

**USA LABELING OF PRODUCTS with BLENDED FILLINGS**  
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Blended Filling Products are pillows, comforters, and featherbeds which have 2 different kinds of fillings blended together. An example is a down and polyester blended pillow.

The following is required labeling for such products on the Uniform Law Tag labels. Suggested packaging and advertising formats are also included to meet “Truth-in-Advertising” requirements of the FTC and/or individual state regulations.

**OVERALL FORMAT**

The Uniform Law Tag Label shall list the different types of fillings which are blended together in order of highest percentage by weight of the filling:

**BLENDING PRODUCTS where neither filling is plumage (down and feathers)**

The blended materials are listed in order of highest percentage by weight. For example if a filling contains 7 oz. of polyester and 3 oz. of cotton, the correct label is:

70% POLYESTER FIBER  
 30% COTTON FIBER

**For PLUMAGE (down and feathers) blended with other fillings**

The plumage part and the non-plumage part are listed in order of highest percentage by weight.

The % of the plumage part is described as follows:

- 75+% down cluster: DOWN
- 50-74 % down cluster: DOWN & FEATHERS
- 5-49 % down cluster: FEATHERS & DOWN
- < 5 % down cluster: WATERFOWL FEATHERS

After the above declaration, the % of down and/or feathers shall be further described. Also, the specie of the feathers or the term “WATERFOWL FEATHERS” must be used in the further description.

For example if a product contains 70% Polyester and 30% Waterfowl Feathers the label is:

<b>70% POLYESTER FIBER</b>	<b>(or)</b>	<b>POLYESTER FIBER..... 70%</b>
<b>30% WATERFOWL FEATHERS</b>		<b>WATERFOWL FEATHERS... 30%</b>

If the product contains 70% Polyester and 30% down and feathers ( 50% Down & 50% Feathers):

<b>70% POLYESTER FIBER</b>	<b>(or)</b>	<b>POLYESTER FIBER..... 70%</b>
<b>30% DOWN &amp; FEATHERS</b>		<b>DOWN &amp; FEATHERS ..... 30%</b>
<b>(50% DOWN / 50% WATERFOWL FEATHERS)</b>		<b>(50% DOWN / 50% WATERFOWL FEATHERS)</b>

If the product contains 70% Polyester and 30% down plumage where the down cluster is at least 75%:

<b>70% POLYESTER FIBER</b>	<b>(or)</b>	<b>POLYESTER FIBER..... 70%</b>
<b>30% DOWN</b>		<b>DOWN ..... 30%</b>
<b>(MINIMUM 75% DOWN)</b>		<b>(MINIMUM 75% DOWN)</b>

**EXAMPLES OF CORRECT LABELING**

Laboratory Test Results % by Weight	Correct Label listing percentage first.	Correct Label listed component first. (This is the preferred format)
70% Polyester 30% Goose Feathers	<b>70% POLYESTER FIBER</b> <b>30% GOOSE FEATHERS</b>	<b>POLYESTER FIBER ..... 70%</b> <b>GOOSE FEATHERS ..... 30%</b>

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20% Polyester 80% Duck Feathers	<b>80% DUCK FEATHERS</b> <b>20% POLYESTER FIBER</b>	DUCK FEATHERS ..... <b>80%</b> POLYESTER FIBER ..... <b>20%</b>
10oz Polyester 10oz.Foarm	<b>50% POLYESTER FIBER</b> <b>50% POLYURETHANE FOAM</b>	POLYESTER FIBER ..... <b>50%</b> POLYURETHANE FOAM ..... <b>50%</b>
60% Plumage consisting of 82% Down Cluster 18% Feathers, etc 40% Foam	<b>60% DOWN</b> <b>(MINIMUM 80% DOWN)</b> <b>40% POLYURETHANE FOAM</b>	DOWN ..... <b>60%</b> <b>(MINIMUM 80% DOWN)</b> POLYURETHANE FOAM..... <b>40%</b>
40% Plumage consisting of 75% Goose Down Cluster 25% Goose Feathers, etc. 60% Primaloft	<b>60% POLYESTER FIBER</b> <b>40% GOOSE DOWN</b> <b>(MINIMUM 75% DOWN)</b>	POLYESTER FIBER..... <b>60%</b> GOOSE DOWN ..... <b>40%</b> <b>(MINIMUM 75% DOWN)</b>
40% Plumage consisting of 50% Goose Down Cluster 50% Goose Feathers, etc. 60% Primaloft	<b>60% POLYESTER FIBER</b> <b>40% GOOSE DOWN &amp; FEATHERS</b> <b>(50% GOOSE DOWN / 50% GOOSE FEATHERS)</b>	POLYESTER FIBER..... <b>60%</b> GOOSE DOWN & FEATHERS..... <b>40%</b> <b>(50% GOOSE DOWN / 50% GOOSE FEATHERS )</b>
45% Plumage consisting of 90% Down Cluster 10% Waterfowl Feathers, etc. 55% Lyocell	<b>55% RAYON FIBER</b> <b>45% DOWN</b> <b>(MINIMUM 90% DOWN)</b>	RAYON FIBER ..... <b>55%</b> DOWN ..... <b>45%</b> <b>(MINIMUM 90% DOWN)</b>
40% Plumage consisting of 90% Waterfowl Feathers 10% Landfowl Feathers. 60% Polyester	<b>60% POLYESTER FIBER</b> <b>40% FEATHERS **</b> <b>(90% WATERFOWL FEATHERS /</b> <b>10% LANDFOWL FEATHERS)</b>  <b>** The term "FEATHERS" alone is not allowed unless it is further described on the law tag label.</b>	POLYESTER FIBER..... <b>60%</b> FEATHERS ..... <b>40%*</b> <b>(90% WATERFOWL FEATHERS /</b> <b>10% LANDFOWL FEATHERS)</b>  <b>** The term "FEATHERS" alone is not allowed unless it is further described on the law tag label.</b>

## POLYESTER TERMINOLOGY

### Polyester Fiber, Polyester Fiber Batting, and Polyester Fiber Pad

California requires additional descriptive nomenclature to be used in conjunction with definitions such as the terms "pad, batting and resinated". For example, if the polyester used is a batting then you would use the term "POLYESTER FIBER BATTING", if it is in the form of a pad then you would use "POLYESTER FIBER PAD". If the polyester is a loose fill then you would only use the term POLYESTER FIBER.

Pennsylvania however does not have the terms "batting" and "pad" in their allowed nomenclature. If you need to use these terms in order to comply with both states a variance form must be sent to the Department of Labor and Industry, Industrial Board, in Pennsylvania.

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**PACKAGING AND ADVERTISING**

**GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR BLENDED FILLING PRODUCTS**

1. Packaging and Advertising should convey to the consumer the actual contents of the product.
2. Packaging and Advertising should not conflict with the law tag label.
3. Packaging and Advertising should not confuse which part of the blend has more weight.

<b>LAW TAG LABEL</b>	<b>INCORRECT PACKAGING &amp; ADVERTISING</b>	<b>CORRECT PACKAGING &amp; ADVERTISING</b>
70% POLYESTER FIBER 30% GOOSE FEATHERS	Feather Pillow  Feather Plus Pillow	Poly/Feather Pillow  Polyester Plus Pillow (Filling of Polyester & Down)
70% DOWN PLUMAGE (MINIMUM 80% DOWN) 30% POLYESTER FIBER	Down Pillow  Down Plus Pillow	Down / Poly Pillow  Down Plus Pillow (Blended with Polyester)