



# Leather & Beef: Adding Skin to the Game

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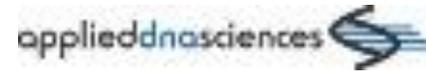


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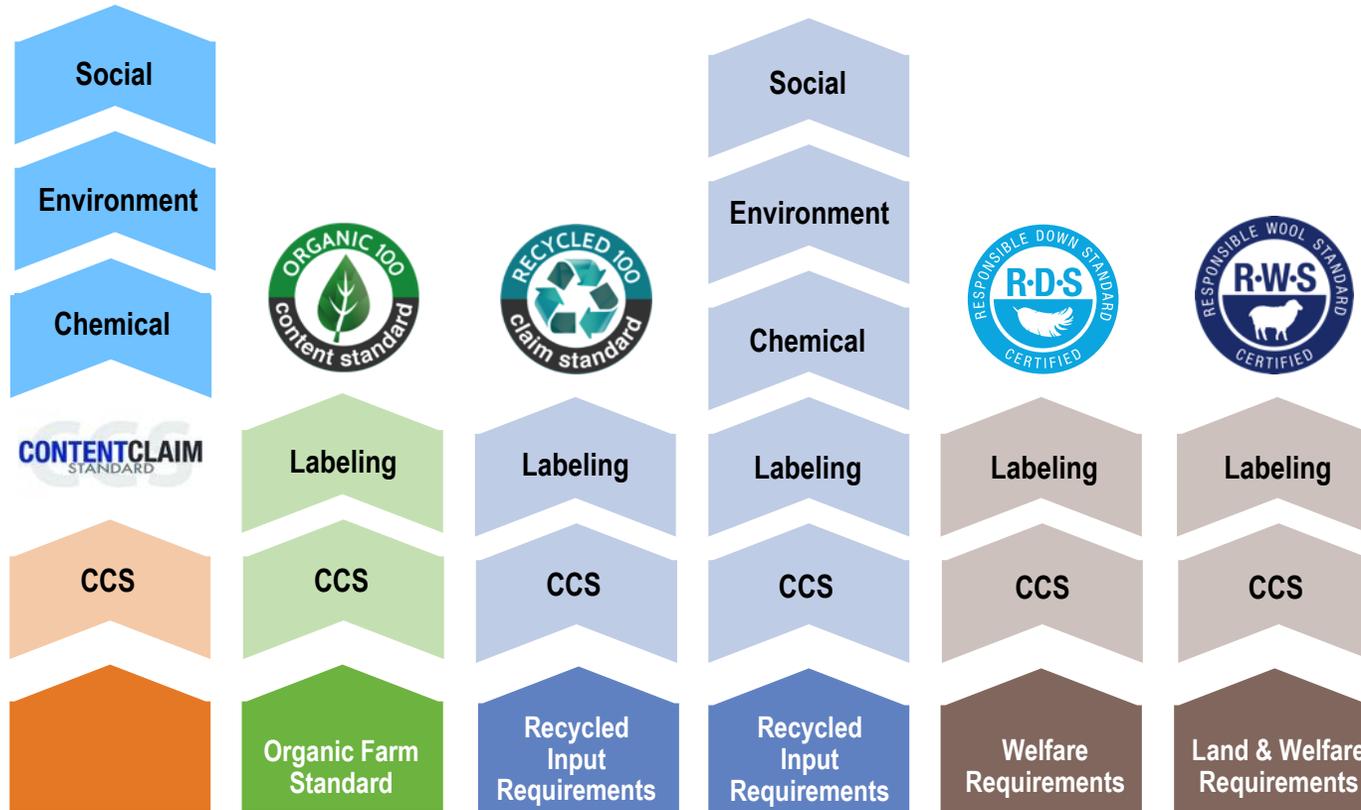


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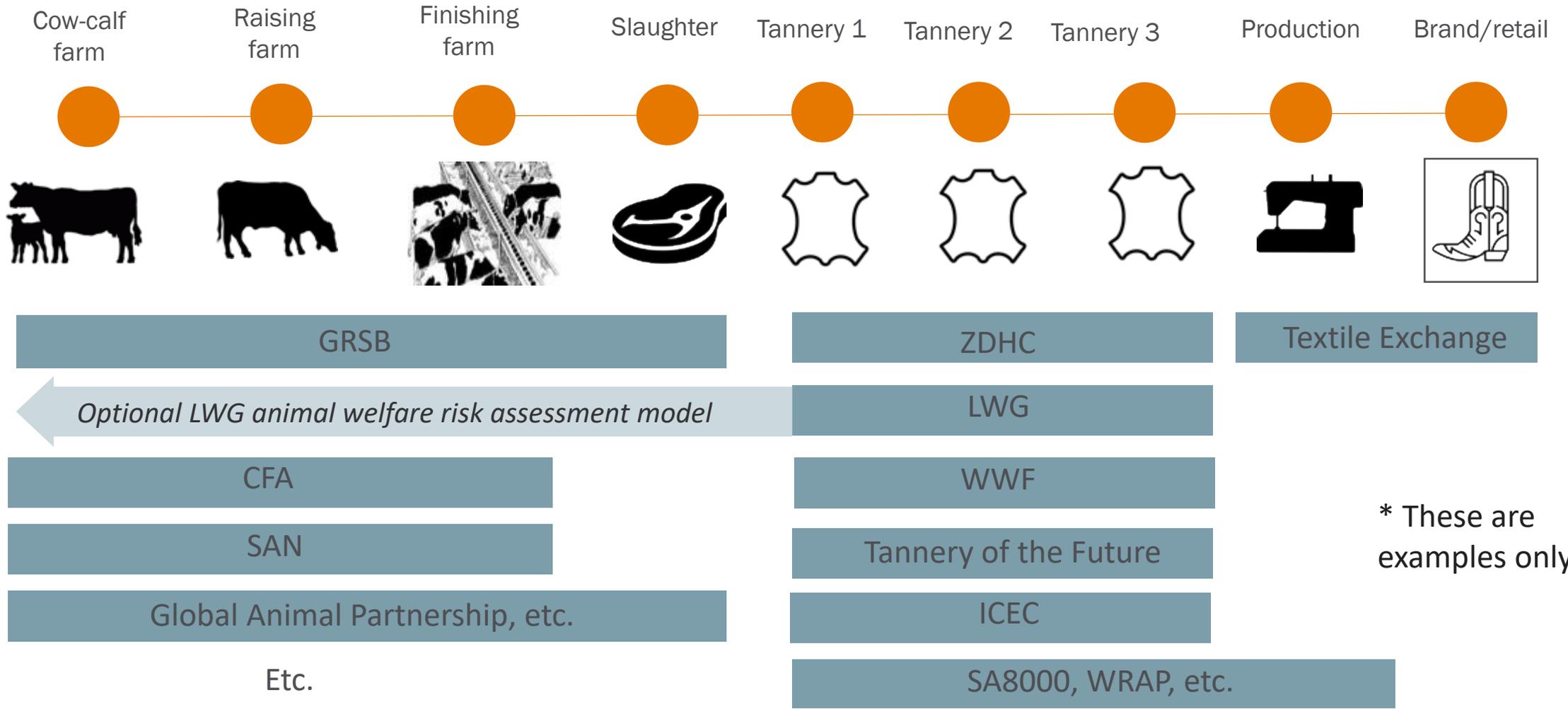
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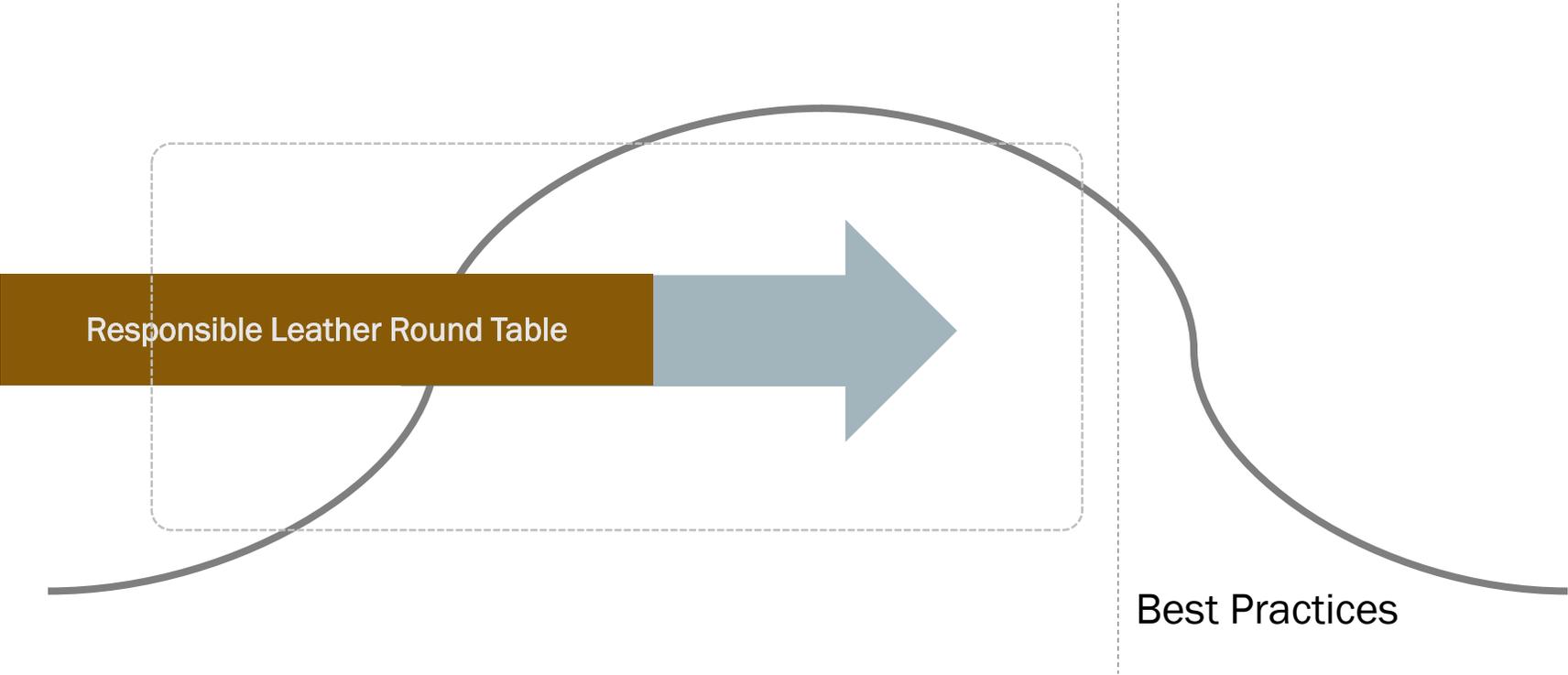
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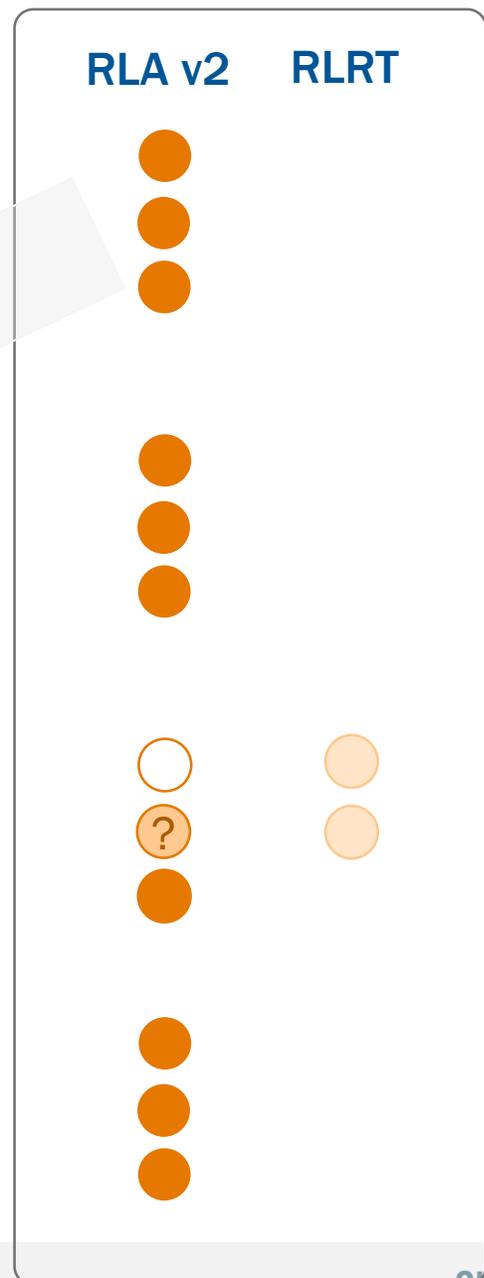
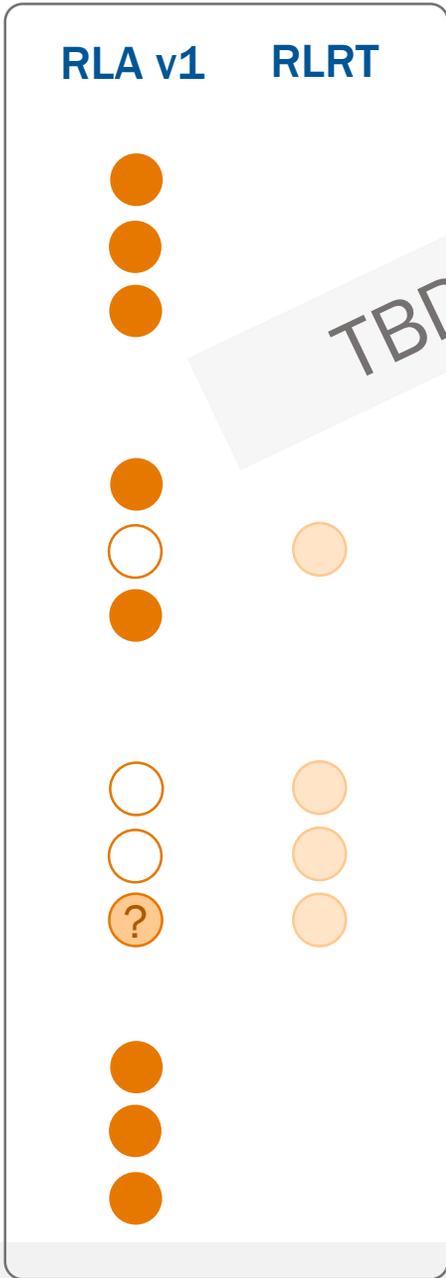


