



IDFL Calendar

- April 9-12: IABFLO, Williamsburg, Virginia, USA
- May 5-7: SOTA Canberra, Australia
- June 16-18: IDFB Annual Meeting, Taiwan
- July 11-16: Outdoor Show, Friedrichshafen, Germany
- July 30 – Aug 3: Outdoor Show, Salt Lake City, USA

For more information contact info@idfl.com

Avian Flu

There have been several reports of avian flu in Asia. While these reports are serious, there should NOT be any cause for alarm. As in all previous cases of avian flu, some changes in price and supply may occur, but there should be no major disruptions. Please remember the following:

- Many factories have already purchased their down supplies for the year.
- All down and feathers are subject to sterilization during washing and sorting.
- Because the virus requires a living host to survive, it is unlikely to be carried in down and feathers.

IDFL will monitor the situation and provide updates. If you have any questions or concerns about avian flu please contact us at info@idfl.com

Cleanliness Testing

IDFL can test and audit for cleanliness in all standards in Asia, Europe, and North America.

- Test for Natural and Synthetic Fillings
- Oxygen & Turbidity Testing
- Fat & Oil & pH Testing
- Sterilization Inspections for Natural Fillings
- Dust and Allergy Testing and Certification
- Microbiology / Bioburden

Changes in Chinese Standards

There have been several changes in Chinese Standards. Chinese standards are unique because different standards apply to different product types.

- GB=Guo Biao, National Standard,
- FZ= Fang Zhi, Textile (Apparel Standard Updated in 2012)
- QB=Qing Biao, Light Industry (Bedding standard updated 2013.)

Sometimes down cluster, color, fill power, fat & oil and other items have different requirements for different standards. China requires tests for many items not required in other countries such as odor, net fill weight and downproof testing. Outerwear also requires bioburden testing in some cases.

Chinese labels also require additional information such as net fill weight. If you have questions about standards in China or other countries, please contact us.

Factory and Laboratory Audits

For many years IDFL has inspected and audited down processing factories, sewing factories and their internal laboratories. We are pleased to announce expanded services and certifications for factories and laboratories.

IDFL will evaluate processes, staff expertise, physical facilities, equipment, standards, testing programs and social compliance. Please contact any IDFL office for more information.

New Client Portal for Product Inspections

IDFL is proud to announce the launch of our new client portal. Clients can schedule inspections and other services on-line as well as view results from current and previous inspection. For more information about the new IDFL inspection system please contact us.

For more information on any of these topics contact info@idfl.com

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