

# US: Downlite earns responsible down certification in China

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Down and feather processor Downlite has become the first company to earn the Responsible Down Standard (RDS) certificate in China – the largest down supply chain in the world.

RDS certification, which was developed by [The North Face](#) in partnership with global certification body Control Union, traces the entire down supply chain from farm to control standards, and ensures companies that the down used in their products comes from ethically treated geese.

"Responsibly-sourced down has always been part of our DNA, which is why we've embraced the RDS since its inception," said Chad Altbauer, VP sales and business development for Downlite. "Because 80% of the world's down comes from China, we prioritised 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."

Altbauer said the RDS certification audits for Downlite's European supply chain are underway, with certification expected shortly thereafter.






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