



## 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

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## 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](#)