



2009 — YEAR in REVIEW

The global recession created challenges for IDFL and the textile industry. However, during the latter half of 2009, demand for testing began to increase.

During 2009 product origin issues and supply chain integrity dominated IDFL testing discussion. IDFL completed many supply chain audits and inspections.

Industry Information

- New IDFB test methods were approved at the IDFB 2009 Meeting in Capetown, South Africa.
- Taiwan adopted new labeling standards.
- EN standards are under review by EDFA for possible change.
- Japan began using new jacket standards.
- China is reviewing its multiple testing standards.
- Compliance with USA standards continues to improve due to efforts of ADFC.

IDFL EUROPE

2009 was a record year for IDFL Europe. Many new clients tested with IDFL Europe for the first time.

- 12% more samples tested in 2009.
- Clients in 26 European countries.
- Fill Power laboratory remodeled.
- Renewed EDFA lab certification.
- Renewed IDFB lab certification.

IDFL CHINA

2006 was also a record year for IDFL China.

The worlds newest down and feather testing laboratory was completed in January 2009. CIQ Xiaoshan built this facility which handles IDFL China testing.

- 21% Increase in samples tested.
- Presented many joint seminars with the China Feather & Down Industrial Association (CFDIA).
- Completed seminars and training with global companies and with CFNA.
- 200% increase in factory audits & inspections.
- Expanded IDFL textile testing capacity.

2010 — PREVIEW

The IDFL Re-Launch 2010 Project will provide more testing options and services at all three laboratories.

Down and Feather Testing

- Increased testing capacity in all 3 laboratories.
- Expanded reports with more evaluation criteria are coming soon.
- Several down and feather research projects will continue in Specie, Fill Power, and other areas.

Textile/Fabric Tests

- More fabric tests for filled textile products.
- Additional physical and chemical textile tests.
- Expanded downproof and fillproof testing.

Synthetic & Natural Fill Testing

- Synthetic fill testing options will continue to increase in 2010.
- Several tests for cotton, silk and wool fill materials will be offered in 2010.
- Expanded line of fiber identification tests

Sample Collection, Audit and Inspection Services

- IDFL will expand our services in on-site sample collection at factories and retail stores.
- More factory inspection options will be offered including sterilization, product flow, proper storage practices etc.
- Audits of supply chain origin, factory flow, and factory testing labs will continue.

New Sample Submittal Form and Pricing

- A new submittal form is attached.
- New pricing will be announced by March 1.

