### Mission
Textile Exchange inspires and equips people to accelerate sustainable practices in the textile value chain. We focus on minimizing the harmful impacts of the global textile industry and maximizing its positive effects.

### Approach
Textile Exchange engages and catalyzes the textile industry across the supply chain through partnerships and collaborations, building knowledge and capacity to inform and educate. We further leverage our influence to create action, change, and collective impact.

### Our Goals
- Embed sustainability into evolving business and supply chain strategies
- Make it easier for companies to adapt to changing opportunities and requirements in textile sustainability
- Ensure that actions taken toward sustainability result in real and meaningful change

### Vision
We envision a global textile industry that protects and restores the environment and enhances lives.
Today’s Webinar

• Textile Exchange Standards
• The Role of the RDS
• A walk through the new standard
• What changes for you?
• What’s next?
Textile Exchange Standards
Creating real and meaningful change
The Role of Standards

- Standard Setting
- Assurance
- Impact Evaluation
- Data Analysis, Research
- Best Practice
- Data
- Audit Data
- Audit
- Feedback
- Guidance
- Data Analysis, Research
- Impact Evaluation
ISEAL Credibility Principles

- Sustainability
- Improvement
- Relevance
- Rigour
- Engagement

- Impartiality
- Transparency
- Accessibility
- Truthfulness
- Efficiency
RDS Revision Process

- **Goals, Objectives, Terms of Reference**
  - Identify key areas for review
  - Research and collect feedback

- **Public Consultation**
  - Draft RDS 3.0

- **IWG Meetings**
  - Key decision-making

- **IWG Final Review**

- **Launch IWG**

- **Set the scope of review**

- **Release RDS 3.0**

- September 2017
- November 2018
- July 2019
IWG Members

Adidas
Allied Feather & Down
Control Union
COFRAC
Coyuchi
Culver Duck Farms, Inc.
Downlite
European Outdoor Group

Four Paws
Humane Society International
ICEA
IDFL
Multiglory Home Textiles
NSF International
Patagonia
Pyrenex

Rohdex
Shanghai Donglong Feather Manufacture Co. Ltd.
SN Interplume SAS
Sustainable Down Source
The Lollipop Tree
The North Face
Trendsetter UK
Volcom
Why RDS?
Goals of RDS 3.0

• **Ensure** that down and feathers do not come from supply chains where animals have been subjected to any unnecessary harm.

• **Reward and influence the down and feather industry** to incentivize practices that respect the humane treatment of ducks and geese.

• **Education and development of the supply chain** in order to drive continuous improvement of best practices.

• Provide companies with a tool to know what is in their products, and to make **accurate claims**.

• **Ensure strong chain of custody** for certified materials as they move through the supply chain.
Scope of Certification

Animal Welfare

Chain of Custody (CCS)
RDS Certified Facilities

USA
China
Poland
South Korea
Hong Kong
Vietnam
UK
Germany
France
Italy

YOY + 29%

2014: 108
2015: 239
2016: 539
2017: 696

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RDS Brand Commitments

This list is not comprehensive.
Recognition

- OutDoor Industry Award in the category of Sustainable Innovations, 2015
- Outdoor Industry Association Together We Are a Force Award, 2018
The New RDS 3.0

Key elements of the new standard
Key Changes in RDS 3.0

- Structural Changes
- Strengthened Criteria
Updated Set of Documents

Responsible Down Standard 3.0

RDS Certification Procedures

RDS User Manual

Structural Changes – Strengthened Criteria
Requirement Levels

Traffic Light System for Requirement Levels

CRITICAL

MAJOR

MINOR

RECOMMENDATIONS

AW3.10 There shall be no *live-plucking* of down and feather of waterfowl.

AW3.10.1 There shall be no molt harvesting, forced molting, or assisted molting.

AW3.10.2 All down shall come from waterfowl that were raised for food.

AW3.10.3 The farm shall not source animals that were ever live-plucked and shall not outsource animals for live-plucking.

Structural Changes – Strengthened Criteria
Animal Welfare Criteria Reorganized

1. Nutrition
2. Living Environment
3. Animal Management
4. Handling and Transport
5. Management, Plans, and Procedures
6. Slaughter

Structural Changes – Strengthened Criteria
Desired Outcomes

**Desired outcome:** Access to sufficient feed and water suited to the animals’ age and needs to maintain normal health and to prevent prolonged hunger, thirst, malnutrition or dehydration.

*Example: Nutrition*
Addressing Risk to the Animals

- Required euthanasia for sick and injured birds.
- Required stunning before slaughter.
- Specific ban on intentional mistreatment or poor handling.
- Increased control of parent farms for industrial goose supply chains.
Providing for Welfare

- Access to water for behavioral needs, deep enough to dip their heads.
- Daily wellness checks.
- Maintained ban on infra-red bill trimming.
Documentation and Training

- Documented management plans for each area of Animal Welfare
- Veterinary Health and Welfare Plan
- Training requirements for each area of Animal Welfare
What changes for you?
Changes for Certification Bodies

- Download all relevant documents.
- Start scheduling training for auditors.
- Set up necessary auditing materials.
- Let Textile Exchange know now if there are any questions.
- Notify clients of updated version and that all audits conducted after July 1, 2020 shall be to RDS 3.0.
Changes for Certified Farms and Slaughter Sites

- Download a copy of RDS 3.0.
- Download a copy of RDS User Manual (*once released*).
- Identify actions needed for conformity.
- Get training plans ready for all personnel.
- Ensure conformity by certification renewals after July 1, 2020.
Changes for Certified Companies

• Download a copy of RDS 3.0.
• Download a copy of RDS User Manual (once released).
• No key changes for supply chain entities.
• Notify farming and slaughter facilities of updates to the standard.
• Support with training if needed.
• RDS 2.0 certified materials are allowed to be used as inputs into RDS 3.0 certified sites. All previous stock will continue to be RDS certified.
Changes for Brands and Retailers

- No key changes for brands and retailers.
- Notify suppliers updates to the standard.
- Support with training if needed.
What’s Next?

Training and Support
Support Materials

- RDS Certification Procedures
- RDS User Manual
- Training tools for auditors
- Training tools for farms and slaughter sites
- Data collection points
- Translations
- Monitoring and Evaluation
Questions?
Thank you