



WHAT IS RDS (RESPONSIBLE DOWN STANDARD)?

Responsible Down Standard (RDS) certification applies to all supply chain sites of waterfowl down and feather material from the hatchery (if in possession of hatchlings longer than 24 hours), farm, slaughter, processing of down or feather, assembly of the final products, up to the seller in the last business-to-business transaction. Farms and slaughterers are certified to the Animal Welfare Modules of the RDS. Subsequent stages including slaughterers of the down and feather supply chain are required to be certified against the requirements of the Content Claim Standard (CCS), up to the seller in the last business-to-business transaction. The Content Claim Standard (CCS) is a chain of custody standard that verifies the amount of a given raw material in a product. The aim of chain of custody, is to preserve the identity of the claimed material, and to track its movement through the supply chain up to the final product. This is done through Scope Certificates (SC) and Transaction Certificates (TC).

GCL offers certification services for the supply chain scope (post farm and post slaughter site) of Responsible Down Standard (RDS).

- 01 **Application in GCL portal.**
- 02 **Acceptance of GCL quotation and scheme rules.**
- 03 **Scheduling an audit - Good preparation can reduce certification costs by saving auditing time.**
- 04 **On-site audit - GCL will send an auditor to conduct an audit against the requirements of the standard.**
- 05 **Certification - Audit results will be reviewed to make a final certification decision**
- 06 **Transaction certificate and Claims approval – Certified entity can apply for transaction certificate and claims approval for their certified products.**

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