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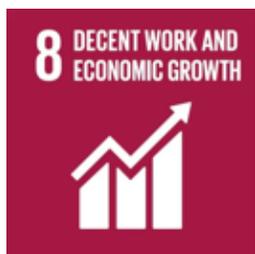


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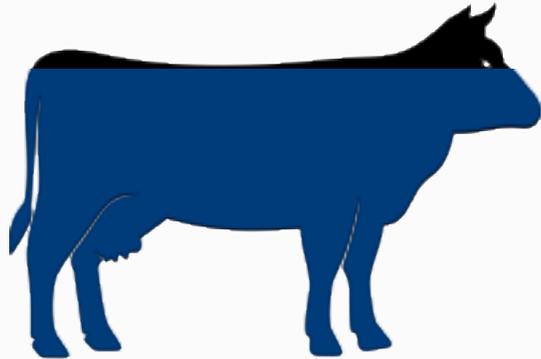


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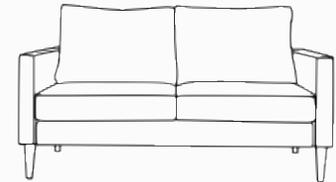
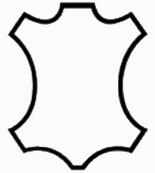
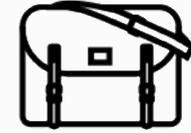
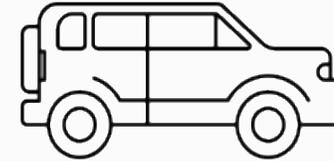
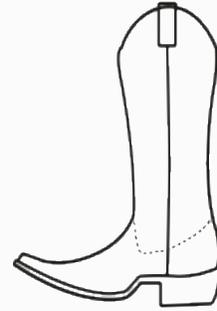
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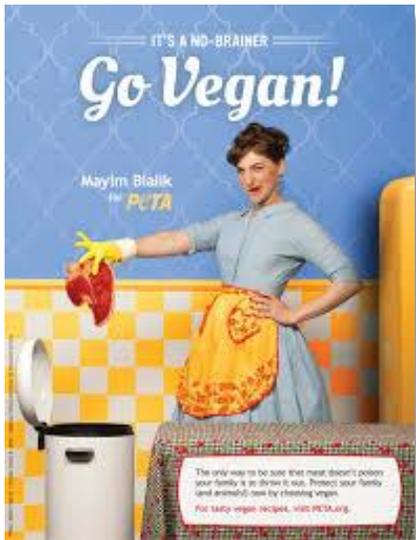
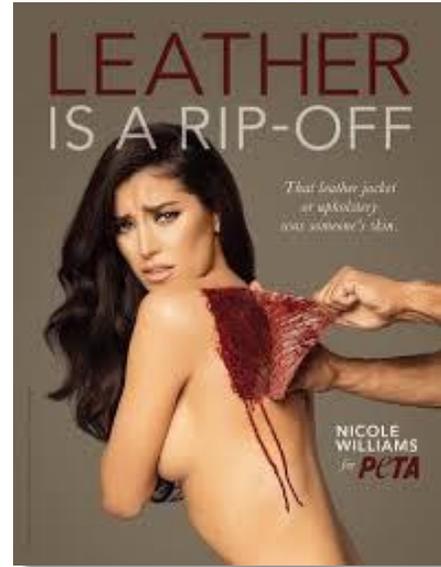
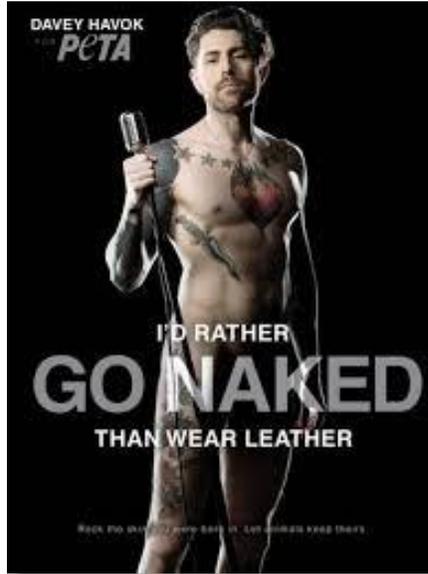
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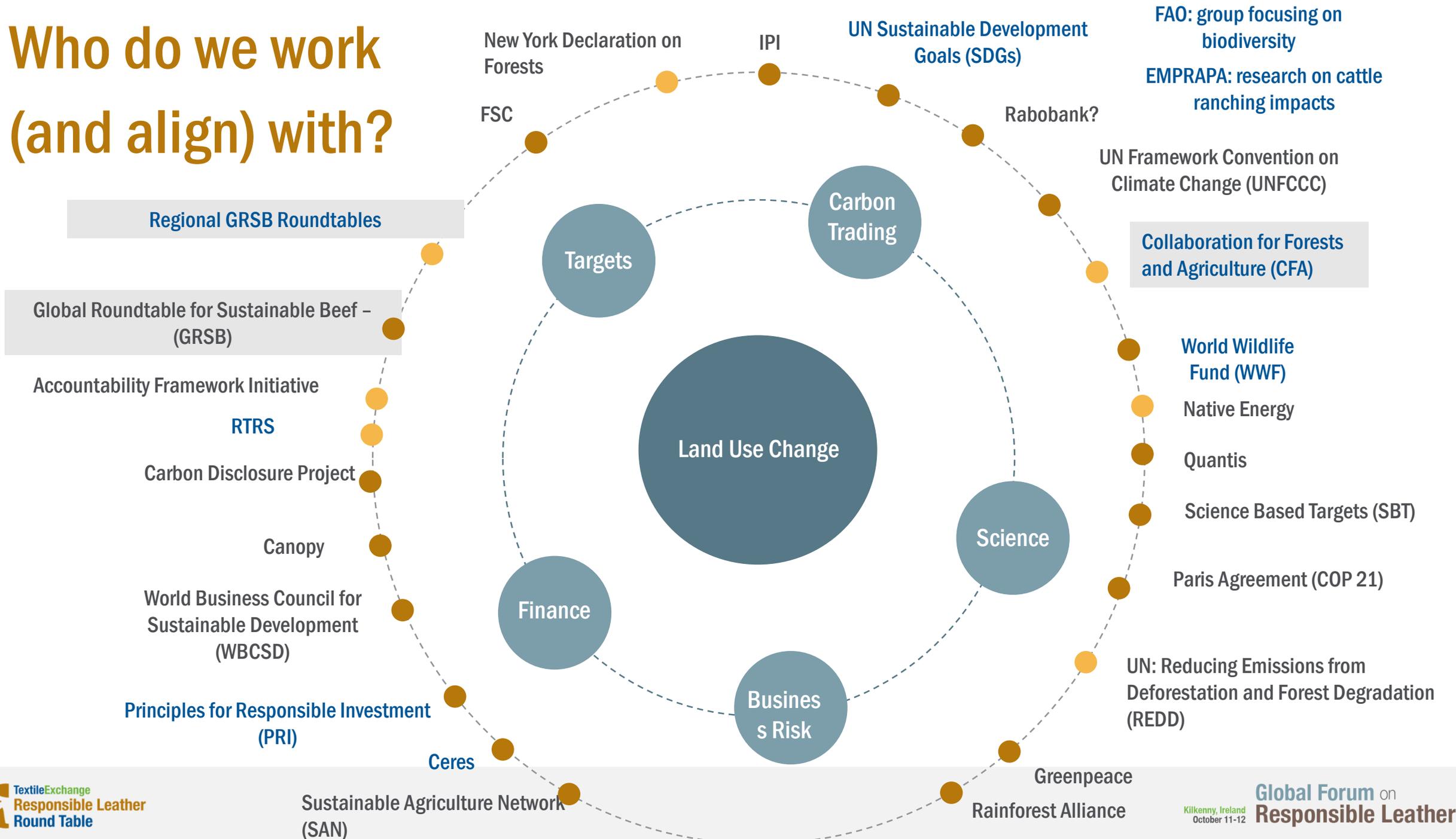
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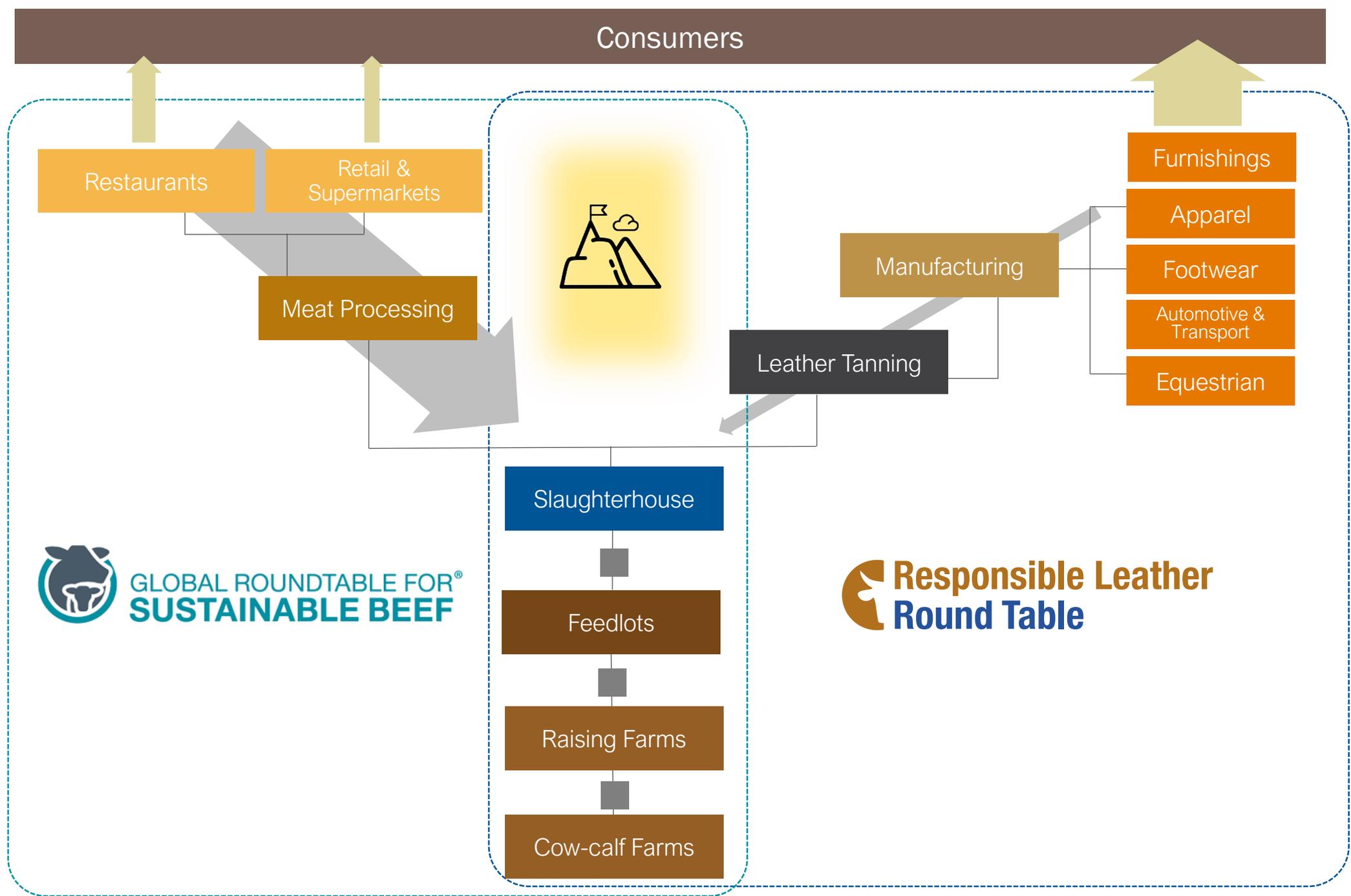
Animal welfare

