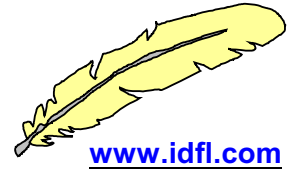




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CHINA SEMINAR SOLVING QUALITY PROBLEMS

CFDIA, IDFL and CIQ hold joint seminar in Hangzhou

“Solving Quality Problems” was the topic of a seminar held in Xiaoshan, Hangzhou during May 2007.

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Seminar Topics

Who is responsible for solving quality problems?

Down Suppliers?
Sewing Factories?
Trading/Export Companies?
Testing Institutes?
Government Agencies?
Industry Associations?
Retailers?

Answer: All parties share responsibility to solve product quality problems.

What is Quality?

The most precise definition of quality has nothing to do with relative cost or “luxury” of a product.

Quality is:

“Conformance to Requirements”
(or)
“Achieving Product Specification”

What each party can do to solve Quality Problems?

Down Suppliers. Understand label standards and follow buyer specifications.

Sewing Factories. Understand label standards and test incoming down bales.

Trading/Export Companies. Make sure buyers have very detailed specifications. Test finished products before shipping to buyers.

Testing Institutes. Provide accurate testing and current label information.

Government Agencies. Make sure products meet labelling standards

Industry Associations. Provide voluntary enforcement of label laws.

Retailers. Give vendors detailed, clear product specifications. Require vendors to test. Test arriving finished products.

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