



China Domestic Market

China Domestic Market sales continue to increase for both outerwear and bedding.

- European companies are exporting a record number of bedding and outerwear products to China.
- China's top brand names are also expanding their product offerings.

Local Inspection Bureaus have increased random inspections, especially for imported foreign-made products and foreign brand names made in China.

IDFL can test for all of the China standards:

- GB/T 17685/19288 for down & feathers
- GB/T 14272 for outerwear (jackets, vests)
- QB/T 1193 for quilts, blankets, comforters
- QB/T 1194 for featherbeds, mattresses
- QB/T 1195 for sleeping bags
- QB/T 1196 for pillows

IDFL also tests synthetic and other natural-filled bedding and outerwear for China & other markets.

IDFL continues 15-year joint agreement with China CIQ

- IDFL began its relationship with the National Key Laboratory for Down and Feathers (CIQ Xiaoshan in 1999. This joint cooperation continues today.
- IDFL also has partner relationships with Textile Lab and local China Inspection Bureaus.

Synthetic Fill Test Packages

Down is now often blended with synthetics and other natural fills. Also, the technology for pure synthetic products is improving.

- IDFL offers complete testing and inspection packages for pure synthetic-filled bedding and outerwear
- Testing for blended down/synthetics is more difficult. IDFB has official test methods for this testing.
- IDFL provides label evaluation for all pure synthetic and blended down/synthetic products.

DWR Down

Durable Water Repellent (DWR) Down is now a standard filling by most jacket brands.

- The technology continues to improve.
- Research shows how natural down is very hydrophobic compared to other filling products.
- The DWR testing methods are now official parts of IDFB regulations
- IDFL has tested over 600 DWR samples.
- Both production lots and research test packages are available.
- A DWR rating system is now available.
- Contact IDFL for more details.

New IABFLO Website

- The International Association of Bedding and Furniture Law Officials has launched a new website.
- See www.iabflo.org for details.

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