Traceability and quality

Continuous improvement  
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# Who do we work (and align) with?









# Opportunities

# Working together to tell credible and consistent stories

Leather Naturally

Global marketing and PR campaign to promote leather: aimed at Gen Z and millennials

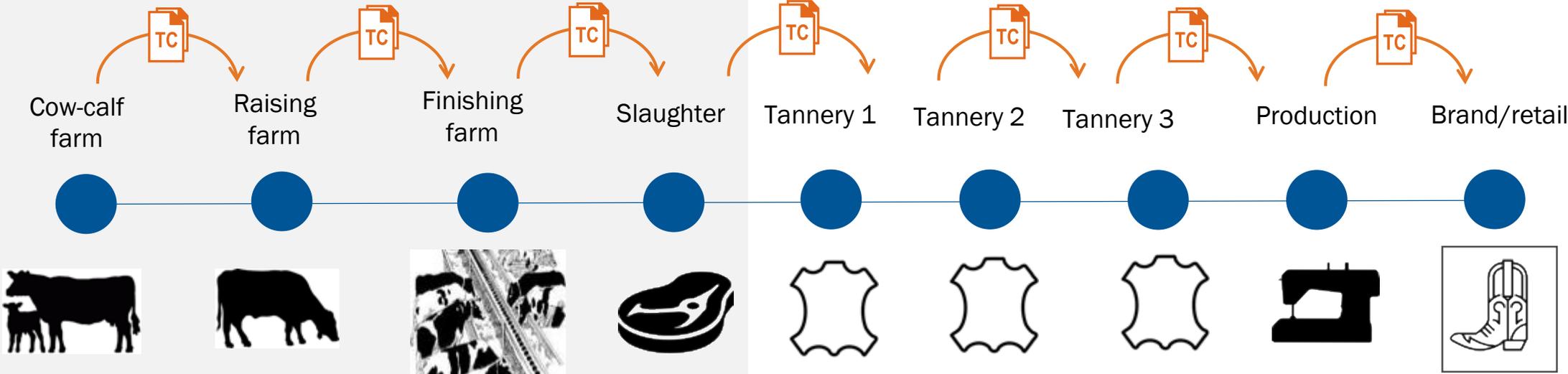
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B2B, ensuring a strong foundation of best practices to deliver authenticity

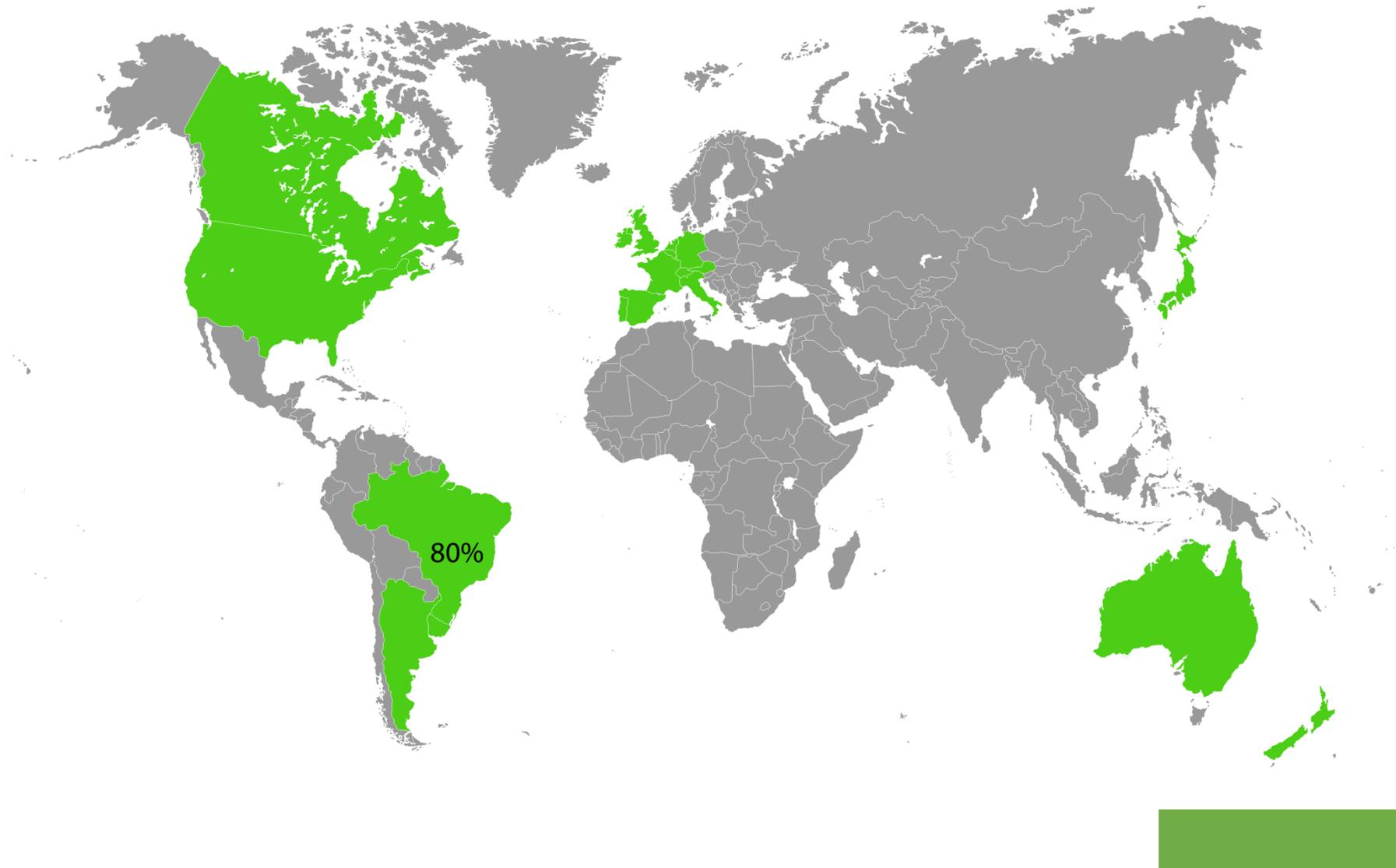
Beef/leather supply network

Producers and companies meeting best practices, and sharing their stories.

