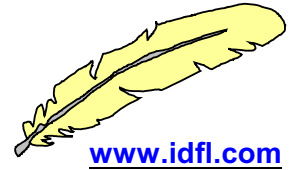




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IABFLO Approves Law Label Changes for Blended & Chambered Products

The International Association of Bedding and Furniture Law Officials has adopted new labeling rules for blended and chambered bedding products in the USA.

These rules will give consumers better information about bedding products.

Blended Fillings

A blended product contains two separate fillings. For example

POLYESTER	70%
COTTON	30%

For blended fillings with down and feathers the correct format uses the normal plumage label as a sub-label. Examples:

POLYESTER	70%
GOOSE FEATHERS	30%

POLYESTER	70%
DOWN & FEATHERS	30%
(50% DOWN, 50% DUCK FEATHERS)	

POLYESTER	70%
GOOSE DOWN	30%
(MINIMUM 75% DOWN)	

The blended materials are listed in order of highest % by weight. For example:

POLYESTER	50%
SILK	30%
DUCK FEATHERS	20%

Chambered Fillings

Chambered products are pillows, comforters and featherbeds which have 2 or more separate compartments or chambers.

The materials in separate chambers can be different grades of down and feathers or completed different materials such as foam and feathers

Rules for Chambered Labels

1. Each chambered shall be listed separately.
2. The % by weight of chambers shall be listed.
3. Chambers shall be listed in weight order.

Example Label

INNER CHAMBER 60%: GOOSE FEATHERS
OUTER CHAMBER 40%: POLYESTER

Approved Terms

Pillow: OUTER or INNER CHAMBER
Featherbed: TOP or BOTTOM CHAMBER

3-Different Chambers:
QUILTED OUTER CHAMBER
MIDDLE CHAMBER
INNER CHAMBER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The China Feather and Down Industrial Association will hold a seminar jointly with IDFL.
- May 13-14 2007 Xiaoshan, China
- Seminar topic:

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Excess Landfowl = Product Failure

The percentage of Landfowl (chicken) in waterfowl products had increased dramatically during the past few years.

Excessive landfowl has been found in bedding, garments & bulk down.

Both Landfowl Feathers and tiny landfowl fibers have been added to products in recent years.

Excessive landfowl is causing products in Japan, Europe and North America to fail labeling standards.

Tiny landfowl feathers and fibers often look like down cluster but have low fill power and sometimes are not as clean as waterfowl.

Excess Landfowl: % of Products

2004: 5 %

2005: 12 %

2006: 23 %

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