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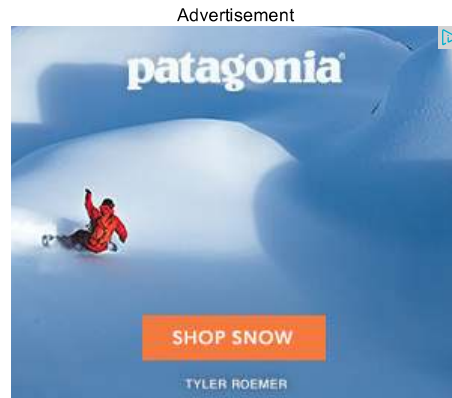
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Mason, Ohio – Downlite has earned Responsible Down Standard (RDS) certificate in China following extensive audits conducted by Control Union. The company, a major down and feather processor and supplier of performance fills, said it is the first RDS-certified company in China. It is currently working to achieve RDS certification in Europe.

RDS was developed by The North Face in partnership with Control Union, a global certification body, and Textile Exchange for research, writing, and stakeholder review, of which Downlite was a key contributing party. RDS certification, which traces the entire down supply chain from farm to control standards, ensures companies that the down in their products comes from ethically treated geese.

While animal rights groups have not yet turned a great deal of attention to down and feather bedding producers, they have actively pushed down and feather apparel makers – and the retailers that carry their goods – to ensure the supply chain is cruelty free. "Responsibly-sourced down has always been part of our DNA, which is why we've embraced the RDS since its inception," said Chad Altbaier, vp sales and business development, Downlite. "Because 80% of the world's down comes from China, we prioritized Control Union's audit of our high-quality goose down supply chain here first. Downlite is positioned to offer significant volumes of RDS certified white and grey goose down with a broad spectrum of qualities for the F15 and S16 apparel and sleeping bag seasons."

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