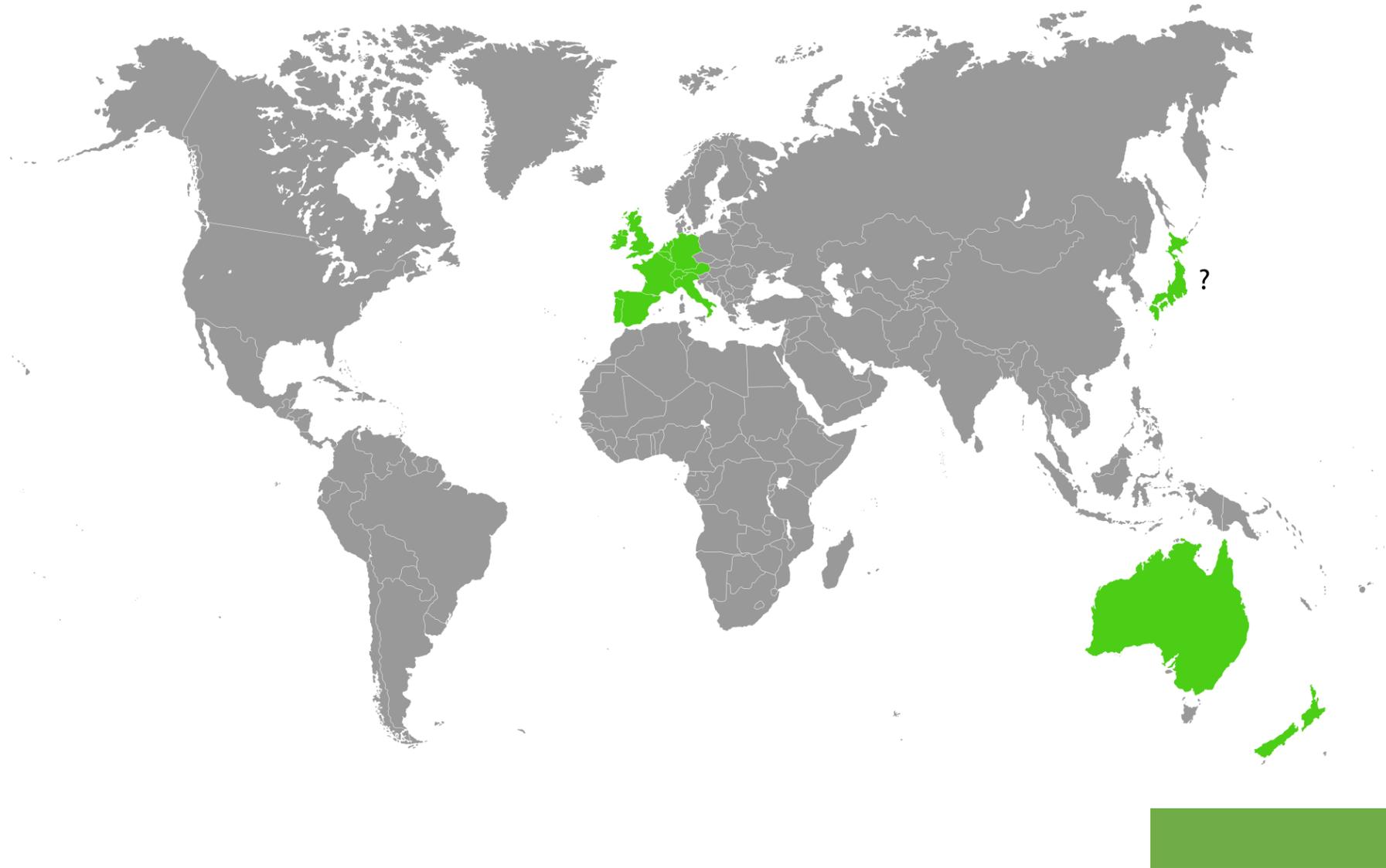
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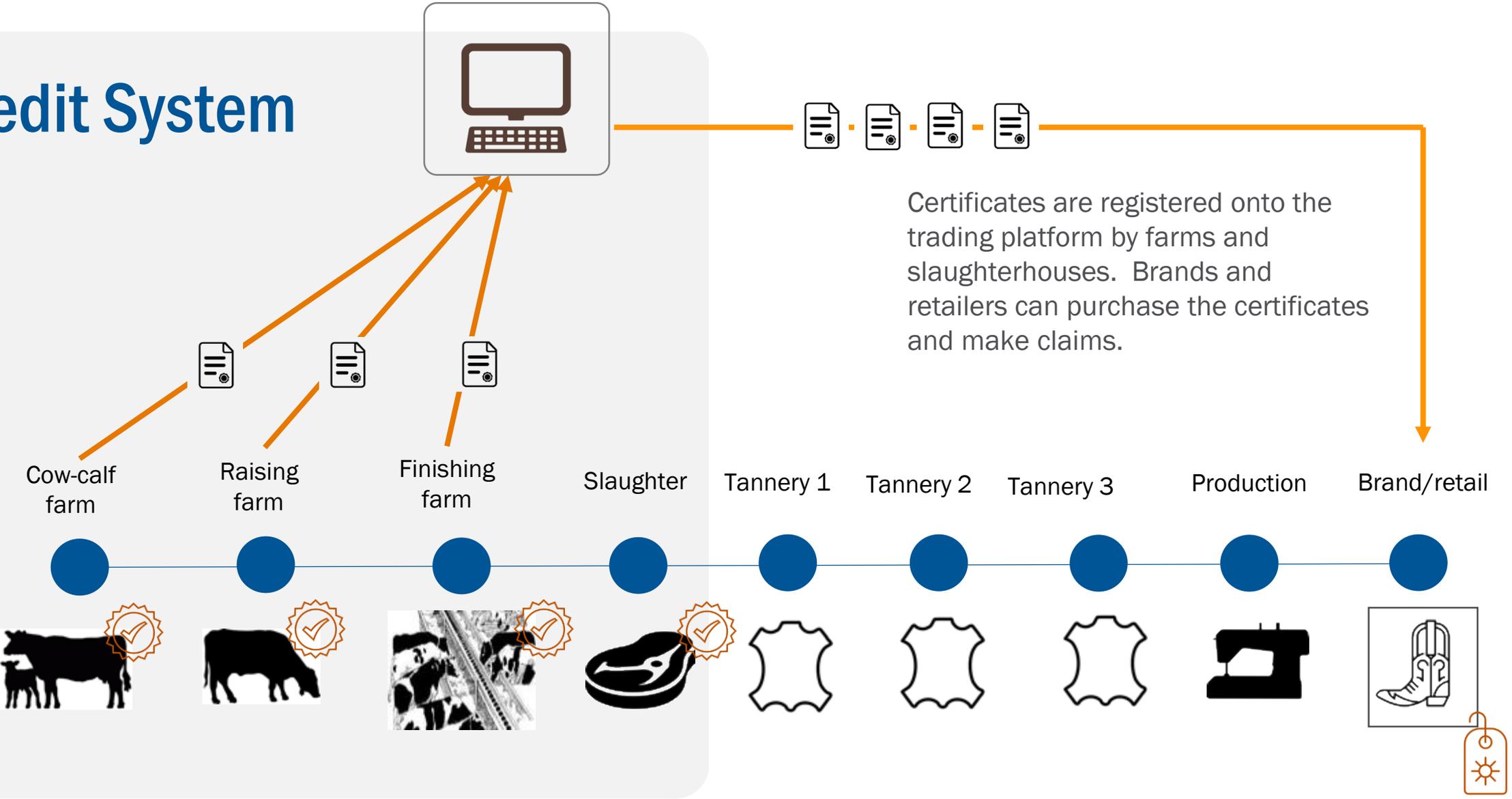
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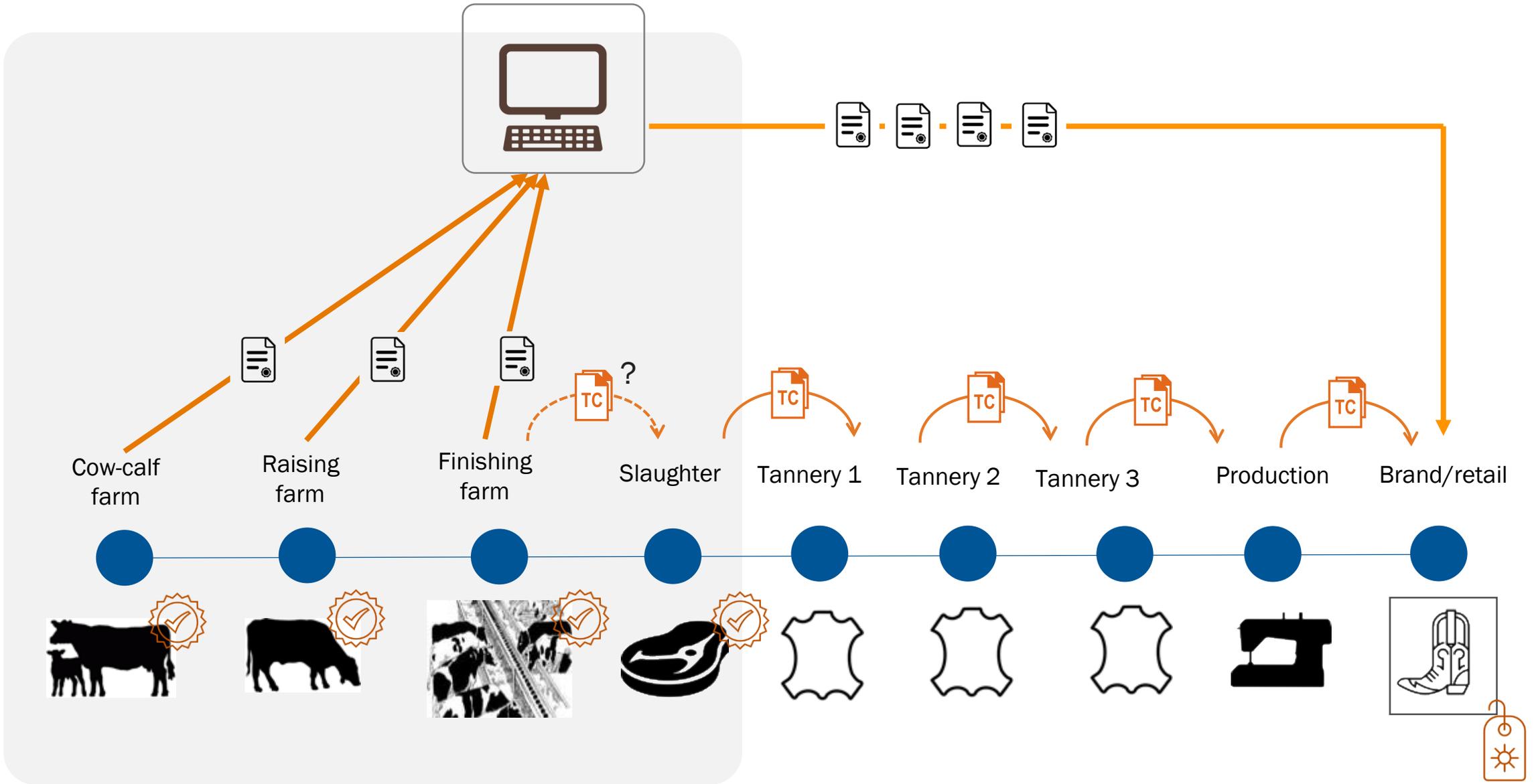


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# Credit System





Be open.

Listen.

Learn.

Share your reality.

