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House of Fraser:

1. Animal Welfare Policy:

House of Fraser has a policy against live plucking, force feeding and live feather harvesting.

2. Requirements from brands and suppliers:

House of Fraser requires brands in its shops and its suppliers to exclude down from live plucking as part of a binding code of conduct, while they state a preference for the strictest available traceability systems, this is not a mandatory requirement.

3. Additional information:

House of Fraser is going to modify its Code of Conduct to explicitly mention their policy of no live plucking, force feeding and no live harvesting and add a requirement for compliance with stricter traceability standards such as the RDS or a new and improved Downpass (due in 2017) mandatory for all their suppliers by 2018.

The following brands provided at House of Fraser were contacted by FOUR PAWS and evaluated as follows:

| Criteria | Explanation |
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| Policy | The company clearly positions itself against the practices of live plucking and force-feeding. |
| Traceability | The method via which the company trace its down. |
| Range | How far does the company go when it comes to tracing its down? From an animal welfare view point, audits at the farm level are crucial. |

| Brinkhaus | |
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| ✓ | Has a policy against live plucking and force-feeding. |
| ✓ | Plans to implement the Downpass 2017, a full supply chain standard that controls against live plucking and force-feeding |
| ✓ | Plans to implement audits that go back to the farm level |

| The Fine Bedding Company | |
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| ✓ | Has a policy against live plucking and force-feeding. |
| ✓ | IDFL audits as well as audits under the RDS have taken place. The down in the shops is from RDS supply chains, but not yet labeled as such given the certification process is still underway. By 2017 the certification will be complete and all the products will be officially RDS certified. |
| ✓ | The audits are annual and go back to the farm level. Under the RDS all the farms and small farm groups are audited. |

| Snuggledown | |
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| ✓ | Has a policy against live plucking and force-feeding. |
| ↗ | Implements the Downpass with add-on modules, audits are by IDFL. By 2018, all their products will be certified under one of the strictest traceability standards, the RDS. |
| ↗ | The audits go back to the farm level, the percent of farms audited is not known. Under the RDS, Snuggledown will have all industrial farms and small farm groups audited by 2018. |

| Quilts of Denmark | |
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| ✓ | Has a policy against live plucking and force-feeding. |
| ~ | Implements the EDFA codex, as well as Traumpass and current Downpass. The brand additionally has its own system which includes unannounced audits. |
| ~ | Audits go back to the farm level, the number of farms audited is not known. |

| House of Fraser's own brand: Linea | |
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| ✓ | Has a policy against live plucking, implicitly excludes live feather harvesting and force-feeding (works with a supplier that has a policy that prohibits these practices) |
| ↗ | Supplier implements the Downpass with add-on modules, audits are by IDFL. By 2018, all their products will be certified under one of the strictest traceability standards. |
| ↗ | The audits go back to the farm level, the percent of farms audited is not known. |