#### **MANDATORY**

- Ensure that the sources provided are partly recycled, with communication on the percentage contained
- Provide proof of origin when recycling certification is not available

#### **RESTRICTIVE POINTS**

- Any metals supplied are lead-free and comply with Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) regulation
- Composition label when certification is unavailable

#### **HORIZON 2027**

- Location of each intermediary process and country of metal extraction

#### **4.4. NON-ORGANIC MATERIALS AND MINERALS**

Around the world, millions of people depend on mining diamond and coloured gemstones in order to survive. It is however still an informal and unregulated activity in several regions, with miners working alongside the official economy. Human rights can be subverted in mines, with miners working under unsafe conditions and without proper training, safety equipment or tools. Mining operations can furthermore have devastating effects on the environment, including soil erosion and deforestation.

As in the case of gold, Audemars Piguet wishes to work exclusively with diamonds and coloured gemstones of known origin, whose mining practices and intermediate cutting operations throughout the value chain are among the most respectful of both people and the environment.

#### **4.4.1. NATURAL DIAMONDS\* (SENSITIVE MATERIAL)**

##### **MANDATORY**

- Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) Certification minimum Tier 1 (CoC + CoP) and Tier 2 (CoC)
- Location of each intermediary process and country of extraction
- Compliance with the Kimberley Process, a commitment to remove conflict diamonds from the global supply chain
- Each stone purchased for AP must be from suppliers validated by AP

##### **RESTRICTIVE POINTS**

- See areas specified in point 3.1

##### **HORIZON 2027**

- Name and the location of the mine of extraction.

#### **4.4.2. COLOURED GEMSTONES\* (SENSITIVE MATERIAL)**

##### **MANDATORY**

- Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) Certification minimum Tier 1 (CoC + CoP)
- Location of each intermediary process and country of material extraction
- Each stone purchased for AP must be from approved AP suppliers

##### **RESTRICTIVE POINTS**

- See areas specified in point 3.1

##### **HORIZON 2027**

- Name and location of the mine of extraction
- Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) Certification minimum Tier 2

## **4.5. PLASTIC MATERIALS**

Initiated just 60 years ago, the mass production of plastic materials has accelerated at such a speed that it has already generated 8.3 billion metric tons, most of which are disposable products that end up becoming waste.

Plastic pollution has many consequences that fundamentally affect the lives of living beings by degrading the quality of soil, water and air.

Although the various applications of plastic materials are of real interest, Audemars Piguet wishes to limit their use.

#### **4.5.1. SYNTHETIC FIBRES**

##### **MANDATORY**

- OEKO-TEXT STANDARD® 100 (textile) certification
- Part of recycled materials
- GRS label or cradle-to-cradle label

##### **RESTRICTIVE POINTS**

- None

##### **HORIZON 2027**

- None

# 5. PACKAGING REQUIREMENTS

Packaging is a heavy consumer of raw materials and generally ends up as waste. In order to minimise its impact on the environment, AP is eliminating so-called unnecessary packaging as of January 1, 2025. This term is defined as packaging serving no essential technical function in terms of sanitary protection, transport or as a medium of regulatory information.

For packaging materials, care must be taken to eliminate single-use plastics and to ensure that alternatives are available, whether through substitution with another material or reuse. These materials must:

- be recyclable
- not disrupt sorting or recycling operations
- not contain substances or elements that may limit the use of the recycled material
- help reduce environmental impacts, including on biodiversity

The supplier must ensure that it complies with the regulations relating to:

- Compulsory regulatory information which must be communicated to the end consumer concerning the product and its packaging
- The country's mandatory contributions – if any – concerning packaging

The ESG requirements for raw material packaging are the same as those laid down in these guidelines.

## **MANDATORY**

- Avoid unnecessary packaging
- Reduce packaging to the strict minimum
- Encourage reusable packaging
- Indicate the rate of recycled materials in the packaging

## **RESTRICTIVE POINTS**

- Industrial compostable

## **HORIZON 2027**

- Objective zero virgin plastic
- Partially or totally eliminate single-use plastics
- Blister packs
- Wedging elements (bubble wrap, chips, etc.)
- All compostable packaging to be home-compost certified

## 6. APPENDICES

In addition to the raw materials included in these guidelines, certain other raw materials are also on watch. Audemars Piguet is currently working on the definition of ESG requirements.

List of raw materials currently under review:

- Ceramic
- Carbon
- Kevlar
- Lab-grown diamonds
- Synthetic rubber
- Bulk Metallic Glass (BMG)
- Plastic