

UNIFORM LAW LABELS

LAW LABELS FOR FEATHER & DOWN

The formatting for Feather and Down products is the same as that of Bedding and Furniture, except the statement "CONTENTS STERILIZED" must be added to the label, as well as the sterilization permit number. Some states require a separate license to sterilize.

These labels are EXAMPLES ONLY, please contact the states in which you are going to sell your products before printing labels.

Space for Stitching
UNDER PENALTY OF LAW THIS TAG NOT TO BE REMOVED EXCEPT BY THE CONSUMER
ALL NEW MATERIAL consisting of
CONTENTS STERILIZED
Reg. No..... Permit No.....
Certification is made by the manufacturer that materials in this article are described in accordance with law.
Name and address of Manufacturer, Importer, Distributor or Vendor.
(Other Information Section)
Date of delivery Finished size and/or weight Federal RN# Federal Textile Information
MADE IN.....



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DOWN PRODUCTS

New labeling requirements for feather and down went into effect January 1st, 2001. Any product now labeled as “DOWN” must contain a minimum of 75% down and plumules. Manufacturers must disclose the minimum percentage of down in a product.

EXAMPLE:

<p>ALL NEW MATERIAL consisting of</p> <p>DOWN (MINIMUM 75% GOOSE DOWN) CONTENTS STERILIZED</p>
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Down products normally contain small amounts of other components. If these other components exceed the following MAXIMUMS, the percentages of each must be labeled.

- Down Fibermaximum 10%
- Feather Fibermaximum 10%
- Chopped, damaged & Crushed Feathers maximum 2%
- Landfowl Feathers maximum 2%
- Residue maximum 2%

Quill Feathers are not permitted.

DOWN AND FEATHER BLENDED PRODUCTS

Down and Feather blended products containing between 50% and 74% down and plumules require that the actual percentages of each component be labeled.

EXAMPLE:

<p>ALL NEW MATERIAL consisting of</p> <p>DOWN AND FEATHERS (60% DOWN 40% WATERFOWL FEATHERS)</p> <p>CONTENTS STERILIZED</p>
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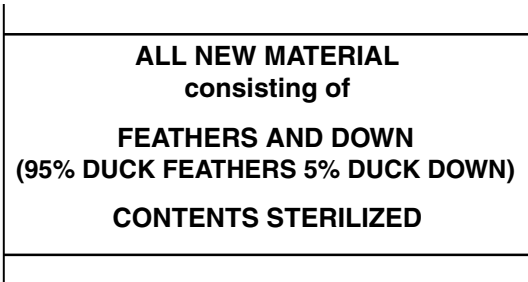
Down and Feather products normally contain small amounts of other components. If these other components exceed the following MAXIMUMS, the percentages of each must be labeled.

- Down Fibermaximum 10%
- Feather Fibermaximum 10%
- Chopped, damaged & Crushed Feathers maximum 7% of feather portion
- Landfowl Feathers maximum 5% of feather portion
- Residue maximum 2%

FEATHER AND DOWN PRODUCTS

Feather and Down blended products containing between 5% and 49% down and plumules require that the actual percentages of each component be labeled.

EXAMPLE:



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- Feather Fibermaximum 10%
- Chopped, damaged & Crushed Feathers maximum 7% of feather portion
- Landfowl Feathers maximum 5% of feather portion
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WATERFOWL PRODUCTS

The term "WATERFOWL FEATHERS" may be used to designate any industry plumage product containing a minimum of 80% waterfowl feathers and less than 5% down. (*The terms "DUCK FEATHERS" and "GOOSE FEATHERS" can also be used if they meet the 90% specie requirement.*) The remaining 20% may contain down, down fiber, feather fiber, chopped and damaged feathers, and non-waterfowl feathers.

EXAMPLE:



If other components exceed the following maximums, the percentages of each must be labeled.

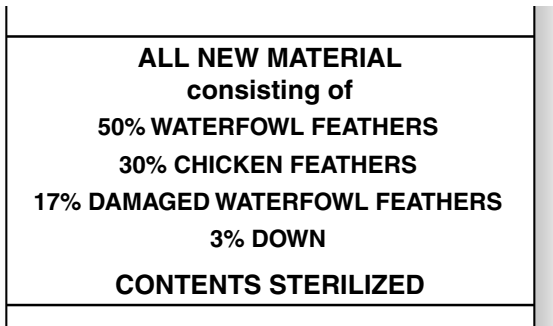
- Down Fiber maximum 10%
- Feather Fiber maximum 10%
- Chopped, damaged & Crushed Feathers maximum 7%
- Landfowl Feathers maximum 5%
- Residue maximum 2%

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OTHER PLUMAGE PRODUCTS

Plumage products which do not meet requirements for any of the above categories must be labeled accurately with each component listed separately.