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**Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	A Sustainability Sunrise Session: Leather & Beef
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11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Animal Welfare Working Session
11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Land Use Change Impacts of Farming Working Session
12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Lunch
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4:15 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.	Language and Claims Working Session
4:50 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Closing Session
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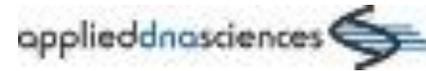


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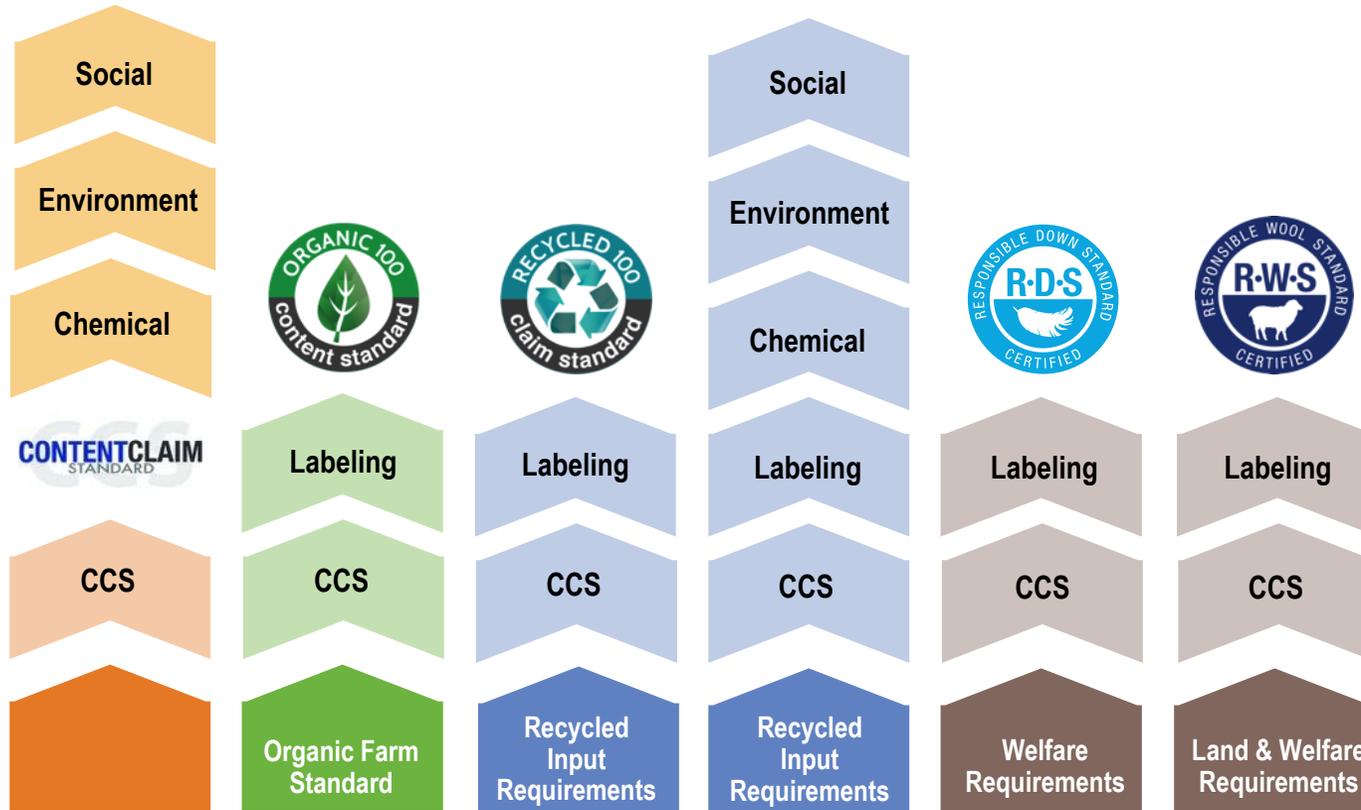


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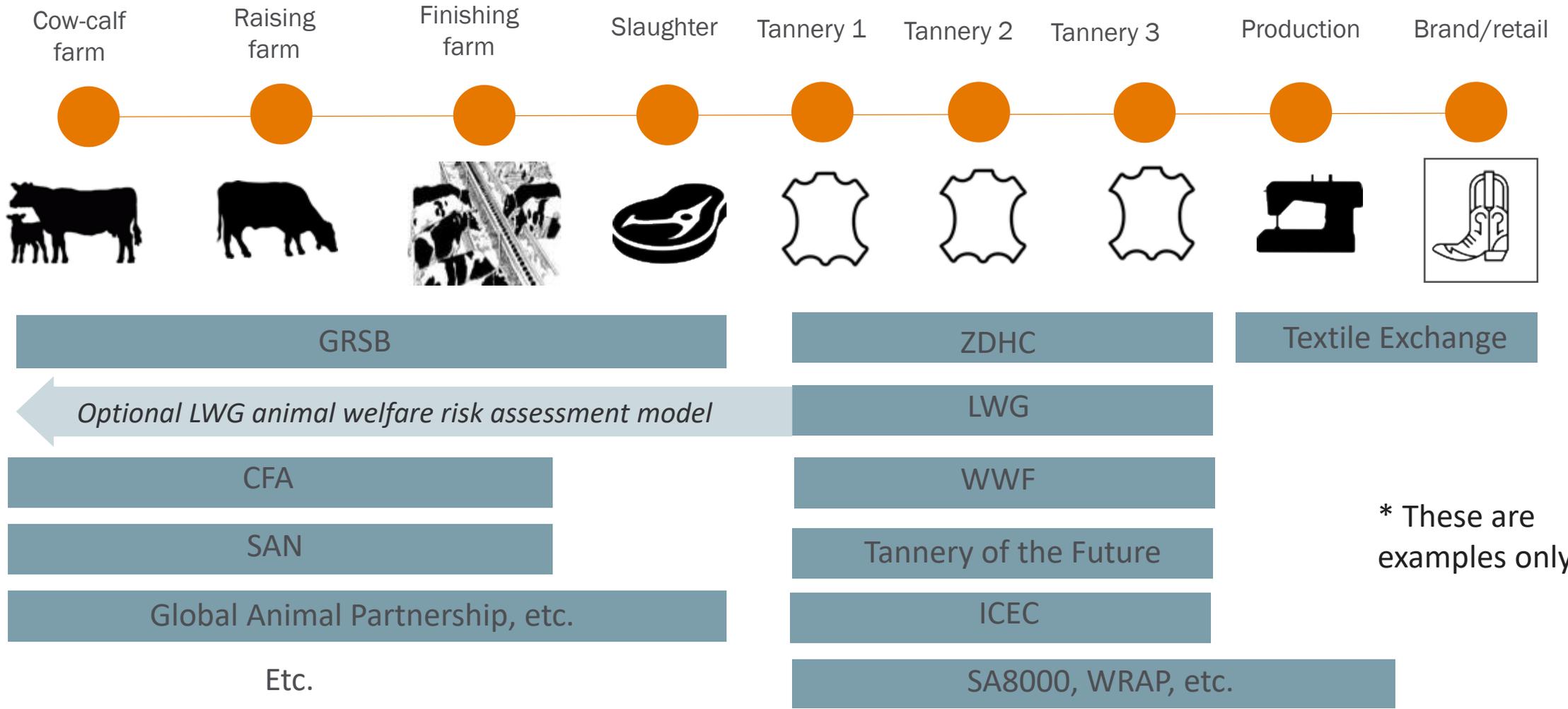
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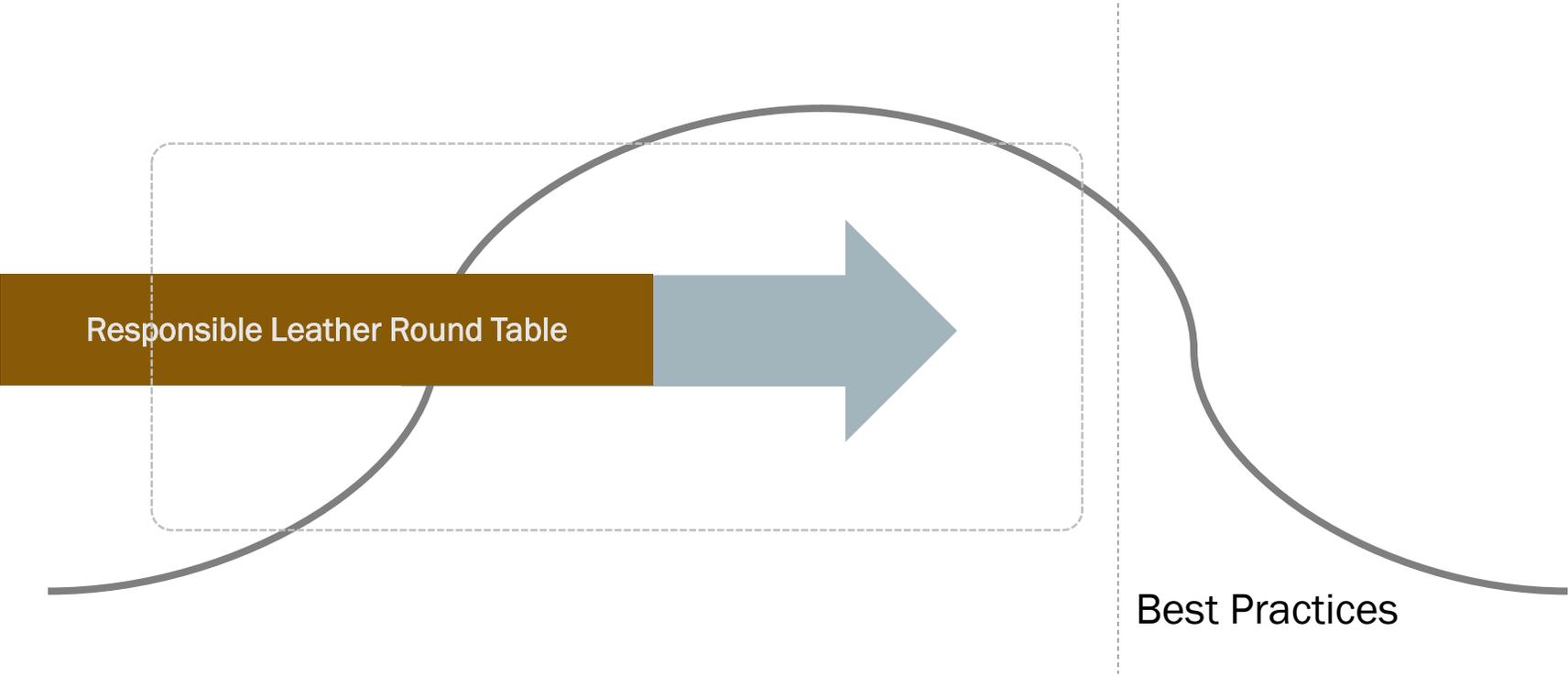
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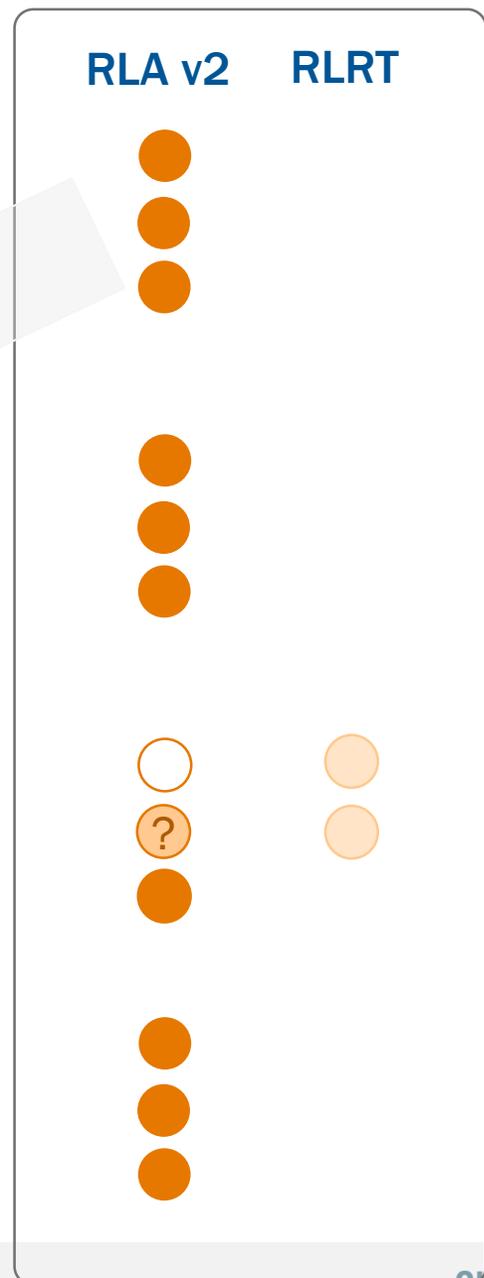
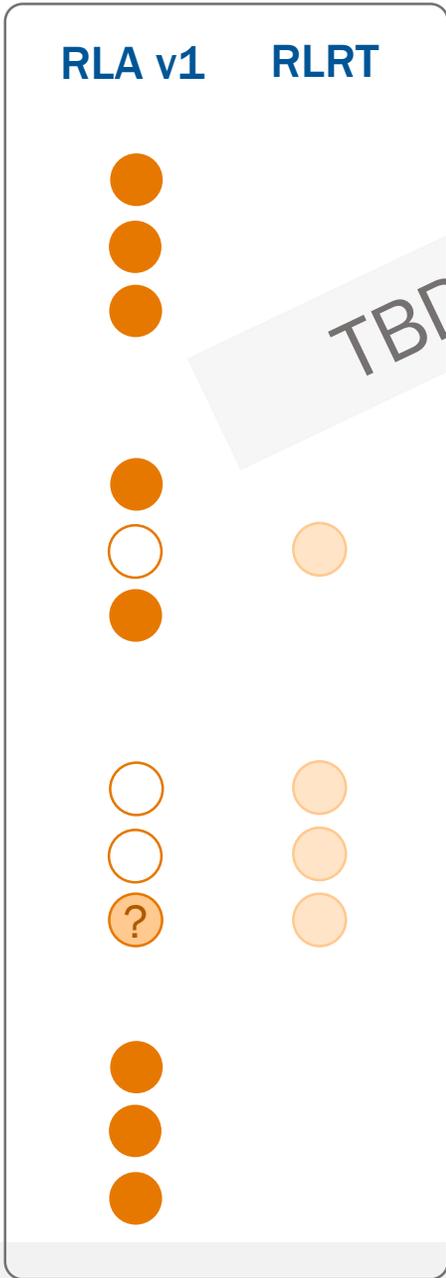


