



**THE GOOD  
CASHMERE**  
STANDARD  
by AbTF



# THE GOOD CASHMERE STANDARD® APPEALS SUBMISSION FORM

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## Introduction

In order to be considered valid, appeals need to be submitted to the Aid by Trade Foundation in writing within 15 working days of receipt of a licensing decision. Appeals are to be sent via email to [complaints@abt-foundation.org](mailto:complaints@abt-foundation.org) and have to include a clear rationale and objective evidence for each assessed indicator a Cashmere Producer is appealing against.

**Please note that submitting an appeal should only be considered in severe cases, for example when there is clear evidence of misjudgement or professional negligence by the auditors. The appeals procedure is not to be used in cases where the Cashmere Producer or herder disagrees with the outcome of the third-party verification results.**

## Who is appealing?

Name of Cashmere Producer			
Name of the herder (if applicable)			
BS/DS number		GCS herder number (if applicable)	
GCS Audit Report Number		GCS Audit Date	
Name of person responsible for the appeal <sup>1</sup>			
Date of the appeal			

## 1. List of Assessed Indicators Being Appealed

You have to provide a clear rationale and detailed objective evidence for each assessed indicator that you wish to appeal, making a separate appeal statement for each indicator (see section 2). You may appeal against only one subset of the identified non-conformities.

In the table below, please list each indicator subject to this appeal, providing the indicator number and text as formulated in The Good Cashmere Standard® (GCS).

	Indicator number	Text
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

<sup>1</sup> Generally speaking, the GCS Officer should be assigned to submit an appeal, but the Cashmere Producer may decide to directly involve the general manager or other members of senior management.



→Please add rows as required

**2. Appeal Statement (for each indicator assessment being appealed)**

Appealed Indicator No.

Indicator no.	Text

Copy and paste the full text of the findings of non-conformity as noted in the relevant Audit Report, including observations noted by the auditors.

**Appeal statement (mandatory):** Provide an explanation of how the Cashmere Producer or herder fulfils the indicator under review. Please include references to specific evidence to support this explanation as well as references to any relevant additional documentation (add these to the list of supporting documentation in the table below).

**Supporting Documentation**

Please indicate the exact title (and file name, if different) of all relevant documents submitted in support of the appeal statement for this non-conformity and briefly explain the evidence.

Document title (and file name, if different)	Brief explanation of evidence

→If the Cashmere Producer appeals against additional non-conformities, please copy and paste the subsection below as many times as necessary. Fill in the form accordingly.



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