



## Statement of MEDIMA about angora hairs

As a manufacturer of branded products, our company stands out due to an almost 100 percent in-house production depth in Germany and due to highest quality-standards: This is valid for our raw-material, textile finishing, processing and finalizing steps of our quality products.

For our entire product line, we use exclusively hairs of *sheared* Angora rabbits which we purchase from mostly small angora-rabbit breeders in Germany and China. Angora-rabbits are very sensitive animals and keeping of these rabbits is only possible in moderate climate zones. Our angora-rabbit breeders feed varied animal food and the rabbits are kept in clean hutches with good air supply because the breeders' earnings depend on the quality and quantity of the angora-hairs.

All angora-rabbits are usually sheared 3 to 4 times each year. This is done with either electric- or hand-scissors. The shearing does not hurt the rabbits at all. Furthermore, the shearing is done such that a hair length of at least 1 cm remains so that the rabbits do not freeze even at colder temperatures.

We would like to clearly point out: Plucked hair is definitely not used in any of our products. Not only because its structure cannot be used for high-quality underwear and contaminations, such as blood or excrement, would make the valuable angora-hairs useless for us, but also because we strictly condemn such methods. To be completely sure that the angora-hairs we purchase from our suppliers are only from sheared rabbits, they are frequently tested in a laboratory: The cutting-edge is clearly visible under the electron-microscope. Until now, we never had a reason for complaints concerning the quality of the hair from the suppliers we work together with.

We have attached an official expert appraisal from the laboratory of Prof. Dr. rer. nat. Alexander Böker which proves that the angora-hairs we use in our products are sheared and not plucked.