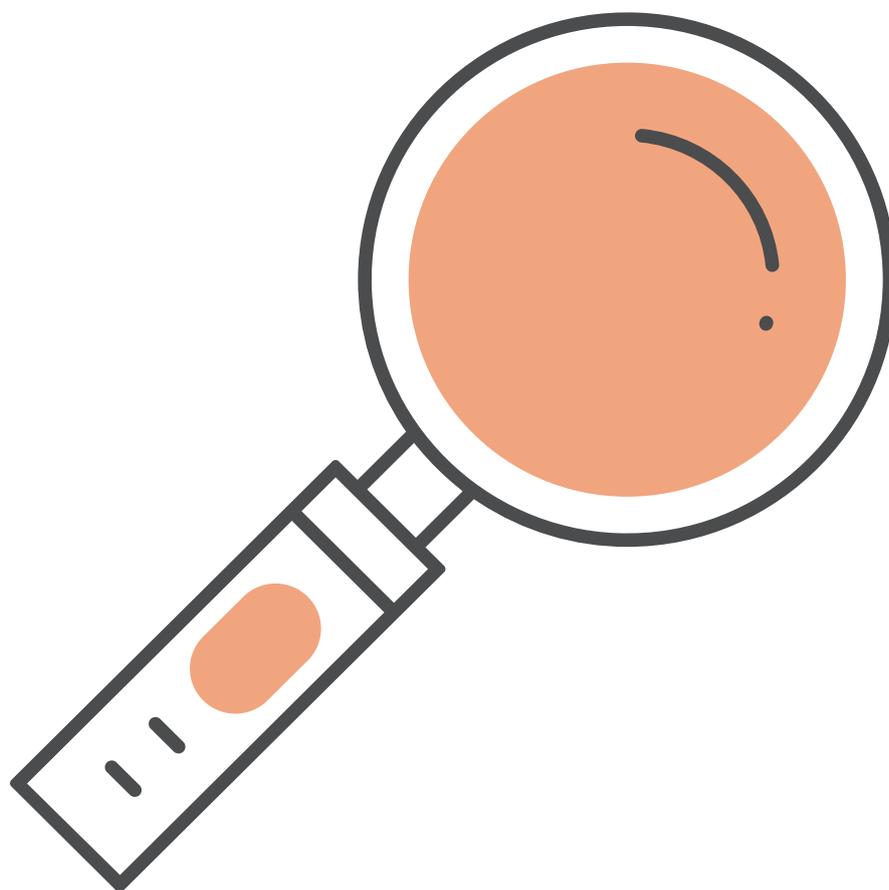


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Animal welfare considerations

- Long distance transport
- Mustering, yarding and shearing
- Painful husbandry procedures such as tail docking, castration, mulesing (or other breech modification)



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

Product range

Wool: fine, medium and coarse merino, ultrafine merino, superfine merino, coarse crossbred wool, coarse downs wool, coarse carpet wool, lamb's wool, astrakhan

By-products: Lanolin

Step one

Where is wool used in your business?

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

Step two

For each product with wool used or sourced, ask your supplier:

- Is the wool certified by a third party?
If so, which certification program.
- What country is the wool sourced from?
- Is the method of production labelled?
- Has the wool come from sheep subjected to mulesing, or other breech modification?
- Is your supplier also the producer? If not, how many suppliers are involved in the chain back to the wool producer?
- Does the producer also supply sheep to the live export trade?

Step three

Compile your findings to work out the following:

- The percentage of certified wool in your business supply chain
- The proportion of mulesed/steined wool in your business supply chain
- The proportion of Australian wool and any imported products
- A list of all producers supplying wool to your business
- Husbandry practices, farming methods, transport and slaughter methods

Step four

Review your organisations 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.