
**Leather — Pickled sheep pelts —
Guidelines for grading on the basis of
defect and size**

*Cuir — Peaux de moutons picklées — Lignes directrices pour le
classement sur la base des défauts et de la taille*

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Leather — Pickled sheep pelts — Guidelines for grading on the basis of defect and size

1 Scope

This document provides guidance for grading pickled sheep pelts based on size and defects.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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

In general, pH requirement of pickled sheep pelts should be ascertained before grading. The pH of the pickled sheep pelt should be $2,0 \pm 0,2$.

For the purpose of the grading system, pickled sheep pelts are graded based on:

- a) defects;
- b) size.

5 Grading on the basis of defects

5.1 Grade I

Pickled sheep pelts of Grade I should have the following qualities:

- a) generally free from defects and damages;
- b) defects and damages not exceeding 10 % of the total area;
- c) free from defects like score marks, warble holes, meat, fat, pox marks, cockles;
- d) fleshy with good quality and fine grain.

Pickled sheep pelts that belong to Grade I but have a thinner skin should be regarded as Grade II.

5.2 Grade II

Pickled sheep pelts of Grade II should have the following qualities:

- a) defects and damages in the range of 11 % to 20 % of the total area;

b) neck and shoulder free from defects and damages.

5.3 Grade III

Pickled sheep pelts of Grade III should have the following qualities:

- a) defects and damages in the range of 21 % to 40 % of the total area;
- b) 75 % of the neck and shoulders free from damages.

5.4 Grade IV

Pickled sheep pelts of Grade IV should have defects and damages in the range of 41 % to 70 % of the total area.

5.5 Grade V

Pickled sheep pelts of Grade V should have defects and damages exceeding 70 % of the total area.

6 Tabular and graphical representation of the classification system

[Table 1](#) summarizes the grades according to the location, concentration, depth and surface area of the defects. An explanation of the code numbers used is given in [Table 2](#).

Table 1 — Classification of grades

Grade		Defects due to:			
		Diseases, tumours, etc.	Brand marks, paint, etc.	Insects, parasites, etc.	Wounds, holes, cuts, scratches, etc.
1st	Location	1-2	1-2	1-2	1
	Concentration	1	1	1	1
	Depth	1	1	1	1
	Surface area	1	1	1	1-2
2nd	Location	3	3	3	2-3
	Concentration	1	1	1	1
	Depth	1	1	1	1
	Surface area	1	1	1	1-2
3rd	Location	3-4	3-4	3-4	3-4
	Concentration	2	2	2	2
	Depth	2	2	2	2
	Surface area	1	1	1	1-2
4th	Location	3-4	3-4	3-4	3-4
	Concentration	2	2	2	2
	Depth	2	2	2	2
	Surface area	1-2	1	1-2	1-2