

# Canadian Down & Feather Products Labeling Standard



**Source:** Guide to the Labeling of Down & Feather  
Government of Canada, March 2000

*Other Documents: Guide to the Labelling of Stuffed or Filled Textile Articles, Textile Labelling Act (TLA) & Textile Labelling and Advertising Regulations (TLAR) (updated JULY 2022)*  
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## Commercial Down

Plumage that conforms to the following composition requirements:

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| 1. down and plumules.....   | 75% minimum |
| 2. waterfowl feathers not more than 60 mm in length.....                | 25% maximum |
| 3. waterfowl feather fibre and down fibre.....                          | 20% maximum |
| 4. residue (including landfowl feather and landfowl feather fibre)..... | 5% maximum  |

where the components referred to in paragraph 2. to 4. 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"

## Commercial Waterfowl Feather

Plumage that conforms to the following composition requirements:

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| 1. waterfowl feathers, waterfowl feather fibre, down and down fiber..... | 95% minimum |
| 2. residue (including landfowl feather and landfowl feather fibre).....  | 5% maximum  |
| 3. quill waterfowl feathers not allowed.....                             | 0% maximum  |

## Down and Waterfowl 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%	67.50%	5%	32.50%	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%	52.50%	5%	47.50%	30%	44%
60% / 40%	45%	5%	55%	40%	52%
50% / 50%	37.50%	5%	62.50%	50%	60%
40% / 60%	30%	5%	70%	60%	68%
30% / 70%	22.50%	5%	77.50%	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.

## Bird of Origin (Species)

Whenever bird of origin 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