



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 (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.

PROVINCIAL REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the Federal requirements stated above, additional label text is required in the Provinces of **QUEBEC, MANITOBA & ONTARIO.**

Label Required	Minimum Blend	Minimum Actual Down by Weight
Down	Down	Minimum down 75.0%
Down & Waterfowl feathers....	51 / 49	Minimum down 38.25
Waterfowl Feathers & Down..	20 / 80	Minimum down 15.0%
Waterfowl Feathers.....	n / a	Less than 15% down

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