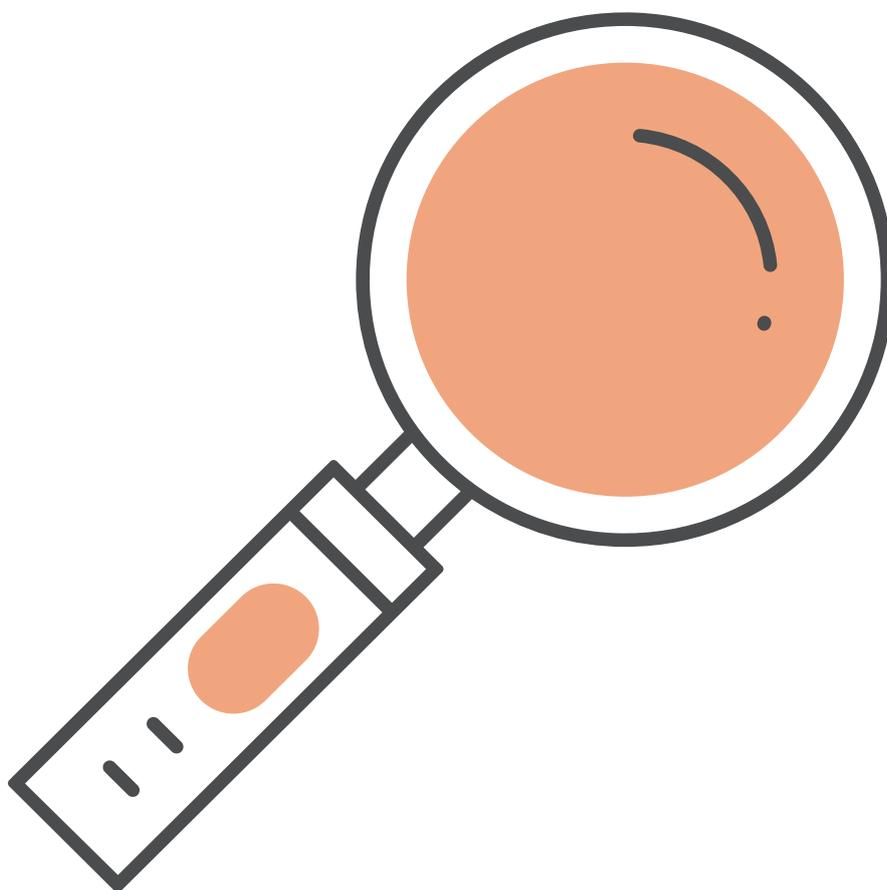


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### Animal welfare considerations

- Cage systems
- Catching and slaughter method
- Induced moulting
- Lack of nest boxes, perches and litter
- Male chick killing
- Painful husbandry procedures such as beak trimming
- Poor quality outdoor ranges



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

### Product range

**Egg:** whole, powder, pulp

**By-products:** pet food, pet treats, meat, vaccine production

### Step one

Where are eggs used in your business?

- Are you using eggs on site?
- Are you buying in products that contain egg?

What eggs are used in your business?

- Are the eggs used on site whole or ingredient?
- Do the products brought in list which kind of eggs are used?

### Step two

For each type of egg used in your business, ask your supplier:

#### **Whole eggs**

- Are the eggs certified by a third party?  
If so, which certification program.
- Are the whole eggs in shell or out of shell?
- Is the method of production labelled? (cage, barn laid, free range)

- Is your supplier also the producer? If not, how many suppliers are involved in the chain back to the egg producer? Can you follow the eggs back to the source?
- Is your supplier able to segregate the supply by method of production?
- Are the eggs laid in Australia?

#### **Ingredient eggs**

- Are the eggs certified by a third party?  
If so, which certification program.
- What type of ingredient egg is used i.e. powder or liquid?
- Is the method of production labelled?
- Are the eggs used in the ingredient all sourced from Australia?
- Is the ingredient manufacturing process based in Australia?
- Is your supplier also the producer? If not, how many suppliers are involved in the chain back to the egg producer? Can you follow the eggs back to the source?
- Is there a mixture of different method of production types going into the egg ingredient i.e. cage, barn laid, free range?
- Is the manufacturer of this egg ingredient able to segregate the supply by method of production?

## **Pre-made products purchased containing egg (cakes, condiments and sauces, coatings)**

- Are the eggs used in the product from Australia?
- What is the method of production for the eggs?
- Are whole or ingredient eggs used?
- If yes to whole eggs = go through whole egg questions
- If yes to egg ingredient = go through egg ingredient questions

## **Step three**

Compile your findings to work out the following:

- The percentage of certified eggs in your business supply chain
- The proportion of Australian eggs and any imported product
- A list of all producers supplying your business
- Husbandry practices, farming methods, transport and killing 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.