
**Leather — Guidelines for packaging of
wet blue leather**

*Cuir — Lignes directrices pour le conditionnement du cuir en bleu
humide*

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1 Scope

This document provides guidance and requirements for packing wet blue leather intended for transport and storage. This document is applicable to wet blue leather made out of goat skin, sheep skin, cow hide and buff hide.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
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3.1

bundle

pack containing several pieces of wet blue leather wrapped together

Note 1 to entry: 12 pieces, or multiples thereof, per pack for small ovine skins. Six pieces, or multiples thereof, per pack for large bovine skins. Or, for an easier decimal calculation, 10 pieces, or multiples thereof, per pack for small ovine skins and five pieces, or multiples thereof, per pack for large bovine skins.

3.2

bundle slip

marking sheet tagged with a bundle that provides a description of the contents

Note 1 to entry: The contents of each bundle are described in terms of

- a) grading;
- b) average size and number of pieces packed in the bundle;
- c) total area (m²);
- d) weight;
- e) origin and description (goat; sheep/lamb; cow; buffalo; other).

3.3

bundle size

maximum number of pieces that each bundle can accommodate for easy handling

Note 1 to entry: Care should be taken that the number of leathers packed in one bundle should not weigh more than 30 kg wherever there is manual handling. For mechanical handling, up to one ton can be packed per bundle.

4 Package descriptions

4.1 General

The following are the requirements for the packing of wet blue leather. All leathers shall be flat-packed without wrinkles on wooden disposable pallets or rolled without wrinkles in materials suitable for moisture retention.

NOTE Wrinkles formed during transit due to improper packing and inadequate moisture content in the leather are permanent and reduce the value of the leather for the end user considerably.

4.2 Bundle/pallet

Each bundle is initially packed with a material suitable for moisture retention, for example polyethene, and subsequently packed in an appropriate material to provide protection during transportation, for example HDPE or hessian bags.

The following information should be marked on the bundle:

- a) consignee;
- b) lot no.;
- c) bundle number/pallet no.;
- d) grade;
- e) number of pieces;
- f) total area packed in the bundle/pallet;
- g) date of packing;
- h) weight of the bundle/pallet (see NOTE);
- i) description of product, for example, goat, cow, sheep, etc.
- j) place of manufacture.

Weight of each bundle shall not exceed the limit prescribed by ILO for manual handling.

4.3 Bundle slip/pallet slip

There shall be a bundle slip in each bundle (or pallet slip in each pallet), packed/covered with a material suitable for moisture retention containing the following information:

- 1) description of packed material;
- 2) party;
- 3) lot number;
- 4) bundle number/pallet number;
- 5) grade;
- 6) number of pieces;
- 7) total area packed;
- 8) date of packing.

All wet blue leathers shall have relevant documents of country of origin, an animal health certificate and/or documents supporting other statutory requirements of the countries engaged in transaction.

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