



POSITION STATEMENT REGARDING USE OF NATURAL DOWN & FEATHER INSULATION

At Columbia, we value ethical, sustainable manufacturing practices and are committed to assuring that the partners with whom we do business share and practice these values.

The Columbia brand is strongly opposed to inhumane down sourcing practices, specifically any use of live-plucking techniques and/or force-feeding methods used to produce foie gras.

Until recently, the complexity of the shared global supply chain for natural down and feather made it a challenge to ensure that such practices were not being used in production of our products.

Fortunately, that has now changed.



Several participants in the global down and feather supply chain have combined their resources to develop the [Responsible Down Standard \(RDS\)](#) which, for the first time, overlays a system of chain-of-custody traceability across the natural down and feather supply chain.

As a result of this improved traceability and the increasing supply of RDS-certified down and feather, **the Columbia brand has committed to using only RDS-certified down and feather in its global product line¹.**

We intend to continue working closely with our vendors and independent manufacturers to promote adherence to current industry protocols and ethical standards. We are an active member of the Outdoor Industry Association (OIA) and Textile Exchange Down Task Force, part of the OIA's Materials Traceability Working Group, through which we are collaborating with other brands and retailers to continually improve traceability standards and methodologies.

¹ with the exception of products sourced directly by our Japan subsidiary for distribution in Asian markets.