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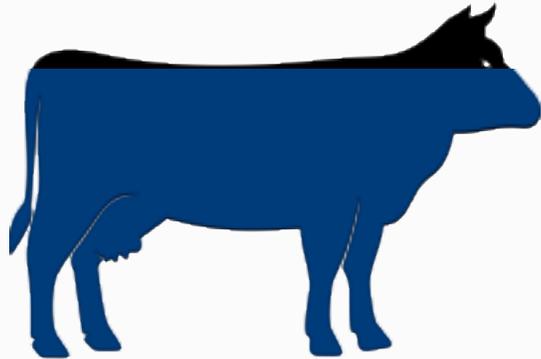


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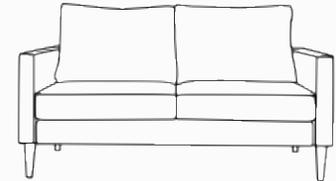
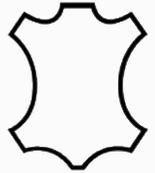
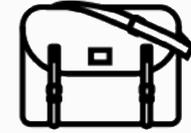
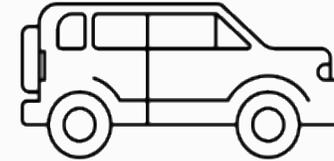
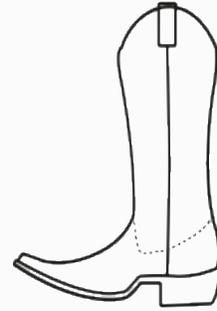
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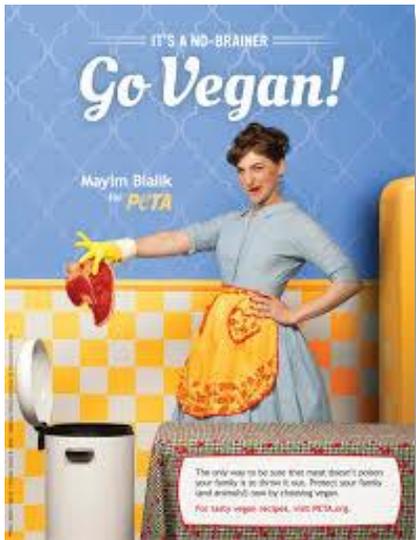
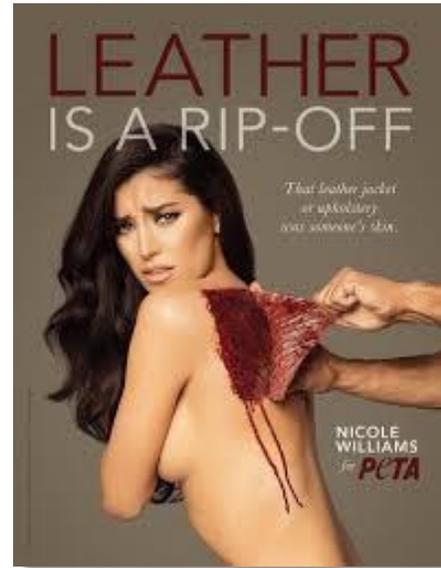
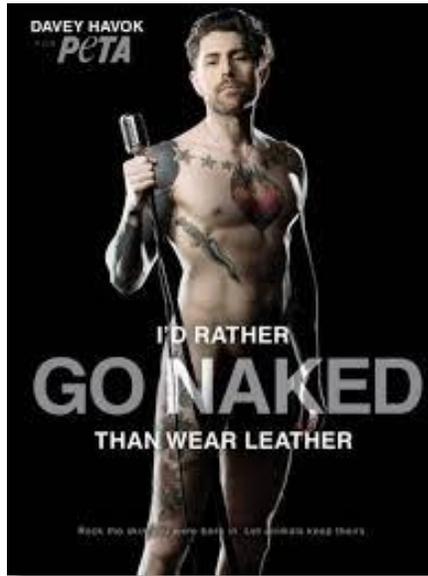
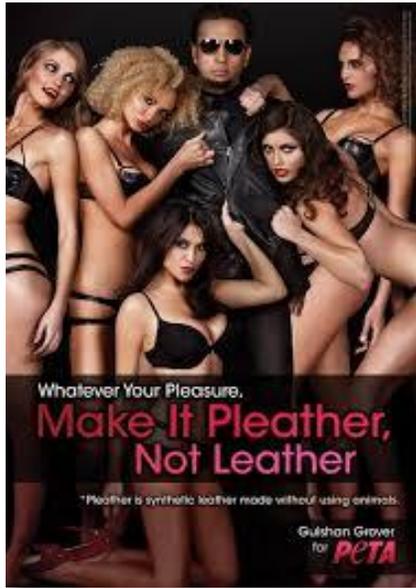
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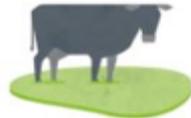
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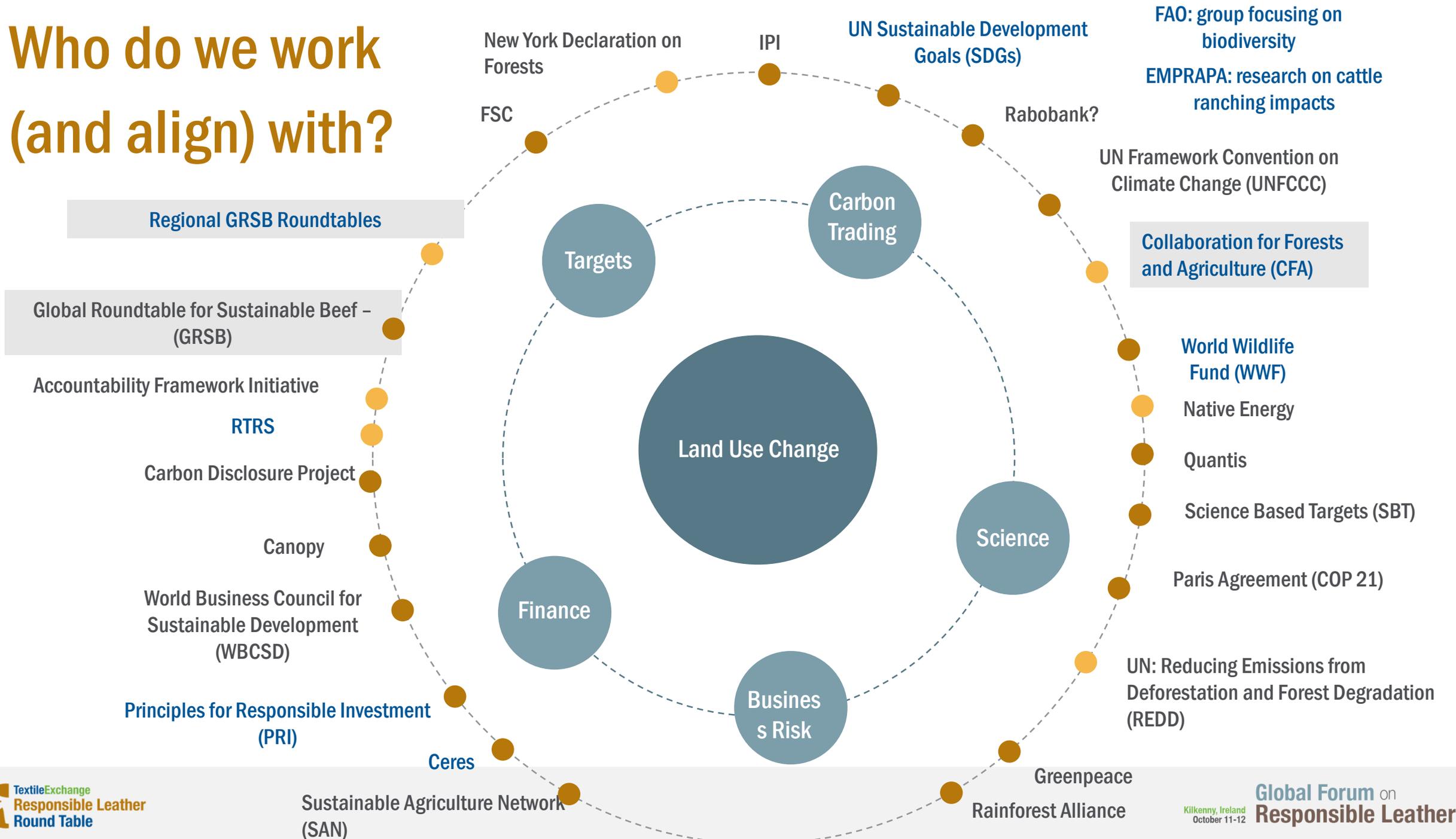
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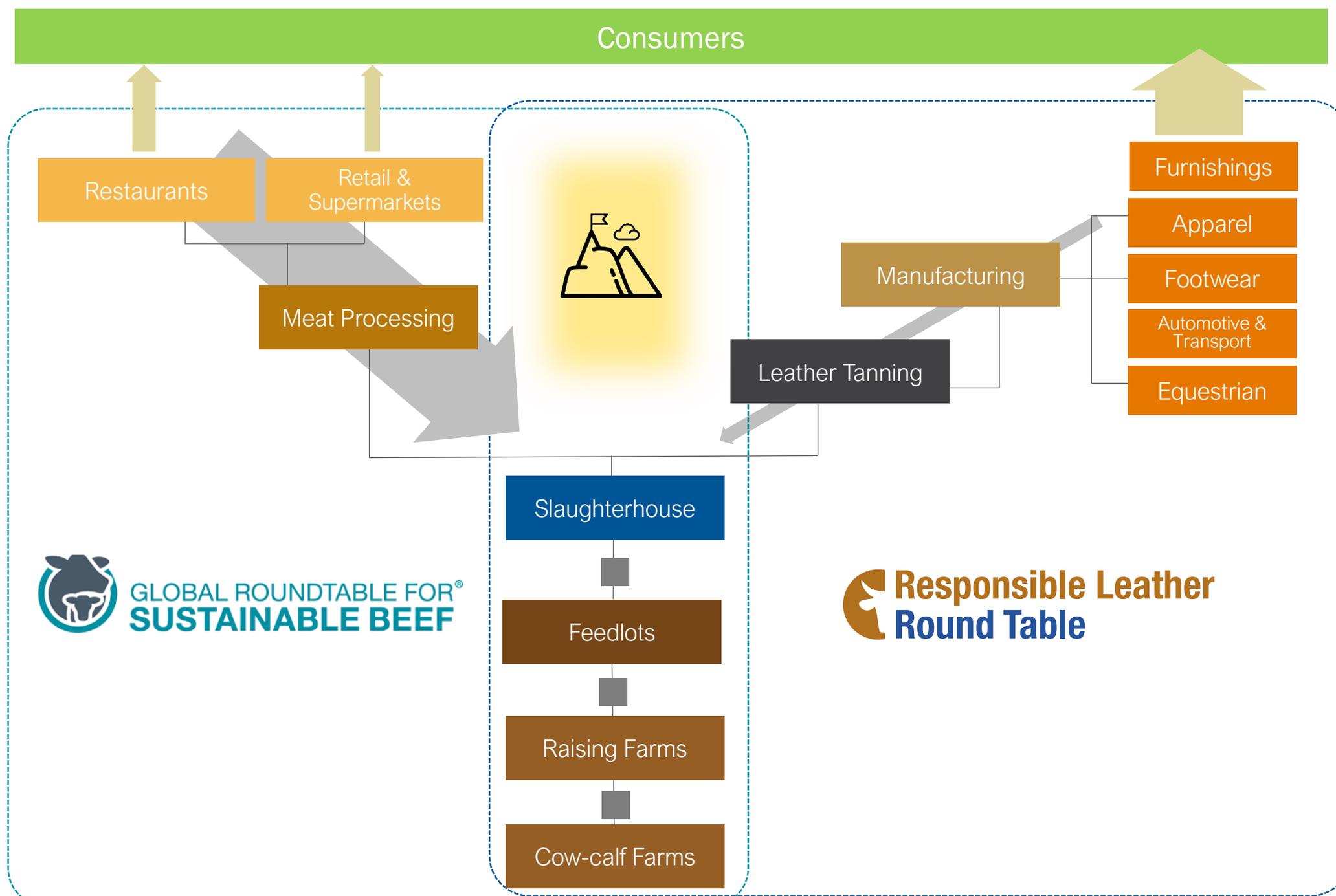
Animal welfare

