



IDFL Calendar

- December 07-10, China Int'l Down Fair Xiaoshan – Market Reports, Seminars, Tours of IDFL China
- December 13-14, Taiwan Feather Exporters' Association Meeting & IDFL Training Seminar
- January 09-12, Heimtextil Expo in Germany
- January 23-26, Outdoor Retailer Show
- January 2013, IDFL Natural Fills Presentation at the Dorthe Hansen Knowledge Centre
- February 27-March 02, Beijing ISPO

For more information about any of the above events please contact info@idfl.com for more details.

TFEA & IDFL Training Seminar

On December 13 & 14 IDFL will hold a training seminar for TFEA members. The seminar will be split into two parts.

The first part of the seminar will be at the LongShan Temple Cultural Center in Taipei. The topics for this session include:

- DWR Testing
- Downproof & Jacket Testing
- EN Requirements
- China Testing Challenges
- Global Specifications for Global Brands

The second part of the seminar will be held at IDFL Taiwan's laboratory. IDFL will provide down and feather technical training according to IDFB testing methods.

New Testing Price List

Effective January 1, 2013 IDFL will implement a new price list. The new price list will eliminate the opening and reporting fees. Several new tests and tests packages will be added including DWR pricing. Prices for many tests will be adjusted.

2013 Outdoor Retailer Show

The Outdoor Retailer Winter Market will be held in Salt Lake City January 23 – 26. IDFL will hold three mini seminars and lab tours daily during the show discussing:

- DWR Testing Protocol
- General Jacket Testing Information
- Downproof Issues
- Fill Power
- Introduction into IDFL's DownRight Program

IDFL will issue more details as the show approaches. Contact IDFL with any questions.

Testing Highlight – Species Analysis

What is it? - Species analysis identifies the species of a feather or down cluster. Samples are tested to determine if the material contains goose, duck or even landfowl.

How is it done? - Feathers and down clusters are magnified and categorized. Under magnification analysts are able to identify the pieces as goose, duck or landfowl.

What do the numbers mean?

The report lists the percentage by weight of each species identified.

For example:

Total Goose : 93%
Total Duck: 7%

Why Test for Species?

Governments and buyers require species identification in the labeling of down and feather products.

The cost of goose down is so high many manufacturers are mixing in duck down to save on costs. It is important to test to verify that not too much duck is being mixed in.

Most markets require > 90% of the species stated on the law label. If the fill material does not contain > 90% of the stated species it must be labeled as Waterfowl Down & Feathers.

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