

# IDFL News

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## DWR Update

Durable Water Repellent (DWR) down has become a standard part of outerwear during the past year.

Hundreds of jackets, vests and sleeping bags now contain DWR down.

IDFL has tested thousands of DWR. The aggregation of this data gives some very interesting conclusions.

Please click the link below to find detailed DWR research information and a proposed rating system.

[DWR Evaluation and Rating System](#)

Pricing of IDFL DWR testing is now reduced because of the large volume of tests we receive at all four IDFL laboratories. This price change is effective immediately.

## Down Traceability

IDFL has performed nearly 300 traceability audits for clients around the world since 2008. IDFL is a pioneer in down traceability auditing. Clients now have a variety of traceability standards to choose from including:

### **DOWNPASS**

- **DOWNPASS** is a European-based traceability and quality standard. Official European regulations for traceability and animal welfare are used.
- **DOWNPASS** also monitors quality for all of the global standards including Japan, China, Australia, Canada, USA, Europe, Korea, Taiwan and others.
- **DOWNPASS** is a modular standard allowing brand names and retailers options to custom-build ethical standards for sourcing of raw materials. The **DOWNPASS** label on outerwear and sleeping bags will become a global standard. IDFL can officially audit and test for **DOWNPASS**.

### **RDS**

The Responsible Down Standard (RDS) was developed by The North Face and gifted to the outdoor industry. RDS is managed by Textile Exchange (TE), based in Lubbock, Texas. The final version of RDS will be available in 2015. The RDS system has a strong, detailed animal welfare component.

### **Other Traceability Standards**

Many retailers and brands such as Patagonia and Mountain Equipment Coop have developed strong internal audit systems. IDFL can help clients develop customized traceability audit systems.

## IDFL Signs Cooperation Agreement with 2 Korean Labs

IDFL has recently signed agreements with the FITI and KOTITI institutes in Korea.

These agreements give IDFL a strong presence in the Korean market. Korea is one of the largest consumer markets for filled textiles. Korean trading companies manage much of the Asian production of outerwear through owned and contracted factories in China and Asia.

IDFL has tested according to Korean standards (KS) for many years. The agreement allows IDFL to work with FITI or KOTITI on product testing.

IDFL can provide global testing for outerwear and bedding and confirm with FITI or KOTITI that products meet Korean standards. These Korean labs can also sub-contract with IDFL for down and feather testing.

Please note a FITI or KOTITI test report is not an official IDFL report. Only IDFL can issue official IDFL reports.

## USA Permits and Registration

All down/feather materials sold in the United States require a Uniform Registration Number (URN), individual state registrations, and a sterilization permit number (PER).

- **Bedding Products:** Registration is required in 16 states. See the [IABFLO](#) website for details
- **Outerwear:** Registration is required by the state of Utah. Contact [Michelle Jack](#) for details.
- **Sterilization Permits** of the down processing factory are required to sell down products in the USA. IDFL can perform inspections for these permits in any global location. Contact [info@idfl.com](mailto:info@idfl.com) for details.

## New IDFL Price List and Sample Submittal Forms

Please click below for the newest IDFL sample submittal forms:

[IDFL Submittal Forms 2014](#)

IDFL has a revised price list effective October 2014:

- Most pricing remains the same.
- DWR test prices are substantially reduced.
- Any price increases will not take effect until November 2014
- Please contact [info@idfl.com](mailto:info@idfl.com) for price list details.

## **IDFL Calendar**

Oct 15: IDFL Seminar, Seattle

Nov 14: IDFL Seminar, Los Angeles

Dec 5 IDFL Seminar, Chicago

Dec 5-8: CFDIA China Down Fair

### **2015**

Jan 14-17: Heimtex Show, Frankfurt, Germany

Jan 21-24: OR Show, Salt Lake City, USA