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American Down Association Reorganized

In early 2002 the American Down Association reorganized as a section of the Home Fashion Products Association.

The new name is:

American Down and Feather Section of HFPA

The new association will continue some of its autonomous activities such as membership in IDFB. However, the new umbrella organization of HFPA will give additional management, legal and other skills to the down and feather trade association.

Leo Hollander will serve as chairman of the new down and feather section. Leo will also serve as a member of the HFPA board of directors.

Members of AD&FS include:

Allied Feather
American Fiber Industries
Atlas Feather
Blue Ridge Home Fashions
California Feather Co.
Donofrio Enterprises
Downlite, Inc.

EA International
Hollander Home Fashions
Louisville Bedding Co.
Pacific Coast Feather
Phoenix Down Corporation
Pillowtex Corporation
United Feather and Down Inc.
Westpoint Stevens

IDFL serves as a consultant to the AD&FS trade association.

The mission and objectives of the American Down and Feather Section of HFPA are:

1. To foster and further by all lawful means, the common interests of the down and feather industry (dealers, buyers, sellers, and processors of raw feathers and down) in the USA
2. To promote a spirit of

cooperation among its members in advancing the common interests of the industry;

3. To increase the amount and improve the quality of service to users of the products of the industry and to the public.

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2002 IDFB Meeting June 2-4 Vancouver, Canada

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada will host the annual IDFB meeting. Members and Guests are invited to participate:

Please contact the following for information about the meeting

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Salt Lake City is just a 1.5 hour flight from Vancouver. We welcome you to IDFL's home before or after the IDFB meetings.

INFORMATION FROM ABFLO's ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 2002

The Association of Bedding and Furniture Law Officials held their annual meeting in March 2002.

ABFLO is the association of state government officials who regulate and enforce laws relating to furniture and bedding labels.

The current USA down and feather labeling standards were developed by ABFLO.

Currently, flammability of mattresses and bed-clothing is of concern to ABFLO.

The new president of ABFLO is William Cale from Ohio. Mr. Cale has developed an excellent website:

www.abflo.org

Please contact Mr. Cale for membership and other information.

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LABELS FOR DOWN JACKETS & VESTS

While down jackets and vests do not require the complex hang tag needed for bedding products – down jackets must be labeled according to the new USA down and feather standards. (FTC Letter of February 7, 2001)

A jacket labeled "DOWN" must have a minimum of 75% down. This minimum must be listed.

If a jacket has less than 75% down it must be labeled "DOWN & FEATHERS" or "FEATHERS & DOWN."

The actual down and feather % must be listed. Two examples of labels for down jackets

1. **GOOSE DOWN**
(Minimum 85% Down)
2. **DOWN & FEATHERS**
70% Down
30% Feathers

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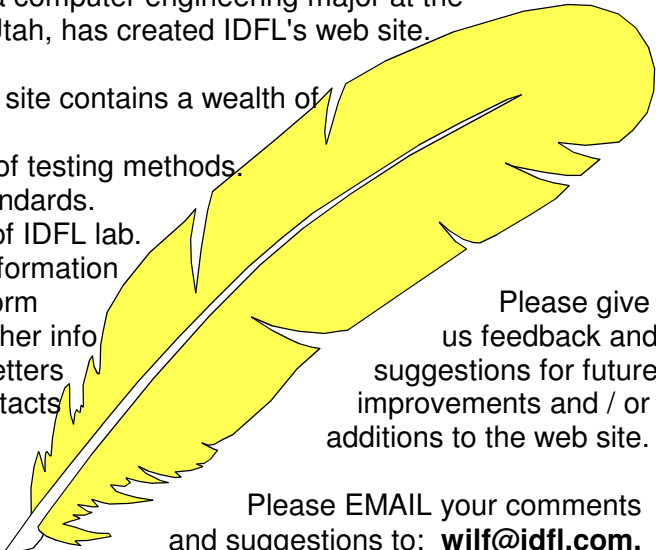
Spotlight -- IDFL's WEB SITE

IDFL has published its company web site -- **www.idfl.com**

Peter Lieber, a computer engineering major at the University of Utah, has created IDFL's web site.

The IDFL web site contains a wealth of information

- Description of testing methods.
- Labeling standards.
- Virtual tour of IDFL lab.
- Research information
- Submittal Form
- Down & feather info
- IDFL Newsletters
- Industry contacts
- Down facts
- Down quiz



Please give us feedback and suggestions for future improvements and / or additions to the web site.

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