



Notes from IDFB Meeting in Lijiang China

Mr. Stephen Palmer, IDFB President and Ms. Yao Xiaoman of the China Feather and Down Industrial Association (CFDIA) hosted the annual IDFB meeting.

Market Reports from the General Session:

- **Market Conditions** – Sales of down and feather products remain slow in the North American and European Markets. Japanese sales are showing improvements. The China domestic market is growing rapidly.
- **Down and Feather Price** – Prices increased very rapidly during the past few months and the volatility may continue for some time.

Summary of the Technical Committee Meeting

- **Japan Standards Revision.** Japan is revising its JIS testing standard and developing a new fill power test method.
- **Computer Imaging for Species Testing.** Evaluation of computer system presented.
- **Supply Chain Audits.** European buyers and retailers continue interest in supply chains audits to verify origin of materials.
- **Minor Testing Method Changes.** Changes were approved to the species and the poly-down test methods.
- **Turbidity Testing.** Benchmark values were approved for the NTU turbidity system.
- **Downproof Test Methods.** Downproof and other fabric-related test methods will not be added as part of the IDFB methods, instead a statement outlining the three recognized downproof methods will be prepared:
 - International Rotating Box Method
 - EN 12131-1 Rubbing Method
 - EN 12131-2 Impact Method

[Find out more about IDFB](#)

IDFL Textile/Fabric Testing

20 years of fabric testing experience

- 3,000 textile samples per year
- 15,000 textile tests per year
- Clients in 52 countries

IDFL tests according to the following standards:

- EN
- JIS
- GB
- ASTM
- ISO
- AATCC
- Other Standards

IDFL provides the following textile services:

- Testing of bulk fabric and finished products
- Collection of samples from factories or retail stores
- Inspections of finished products
- Fast service (Same-Day service on some tests.)

IDFL performs all major textile tests:

- Filling Related Tests (Downproofness, Fill Proof, Air Permeability, etc)
- Basic Tests (Fabric Weight, Yarn Size, Thread Count, etc.)
- Colorfastness & Dimensional Stability
- Strength (Tensile, Tearing, Bursting, Abrasion, etc)
- Fiber Composition
- Other Chemical and Physical Tests

[Link to the IDFL Textile Sample Submittal Form](#)