Traceability and quality

Continuous improvement  
and education

# Who do we work (and align) with?







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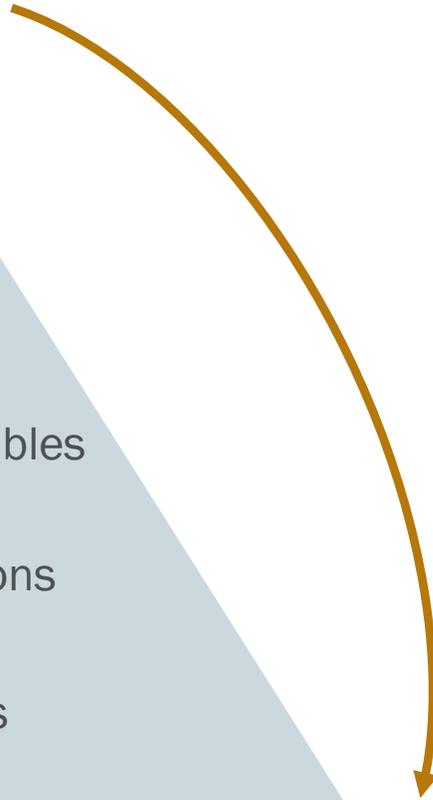
Regional  
Roundtables

Sub-regional Roundtables

Partner Organizations

Connecting Groups

Millions of Producers





# Opportunities Together

# Working together to tell credible and consistent stories

Leather Naturally

Global marketing and PR campaign to promote leather: aimed at Gen Z and millennials

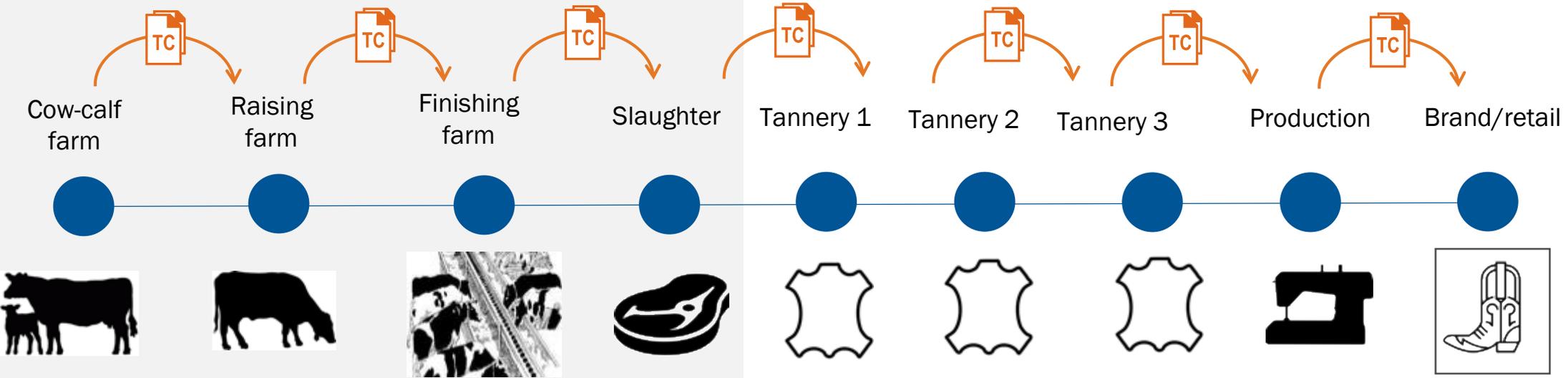
Responsible Leather

B2B, ensuring a strong foundation of best practices to deliver authenticity

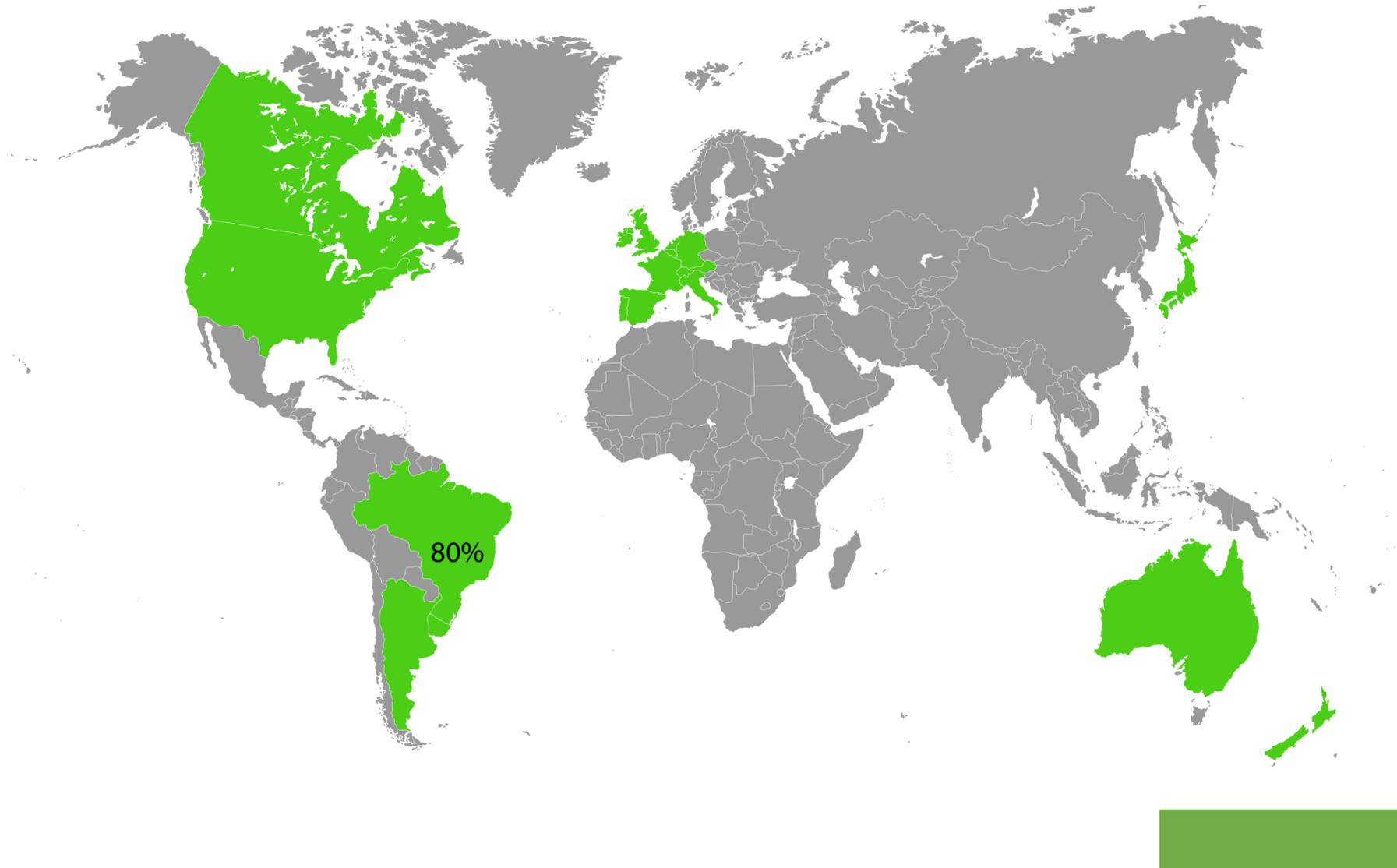
Beef/leather supply network

Producers and companies meeting best practices, and sharing their stories.

