



## **POSITION STATEMENT REGARDING USE OF NATURAL DOWN INSULATION**

At Columbia Sportswear Company (CSC), 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.



The Responsible Down Standard (RDS) requires animal welfare practices to be in place at the duck and goose farms in the down and feather supply chain. Products certified to the RDS contain down or feathers from farms certified to animal welfare requirements. The purchase of RDS certified products demonstrates demand for better animal welfare practices in the down and feather supply chain. Since Fall 2016, all of our down is independently certified to the RDS by Control Union (License Number: CU 848416).

We continue to work 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 the Textile Exchange, through which we are collaborating with other brands and retailers to continually improve traceability standards and methodologies.