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English Version

Leather - Raw bovine hides and skins - Description, presentation and preservation

Cuir - Peaux brutes de bovins - Description,
présentation et conservation

Leder - Rohe Rinderhäute und Kalbfelle -
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European foreword

This document (prEN 16055:2025) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 289 “Leather”, the secretariat of which is held by UNI.

This document is currently submitted to the CEN Enquiry.

This document will supersede EN 16055:2012.

EN 16055:2025 includes the following significant technical changes with respect to EN 16055:2012:

- addition of new terms and modifications of existing terms;
- update of existing figures and addition of new figures.

Introduction

It should be noted that raw hides, bovine hides and calfskins are natural products. As a result, companies trading in these products do not have control over all their properties. All links in the chain shall ensure that the best possible quality of the natural product skin is maintained. For this purpose, controls shall take place in the respective stages, the results of which are then brought to the attention of the preceding stage, so that they can work on improving the quality there.

1 Scope

This document specifies the following for raw bovine hides and skins intended for use throughout the leather manufacturing supply chain:

- Terms and definitions;
- Rules for the presentation of raw hides and skins.

It applies to fresh and salted bovine hides and skins.

It is not the aim of this document to interfere with the normal commercial agreement between the buyer and the supplier of hides and skins, on the contrary, it should be able to be used as a basis. This document is intended to avoid disagreements between parties. It is the result of discussions with representatives of agriculture, slaughterhouses, skin trade and tanneries. It shows which parts of hides and skins can be used for leather production and which factors influence the quality of hides and skins.

Furthermore, it gives recommendations on precautions to be taken for transport, preservation, loading and unloading, selection of tanned hides, classification of hides, weight, loss and tax exemption, identification of hides.

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/>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1 Raw bovine hides and skins

3.1.1

calfskin

skin of very young cattle feeding predominantly on milk

Note 1 to entry: Typical ranges of weight (green weight) are: below 5 kg; 5,1 kg - 8 kg; 8,1 kg - 12 kg; 12,1 kg or above.

Note 2 to entry: In the international trade calfskins are classified under HS code 4101 20: whole hides and skins, unsplit, of a weight per skin exceeding 8 kg when simply dried; 10 kg when dry-salted or 16 kg when fresh, wet-salted or otherwise preserved.

3.1.2

salted weight

weight of a skin after salting, which is inferior to the green weight

Note 1 to entry: The loss of weight can vary, depending on the amount of salt used, the time of curing and climate conditions.