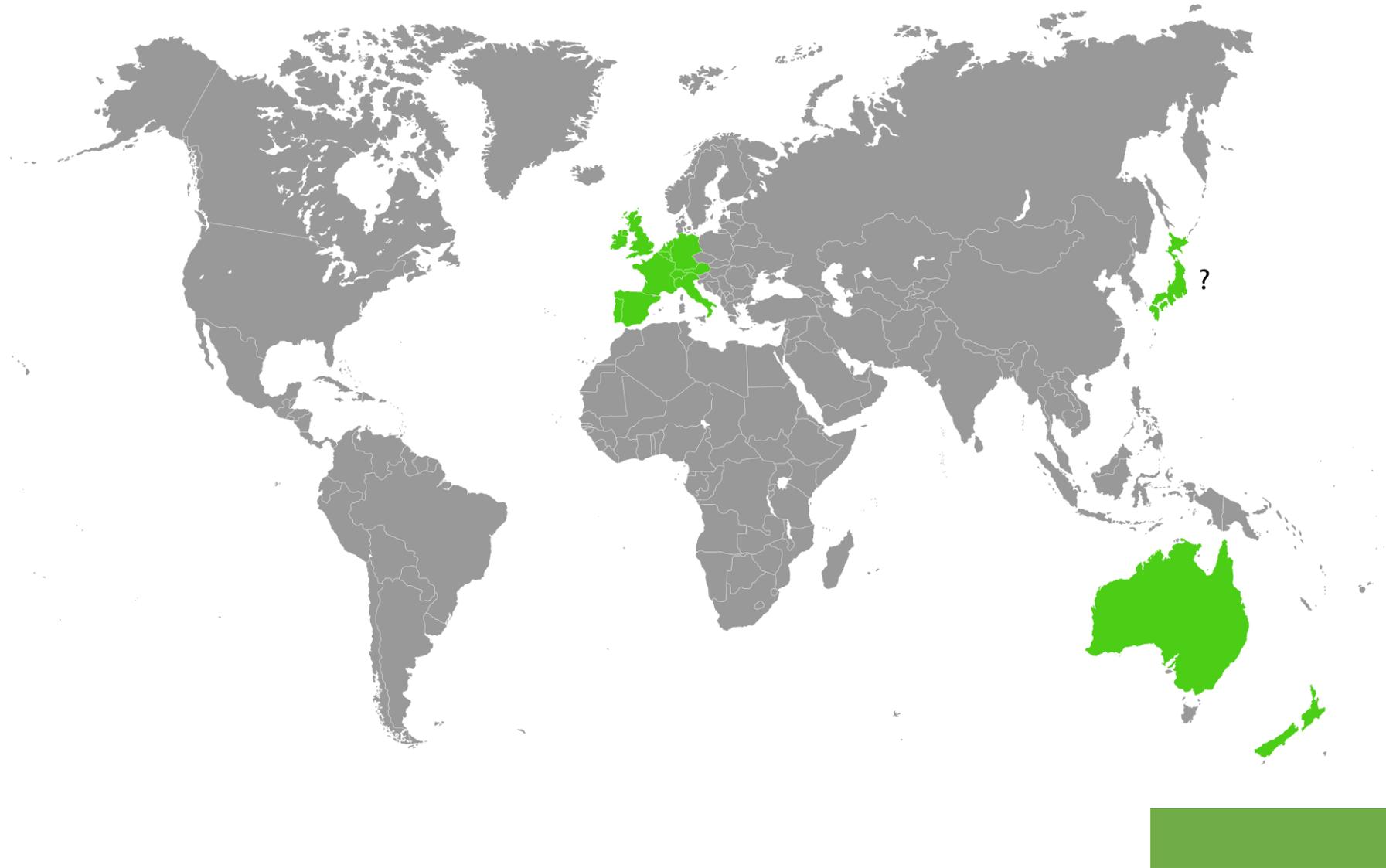
# Working together to provide full supply chain traceability.



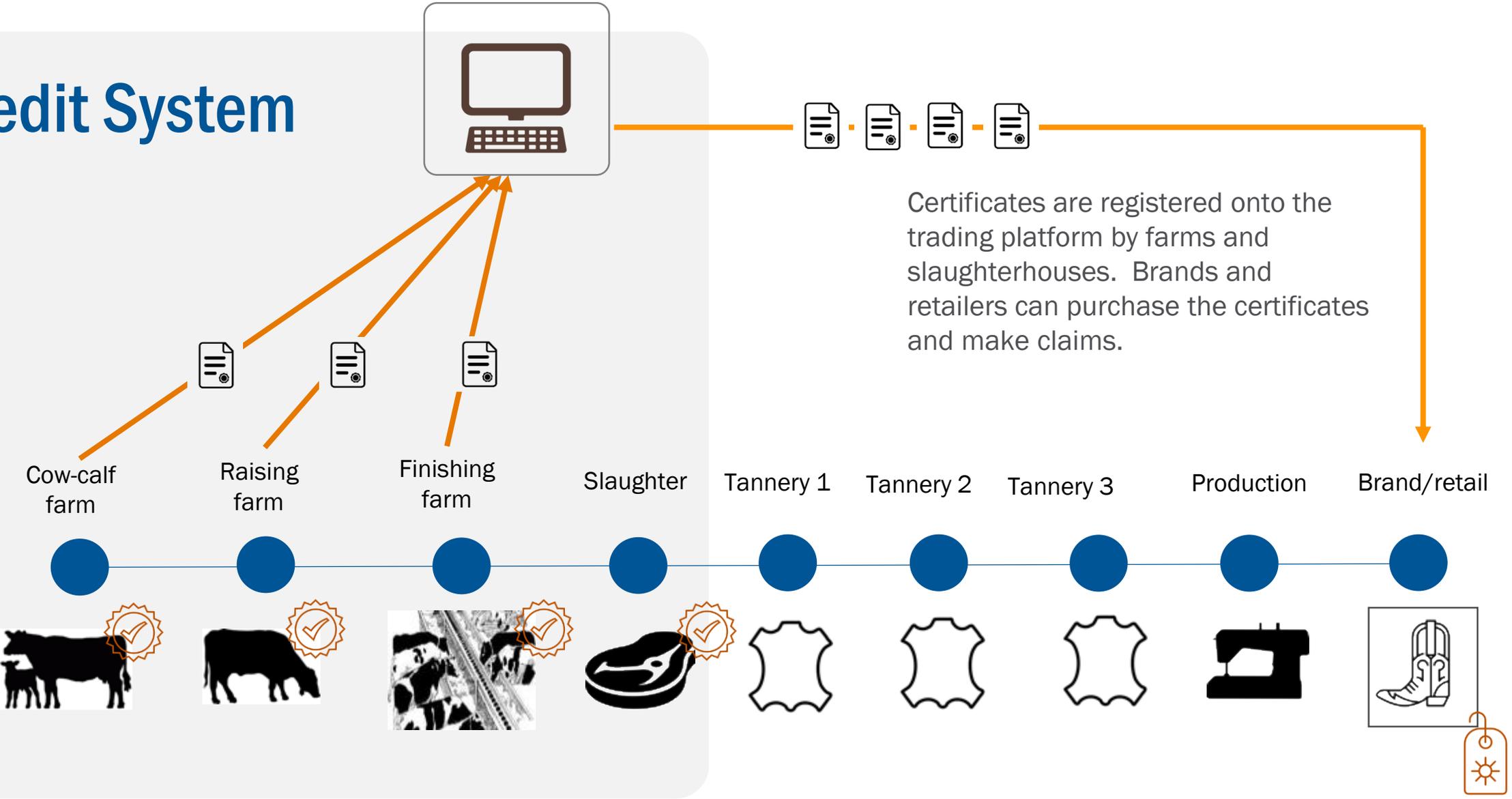
# Traceability to slaughterhouse and Direct Farm theoretically possible



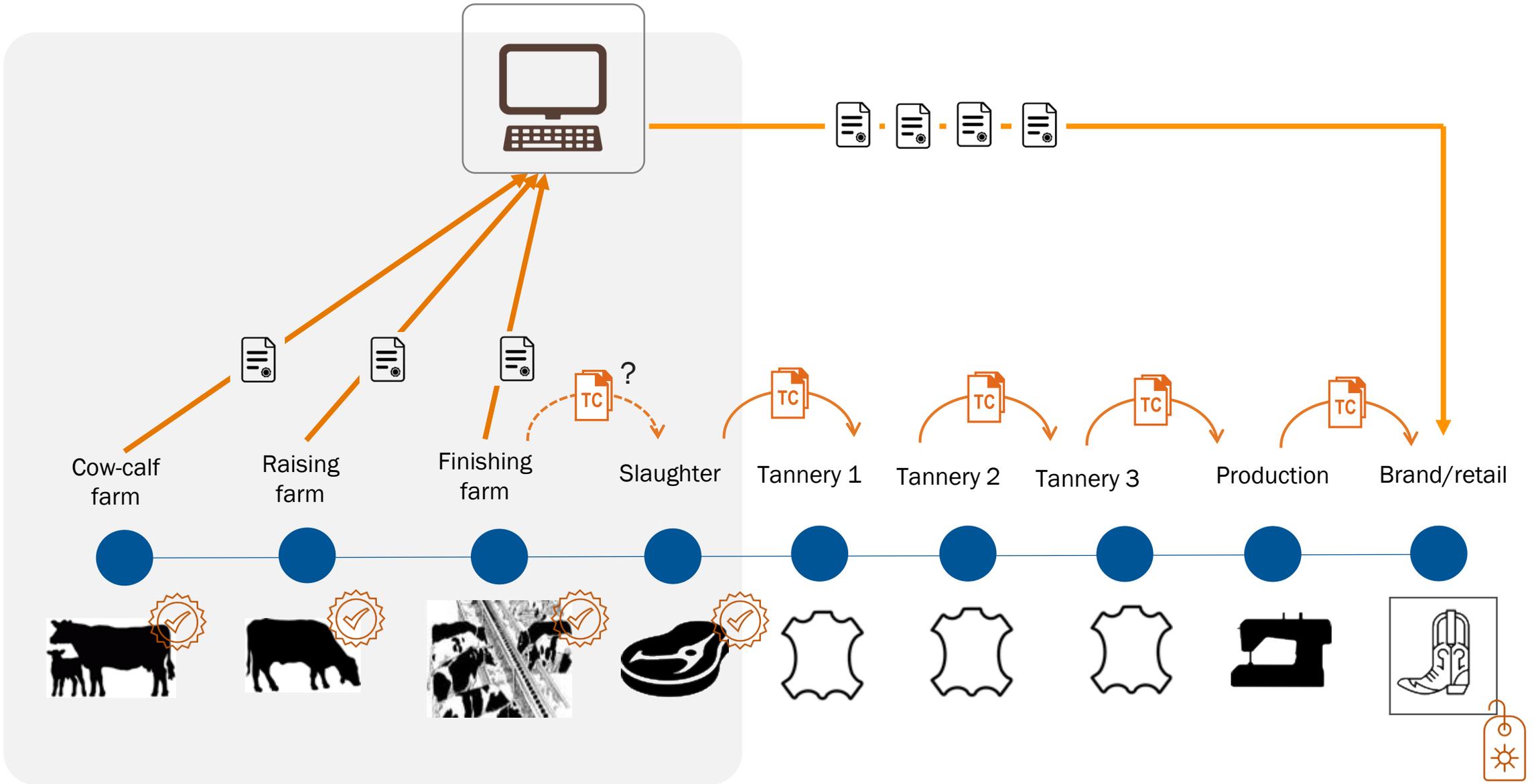
# Traceability to birthing farm theoretically possible



# Credit System



Certificates are registered onto the trading platform by farms and slaughterhouses. Brands and retailers can purchase the certificates and make claims.



Be open.

Listen.

Learn.

Share your reality.

UBUNTU: “I am because we are”

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**Global Forum** on  
**Responsible Leather**

Kilkenny, Ireland  
October 11-12

**Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	A Sustainability Sunrise Session: Leather & Beef
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Break
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Opening & Welcome to the Global Meeting of the RLRT
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Why Act Now?
10:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.	Break
10:50 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Introduction to Working Sessions
11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Animal Welfare Working Session
11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Land Use Change Impacts of Farming Working Session
12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Lunch
1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Leather Manufacturing Working Session
2:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Social Issues Working Session
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Break
3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Credit Trading and Traceability Working Session
4:15 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.	Language and Claims Working Session
4:50 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Closing Session
5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.	Cocktail Hour



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