



# Responsible Down Standard International Working Group

Feed & Water Module  
Housing, Stocking Density, and Outdoor Access

April 19, 2018

# Agenda

1. Introductions, Announcements, and Housekeeping
2. Updates
3. Review of Feed & Water Module
4. Review of Housing, Stocking Density, and Outdoor Access

# Anti-Trust Guidelines

- Do not agree or discuss how each of the Participants will price their own goods or related products;
- Do not agree to allocate certain geographic markets (i.e., territories) or product markets (i.e., types of products) among each other;
- Do not discuss or agree to the cost or method of pricing products manufactured or sold by each other or otherwise direct each other's business activities that are outside the scope of the IWG;
- Do not compare cost information that is confidential, such as labor cost, manufacturing costs or other variables affecting pricing;
- Do not agree among yourselves to not do business with certain vendors (potential "boycott") or otherwise pressure other competitors or vendors to comply with certain pricing or cost policies;
- The IWG should not share with each other or discuss confidential, competitive information for individual Participants or any information that might affect the Participants' own day to day business decisions related to cost, price or output of their own products. For example, this confidential competitive information may include: price lists or pricing plans, volume, rebate or refund programs, discount policies, credit policies, advertising credits or program allowances, slotting allowances, product cost variables or profit margins, customer lists or specific complaints, supplier contract terms, current or future marketing plans, bidding plans, purchasing plans, planning strategies, capital improvement plans, terms of sale or other contract terms, or competition in the sale or manufacture of competing products;
- The IWG should not facilitate agreements or coordination among Participants for the prices they charge for the products they manufacture or sell or other collusive conduct, including market allocation or refusals to deal with suppliers or customers, or organize boycotts against other manufacturers or retailers; and
- The IWG should not publish or share any information that would be suggestive or conclusory as to how any individual Participant should deal with individual contracting or other third party issues
- Participants may discuss or share non-confidential, publicly available information or data

# Chatham House Rules

When a meeting, or part thereof, is held under the **Chatham House Rule**, participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed.

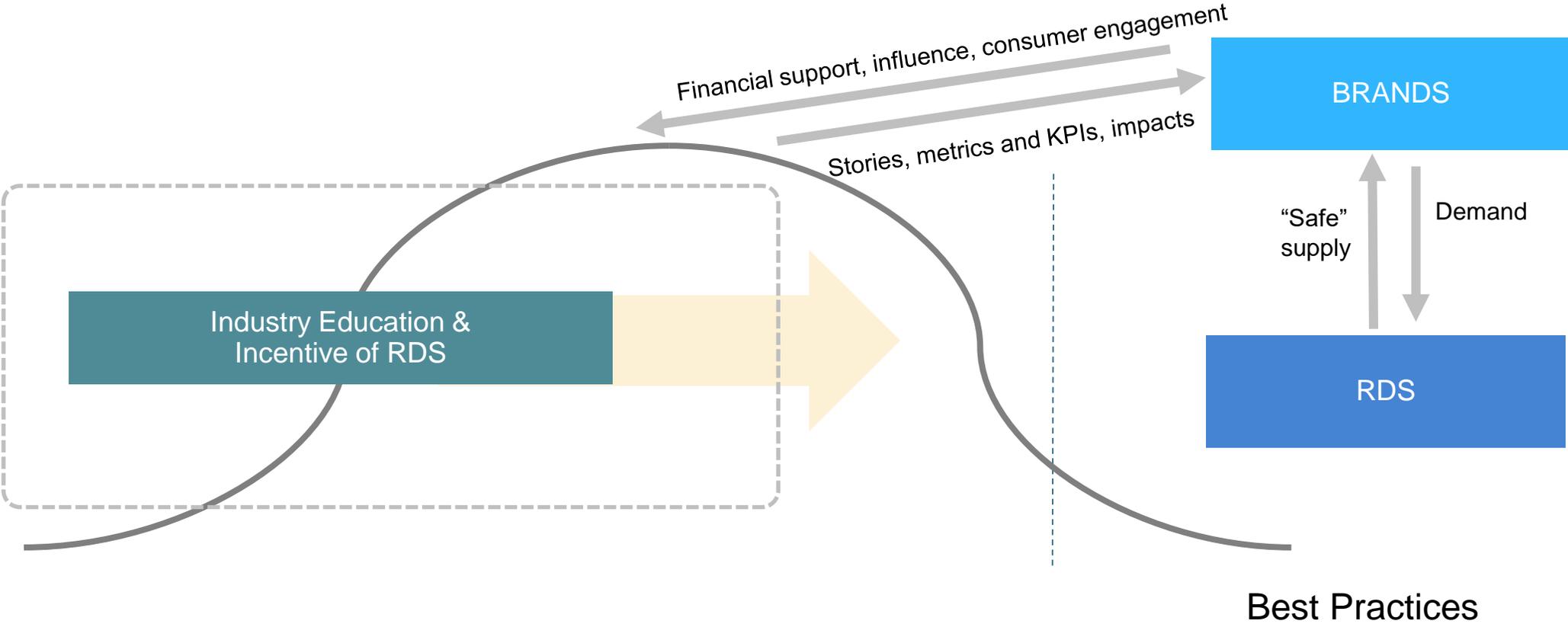
# Member Agreement

1. Agrees to contribute a reasonable commitment of time and expertise to participate in the Responsible Down Standard IWG.
2. Agrees to act respectfully to other Members of the IWG, and commit to honest and polite discourse.
3. Agrees that in order to maintain a level of trust and continuity, that all meetings and discussions of The RDS IWG and/or its Members remain strictly confidential and will treat any information that is shared within the RDS IWG as confidential in accordance with the Chatham House Rule (appendix A).
4. Agrees to comply with all applicable antitrust and anti-competitive laws, including, without limitation:
  - a. Agrees that none of the information shared during or as part of IWG meetings may be used to cause competitive injury or disadvantage to another Member, participant, Textile Exchange or the RDS; and
  - b. Agrees to abstain from any conversations or activities that may restrict competition or set prices).
5. Refrains from using any information obtained through the RDS IWG other than to advance the objectives of the IWG and in no event to disparage Members, their products, practices, businesses or their reputations.
6. Commits to promote the RDS as a meaningful tool to address animal welfare in the down industry.
7. Works openly and collaboratively to meet the objectives of the RDS and the IWG, sharing best practices and lessons learned.

