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Following the statements previously issued by Mohair South Africa regarding the treatment of animals and the sustainability status of the Industry, we would like to update stakeholders and interested parties as follows:

- After contracting two additional people to assist in the assessment of farmers, the total farms assessed now stands at 702.
- From the first winter sale of 2018 the sustainability status of each lot is displayed in the sales catalogue.
- Improved supervision in the shearing shed will now be a requirement in the sustainable guidelines.
- A project has been put in place to ensure all shearers are accredited / graded and that shearers are provided with additional training for animal handling. It is also envisaged that hand shearing will be phased out and machine shearing be the preferred practice in terms of the guidelines.
- After the scoping of the Mohair Industry's sustainable guidelines and comparisons made to other standards, i.e the RWS (Responsible Wool Standard) an extensive discussion process was initiated with Textile Exchange, which led to the inclusion of mohair in the revision process of the Standards as announced at the Textile Exchange Conference during October 2018, held in Milan. Upon conclusion of the Conference, some Brands have already volunteered to take part in the initial pilot projects and it is envisaged that the standards will be finalized during the course of 2019.

Attached find the full statement released by Textile Exchange .

We confirm the Mohair Industry's commitment to producing a sustainable fibre which can be used with confidence and assurance of ethical practices.



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