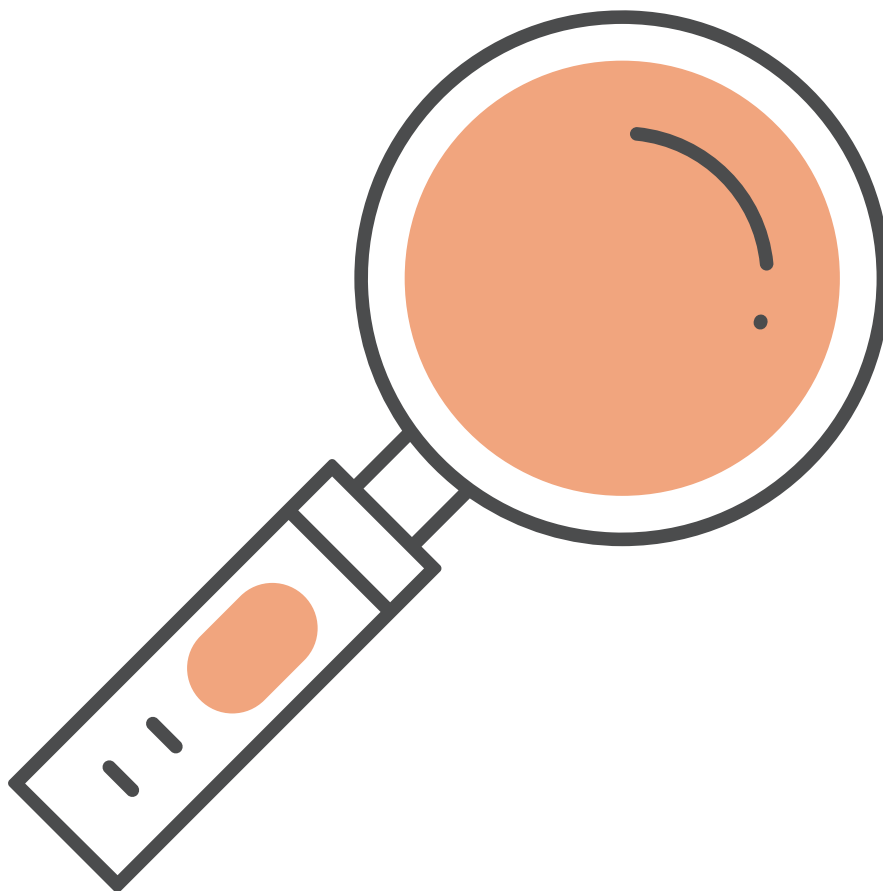


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### Animal welfare considerations

- Down being a by-product of an inhumane production method (e.g. production of imported foie gras)
- Husbandry and management practices
- Lack of water access for full body immersion
- Live plucking/harvesting of imported down



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If you have specific questions or challenges arising from your gap analysis, get in touch with [RSPCA Australia](#).

### Product range

#### Down

#### Step one

Where is down used in your business?

- Are you manufacturing products with down?
- Are you sourcing products with down included?

#### Step two

For each product containing down, ask your supplier:

- Is the down certified by a third party?  
If so, which certification program.
- What country is the down sourced from?
- Is the method of production labelled?
- Has the down been sourced after slaughter?
- Has the down come from live plucking or harvesting?
- Is your supplier also the producer? If not, how many suppliers are involved in the chain back to the down producer?

#### Step three

Compile your findings to work out the following:

- The percentage of certified down in your business supply chain
- The percentage of live plucked or harvested down in your business supply chain
- A list of all producers supplying down to your business
- Husbandry practices, farming methods, transport and slaughter methods

#### Step four

Review your organisation's current supply chain to identify the animal welfare issues using the information collected from the first three steps.

#### Step five

Implement plan within your organisation to address the identified issues. See RSPCA Australia's 'How to develop an animal welfare policy' for more information.