



Down & Waterfowl Feather Products Labelling (CANADA)

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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 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	Minimum	Maximum	Maximum	Maximum	Maximum
(Down % Listed First)	Down and Plumules	Residue (incl Landfowl)	Waterfowl Feathers ≤ 60 mm	Waterfowl Feathers > 60 mm	Waterfowl Feather Fibre & 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)				

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

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

PROVINCIAL REQUIREMENTS

	Label Required	Minimum Blend	Minimum Actual Down by Weight
In addition to the Federal requirements stated above, additional label text is required in the Provinces of QUEBEC, MANITOBA & ONTARIO.	Down	Down	Minimum down 75.0%
	Down & Waterfowlfeathers....	51 / 49	Minimum down 38.25
	Waterfowl Feathers & Down..	20 / 80	Minimum down 15.0%
	Waterfowl Feathers.....	n / a	Less than 15% down