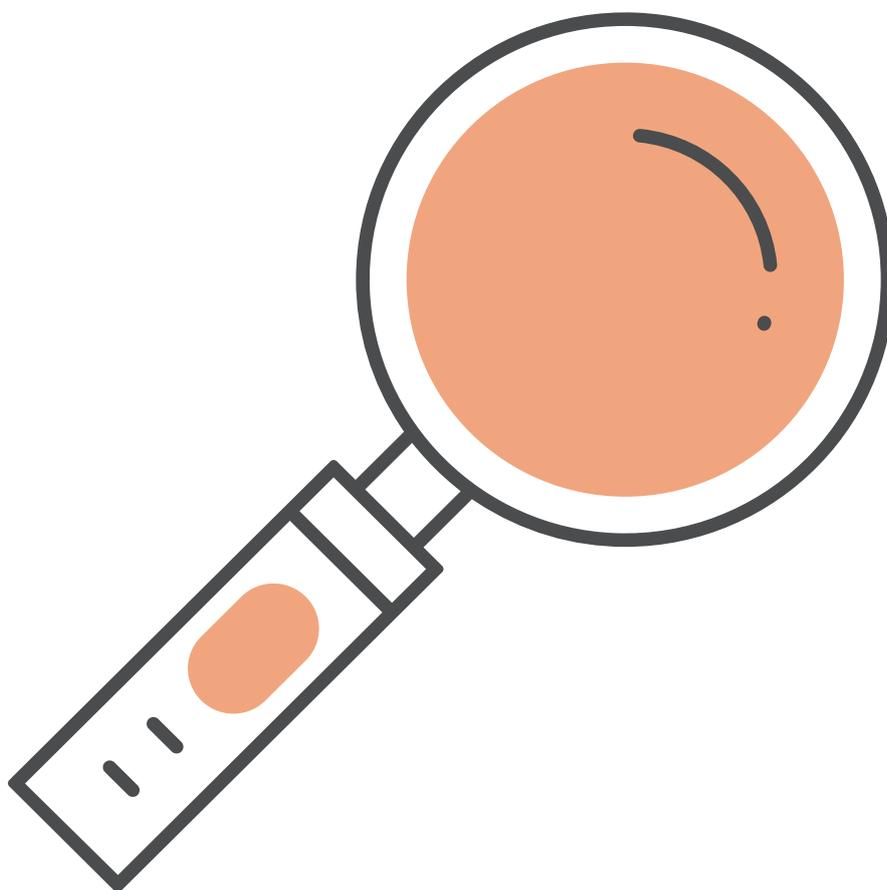


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### Animal welfare considerations

- Extended time in feedlots
- Long distance transport
- Painful husbandry procedures such as hot iron branding, castration, disbudding, dehorning and spaying



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If you have specific questions or challenges arising from your supply chain analysis, get in touch with [RSPCA Australia](#).

### Product range

**Beef:** fresh, processed, pasture-raised, grain-fed, grain-finished, offal

**By-products:** pet food, pet treats, leather, hooves, gelatine

### Step one

Where is beef or by-product used in your business?

- Are you sourcing beef?
- Are you buying in products that contain beef?

What beef or by-product is used in your business?

- Is the beef used on site fresh or processed?

### Step two

For each type of beef/by-product used in your business, ask your supplier:

- Is the beef certified by a third party?  
If so, which certification program. Is the method of production labelled?
- Is your supplier also the producer? If not, how many suppliers/processors are involved in the chain back to the producer?
- Does the producer also supply cattle to the live export trade?
- Is the beef from animals farmed and slaughtered in Australia?
- Has the beef come from an animal that has spent time in a feedlot?
- What husbandry practices are carried out and how?
- What is the method of transport and killing/slaughter?

For each product containing beef/by-product used in your business, ask your supplier:

- Is the beef certified by a third party? If so, which certification program.
- Can the beef ingredient be traced back to the producer?
- Is the beef used in the product farmed and slaughtered in Australia?
- Has the beef come from an animal that has spent time in a feedlot?
- What type of beef product is used?

### Step three

Compile your findings to work out the following:

- The percentage of certified beef in your business supply chain
- The proportions of Australian beef and any imported products
- A list of all producers supplying your business
- Husbandry practices, farming methods, catching/mustering methods, transport and slaughter methods

### Step four

Review your organisation's current supply chain to identify the animal welfare issues using the information collected from the first three steps.

### Step five

Implement plan within your organisation to address the identified issues. See RSPCA Australia's 'How to develop an animal welfare policy' for more information.