



Down & Waterfowl Feather Products Labelling (CANADA)

Source: **GUIDE TO THE LABELLING OF DOWN & FEATHERS**

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Other Documents: *Guide to the Labelling of Stuffed or Filled Textile Articles,*
Textile Labelling Act (TLA) & Textile Labelling and Advertising Regulations (TLAR)
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Commercial Down: Plumage that conforms to the following composition requirements:

- a) down and plumules..... 75% minimum
 - b) waterfowl feathers not more than 60 mm in length (& no quills)..... 25% maximum
 - c) waterfowl feather fibre and down fibre 20% maximum
 - d) residue (including landfowl feather and landfowl feather fibre) 5% maximum
- where the components referred to in paragraph (b) to (d) do not exceed 25% of the plumage.

The declaration "down" may not indicate by words or numbers "100%" and the following statement must appear:

"NOTE: This product contains an amount of feathers not exceeding that allowable by law"

Down & Waterfowl Feather Blends:

Label (Down %)	Minimum Down and Plumules	Maximum Residue (including Landfowl)	Maximum Waterfowl Feathers ≤ 60 mm	Maximum Waterfowl Feathers > 60 mm	Maximum Waterfowl Feathers Fibre and Down Fibre
95% / 5%	71.25%	5%	28.75%	5%	24%
90 / 10	67.5	5%	32.5	10%	28%
85 / 15	63.75	5%	36.25	15%	32%
80 / 20	60	5%	40	20%	36%
75 / 25	56.25	5%	43.75	25%	40%
70 / 30	52.5	5%	47.5	30%	44%
60 / 40	45	5%	55	40%	52%
50 / 50	37.5	5%	62.5	50%	60%
40 / 60	30	5%	70	60%	68%
30 / 70	22.5	5%	77.5	70%	76%
20 / 80	15	5%	85	80%	84%
Less than 20% Down (NOT Allowed – Must be labelled Waterfowl Feathers)					

Note: 'Quill waterfowl feathers' are not allowed in commercial down & waterfowl feather blends. If they are to be used, a full declaration must be made as to what they are, that they are not commercial plumage, that large quills are included.

Commercial Waterfowl Feather: Plumage that conforms to the following composition requirements:

- a) waterfowl feathers, waterfowl feather fibre, down and down fiber 95% minimum
- b) residue (including landfowl feather and landfowl feather fibre) 5% maximum
- c) quill waterfowl feathers not allowed 0% maximum

Bird of Origin (Species) Whenever bird of origin(duck, goose, landfowl) is stated the plumage must be at least 90% of the stated bird. For example, a product labelled "**goose down**" must contain at least 90% goose plumage.

Cleanliness Requirement (Quebec):..... Oxygen: Max 10

PROVINCIAL REQUIREMENTS: Ontario, Manitoba and Quebec previously regulated the labelling of stuffed or filled articles, but they don't anymore. Ontario repealed its *Upholstered and Stuffed Articles Regulation* on July 1, 2019, Manitoba repealed its *Bedding and Other Upholstered or Stuffed Articles Regulation* on January 1, 2020, and Quebec repealed its *Act Respecting Stuffing and Upholstered and Stuffed Articles (Chapter M-5)* on December 9, 2021. These changes do not affect the TLA or TLAR. Dealers must comply with federal labelling requirements as well as any other consumer product safety and protection laws.