EXAMPLE:



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OTHER NOTES TO CONSIDER

- **PERCENTAGE CLAIMS-** A plumage product should not be designated as “100% Down,” “All Down,” “Pure Down,” or by other similar terms unless it in fact, contains 100% down.
- **TOLERANCES-** No tolerance is allowed for the minimum percentage of down as stated in the above listed categories.
- **DESIGNATION OF SPECIES-** An plumage product may be labeled by the name of a designated waterfowl species if a minimum of 90% of the waterfowl plumage contained therein is of that species.
- **CLEANLINESS-** All plumage products must have an oxygen number of no greater than 10 as determined by the ABFLO/IDFB test for oxygen number.
- **ADULTERATION-** The maximum content for certain components listed above are not to be construed to permit intentional adulteration of plumage products.
- **TEST METHODS-** Testing shall be done according to test methods published by IDFB.

TERMS NOT ALLOWED ON LAW TAG LABELS

- **SYNTHETIC DOWN-** A new addition to the IABFLO list. This term is illegal in Europe. In addition, SYNTHETIC DOWN is not allowed on packaging or advertising.
- **CURLED FEATHERS-** The term has begun showing up on labels again.
- **FEATHERS-** The term is explicitly prohibited in Texas and in Canada. State officials in other states also will not accept just FEATHERS.

ACCEPTABLE TERMS: WATERFOWL FEATHERS, LANDFOWL FEATHERS, GOOSE FEATHERS, DUCK FEATHERS, CHICKEN FEATHERS

NOTE: It is acceptable to use the term FEATHER if a further description is part of the down and feather labeling.

Example: **GOOSE DOWN AND GOOSE FEATHERS**
(50% DOWN 50% FEATHERS)

GOOSE DOWN AND FEATHERS
(50% GOOSE DOWN 50% GOOSE FEATHERS)

DOWN AND FEATHERS
(50% DOWN 50% DUCK FEATHERS)

DUCK DOWN AND WATERFOWL FEATHERS
(50% DOWN 50% FEATHERS)



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USA DOWN AND FEATHER LABELING CHART

GENERAL LABEL (REQUIRED SUB-LABEL)	Minimum Required Down Cluster	Maximum Landfowl** Feathers*	Max** Damaged Feathers*	Maximum Residue*	Maximum Down Fiber*	Maximum Feather Fiber*
DOWN						
(MINIMUM 95% DOWN)	95%	2.0%	2.0%	2%	5%	5%
(MINIMUM 90% DOWN)	90	2.0	2.0	2	10	10
(MINIMUM 85% DOWN)	85	2.0	2.0	2	10	10
(MINIMUM 80% DOWN)	80	2.0	2.0	2	10	10
(MINIMUM 75% DOWN)	75	2.0	2.0	2	10	10
DOWN & WATERFOWL FEATHERS						
(DOWN 70%, FEATHERS 30%)	70	2.0	2.1	2	10	10
(DOWN 65%, FEATHERS 35%)	65	2.0	2.5	2	10	10
(DOWN 60%, FEATHERS 40%)	60	2.0	2.8	2	10	10
(DOWN 55%, FEATHERS 45%)	55	2.3	3.2	2	10	10
(DOWN 50%, FEATHERS 50%)	50	2.5	3.5	2	10	10
WATERFOWL FEATHERS & DOWN						
(FEATHERS 60%, DOWN 40%)	40	3.0	4.2	2	10	10
(FEATHERS 70%, DOWN 30%)	30	3.5	4.9	2	10	10
(FEATHERS 80%, DOWN 20%)	20	4.0	5.6	2	10	10
(FEATHERS 90%, DOWN 10%)	10	4.5	6.3	2	10	10
(FEATHERS 95%, DOWN 5%)	5	4.8	6.7	2	10	10
WATERFOWL FEATHERS	--	5.0	7.0	2	10	10

* If Components exceed listed Maximum, such component percentages must be clearly labeled.

** Damaged Feather allowance assumes the new stricter International IDFB damaged feather definition, which is 7% allowance of the feather portion. The current California Regulations inadvertently lists the maximum of 2% damaged feathers and a maximum of 2% landfowl for all blends, which creates a more rigid standard. Therefore, in many cases damaged and landfowl feathers will “technically” exceed the California limit. California is working on correcting the problem.