



RESPONSIBLE FEATHER AND DOWN SOURCING POLICY

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SCOPE

All feather and down used within Clothing & Home products (with the exception of recycled material).

RATIONALE AND OBJECTIVES

To ensure M&S meets its long-standing commitment to improve animal welfare in its supply chains, all feather and down used in Clothing & Home product must be certified against internally approved industry standards and be a by-product of the food industry.

M&S MANDATORY PRINCIPLES FOR SOURCING FEATHER AND DOWN:

A. PROHIBITED SOURCES:

- Feather and/or down that is not a by-product of the food industry
- Feather and/or down from any endangered species or banned animal sources, as per M&S's Animal Welfare policy
- Feather and/or down obtained from the live plucking¹ of birds
- Feather and/or down obtained from birds subjected to force feeding
- Feather and/or down sourced using forced/assisted/induced molting².

B. MINIMUM STANDARDS

All Feather and down sourced for any M&S product must be certified to one of the following:

- **IDFL Down Standard (IDS),**
- **Responsible Down Standard (RDS)**
- **Traceable Down Standard (TDS).**

Any product containing feather and down must have valid certification documents covering their full chain of custody.

¹ Refers to the removal of feathers and down from live animals, which causes distress and harms to the birds.

² Refers to any deliberate physical or emotional application of stress or anxiety on the birds with the intention of provoking feather loss. This practise is also known as forced moulting, or moult harvesting.