**UPDATES**

# **THEORY OF CHANGE**

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# **FEED AND WATER MODULE**

# Food & Water Module

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F5.2	Waterfowl shall be provided with sufficient food to meet their nutritional needs and maintain them in good condition.	<p>Transport shall never take longer than 8 hours. Dependent on the local possibilities direct route shall be used, with no unnecessary stops to further decrease transport time.</p>	MAJOR
F5.3	A written feeding plan shall be available ensuring that the nutritional requirements of the waterfowl are being met.		RECOMMENDATION <i>Not applicable for Small Farmer Groups</i>

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# **HOUSING, STOCKING DENSITY, AND OUTDOOR ACCESS**

# Housing

Nr.	REQUIREMENT	GUIDANCE	LEVEL
F6.1	Female waterfowl that are in lay must be provided with nesting areas that provide a partially enclosed area for egg-laying and each nest area must contain friable nesting material.	Space and comfort shall be provided to waterfowl. It is recommended to have at least one nest box for every four birds.	MAJOR
F6.2	Nesting areas must be weatherproof and dry.	Nesting areas for waterfowl must be dry relative to nesting habit of the breed. Nesting areas should be dark following the natural sleeping patterns of the animals.	MINOR
F6.3	Waterfowl shall have access to housing or a shelter protecting them from extreme weather conditions.	Extreme weather conditions may include winds, sleet, heavy snows and sun in climatic regions where the welfare of the birds might negatively be impacted. The roof and walls shall be in good condition and be waterproof where needed. Walls may be added only for times of extreme weather.	MINOR
F6.4	Housing shall be located away from areas of (potential) run off.	Run off: water running to housing.	MINOR not applicable if F6.3 is no
F6.5	Shelters and housing (incl. nesting areas) shall be well ventilated and allow fresh air to enter.	The house or shelter must be managed to eliminate ammonia and mold.	MINOR not applicable if F6.3 is no

# Light, Stocking Density, Outdoor Access

F6.6	Shelters and housing shall allow natural light to enter.		MINOR
F6.7	Except for brooding under a heat lamp up to four weeks of age, a minimum of eight hours of darkness at night and eight hours of light during the day shall be provided.	Small Farmer groups shall ensure that waterfowl have normal lighting patterns.	MINOR
F6.8	If artificial light is used, it should be distributed evenly.	Uniform pattern of lighting.	RECOMMENDATION
F6.9	Housing and shelters shall have solid floors and an area available that provides dry footing. Dry, mold-free bedding shall be continuously available to waterfowl.	Well-drained floors. Existing mesh or slatted flooring areas may be covered to create the equivalent of a solid surface. The facility shall follow a regular cleaning schedule.	MINOR
F6.10	Waterfowl shall have sufficient space to enable them without competition to 1. move freely 2. stand 3. turn around 4. stretch their wings 5. run	Waterfowl may be temporarily held in cages for vaccinations or other justified reasons.	MAJOR
F6.11	Waterfowl shall not be kept in cages that prohibit the animals from expressing normal behavior.	Waterfowl should have sufficient area to express natural behaviors such as stretching their wings or socializing with other birds.	MAJOR
F6.12	Waterfowl shall have free outside access from six weeks of age. Temporary confinement dependent on weather conditions is permissible if the health or welfare of the birds would be otherwise compromised.	Sufficient number of exits, waterfowl shall be able to see the exits.	MINOR
F6.13	Outdoor area shall have sufficient space that is consistently dry.	The waterfowl shall not be forced to stand in water or mud.	MINOR

# Other

F6.14	Waterfowl should have access to water for behavioral needs.	The water should be deep enough to be able to swim without the feet touching the bottom of the water. Farms should ensure that ducks and geese have at least weekly access to pools.	RECOMMENDATION
F6.15	Water for behavioral needs should be kept clean and free of contamination.		RECOMMENDATION
F6.16	A plan for emergency situations (eg. fire, power or water cut off, flood, snow storm, feeding system breakdown, transport vehicle breakdown) shall be available to care for the waterfowl.	Examples: Emergency power supply source, re plan with escape routes, re extinguisher. A written plan is required for operations with more than five employees. For farms with five or less employees, it is sufficient for the inspector to interview the farmer.	MINOR
F6.17	Temperature shall be controlled in the housing of hatchlings.	At day one, temperature shall be at body temperature of hatchlings. After 20 days this shall be adjusted to outside temperature during daytime.  <i>Small Farmer Groups shall ensure that animals are not exposed to dangerous fluctuations in temperature.</i>	MAJOR

# Reminders

- Have you signed the RDS IWG Charter?
- Do we have your permission to be publically listed?
- Any other questions or feedback:  
[ResponsibleDown@TextileExchange.org](mailto:ResponsibleDown@TextileExchange.org)

**THANK YOU!**