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DIN CERTCO

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Certification Scheme

Down- and/or feather filled bedding articles

according to

DIN EN 12934

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Foreword

DIN CERTCO was founded in 1972 by DIN the German Institute of Standardization e.g. for the awarding of DIN marks and offers the certification of products and persons, services and enterprises on the basis of the DIN Standards and similar specifications.

In order to proof our impartiality, independency and competence, we are voluntary accredited according to DIN EN ISO/IEC 17065. For the satisfaction and trust of our clients, we have furthermore a certified quality management system according to DIN EN ISO 9001.

Collection of feathers in accordance with the rules and the correct declaration of filling materials consisting of feathers and downs provide the basis required by Traumpass e. V. und DIN CERTCO for awarding the certification mark “TRAUMPASS – DIN-Geprüft”.

In conjunction with the General Terms and Conditions of DIN CERTCO, this certification scheme forms the basis for suppliers of down- and/or feather-filled “Class I, Class II and/or new” bedding articles to mark their products with the “TRAUMPASS - DIN-Geprüft” Certification Mark. In this way they document that their products fulfil all the requirements of the DIN EN 12934. They also document that the rules for tracing flows of goods have been complied with and are subject to regular controls.

The “TRAUMPASS - DIN-Geprüft” creates consumer confidence, in that an independent, neutral and competent body has carefully examined and assessed the product on the basis of the test criteria. Third-party monitoring, also during the on-going production process, further ensures that the quality of the product is maintained. In this way, the customer receives an added value, which he can take into consideration in deciding on his purchase.

Down- and/or feather filled “Class I, Class II and/or new” bedding articles shall receive the “TRAUMPASS - DIN-Geprüft” on meeting the requirements listed under section 3 according to the procedure described in this certification scheme. All certificate holders can be viewed on the daily up-dated homepage of DIN CERTCO (www.dincertco.de).

Start of validity

This certification scheme comes into effect on 2012-12-01. The proof of evidence of using class II with the requirements, written down in section 3, will be done by a new test report. That one has to be issued after the next sampling by mystery shopping. The next sampling has to be done within the next 6 months starting with the validity of the new certification scheme. The new Awarding of the certificate will be done after the conformity assessment. The fees are linked to the latest schedule of fees.

Amendments

This certification scheme differs from the certification scheme “Down- and/or feather filled bedding articles „Class I and/or new“ (2012-07) as follows:

- a) Inclusion of .Class II
- b) Editorial amendments

Previous Editions

- certification scheme “Down- and/or feather filled bedding articles „Class I and/or new“ (2012-07)
- certification scheme “Down- and/or feather filled bedding articles „Class I and/or new“ (2012-01)
- certification scheme “Down- and/or feather filled bedding articles „Class I and/or new“ (2011-07)
- certification scheme “Down- and/or feather filled bedding articles „Class I and/or new“ (2006-07)

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1 Scope

DIN CERTCO has worked with the former known Kontrollgemeinschaft Federn-Siegel e. V. now called Traumpass e. V. to develop a certification mark called “TRAUMPASS - DIN-Geprüft” for the labelling of down-filled and/or feather-filled bedding articles. It exclusively relates to waterfowl fillings in “Class I, Class II and/or new” in accordance with DIN EN 12934 in as far as they comply with the requirements for traceability. As a minimum, traceability must cover the preliminary stage and the downstream stage.

This certification scheme is applicable to processed feathers and down as the sole filling material and includes all of the requirements for awarding the “TRAUMPASS – DIN-Geprüft” Certification Mark.

The certification scheme presented here lays down the requirements for the product itself and the traceability of flows of goods as well as for the testing, monitoring and certification of same.

2 Test and Certification Specifications

The following referenced documents are the basis for testing and certification. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

DIN EN 12934 “Feathers and down – Composition labelling of processed feathers and down for use as a sole filling material”, hereinafter called Module 1

- this certification scheme
- the General Terms and Conditions of DIN CERTCO
- the respective schedule of fees of DIN CERTCO
- the Mark rules for “TRAUMPASS e. V.” feather sales
- the Special conditions in accordance with Section 5 of the Mark rules for the TRAUMPASS, collective mark, which relate to the labeling of down-filled and/or feather filled bedding articles in “Class I, Class II and/or new” in accordance with DIN EN 12934
- the Rules on penalty notices for the feather sales (TRAUMPASS e. V.)
- the Framework Conditions for traceability of flows of goods for the Traumpass e. V. (Hereinafter called framework conditions)
- the EDFA Traceability Standard
- the Code of conduct for the Traumpass e. V. (hereinafter called the code of conduct)

3 Product Requirements

In addition to the requirements of DIN EN 12934 Section 5, the requirements in respect of documentation for the traceability of flows of goods, defined in the framework conditions, must be satisfied.

In the following table are the elements and compositions listed for which the certification is valid.

Table 1 Components composition labelling

Fowl	Elements and composition (%)	Content of „other elements“ (%)
waterfowl	down ... % feather ... % or feather ... % down ... %	Up to a maximum of 10

If Class I is labelled, the maximum limit of 5 % in other elements has to comply with DIN EN 12934. Differing from the requirements of composition labelling in section 5 of DIN EN 12934 in Class II is the maximum of other elements defined as 10 %.

The label may report a classification. The percentages of the mass of the components shall state in decreasing order.

4 Testing

4.1 General Information

For the performance of the tests required as the basis for the assessment and certification of the products, DIN CERTCO avails itself of the test laboratories to which it has awarded recognition.

DIN CERTCO engages a recognised test laboratory to perform the necessary tests and inspections. The samples are examined in accordance with the requirements in the Standard. Inspections in accordance with the framework conditions are carried out to check the documentation of flows of goods.

Two different modules are evaluated for certification. Module 1 covers product inspection in accordance with DIN EN 12934. Module 2 deals with monitoring traceability of flows of goods in order to demonstrate that feathers and/or down have been collected in the proper way and that the fillings have been correctly declared.

4.2 Types of Test

4.2.1 Initial Test

The initial test contains in Module 1 the sampling of bedding articles in applicant 's stock or on the market. The technical tests are carried out in the recognised test laboratory.

The initial test contains in Module 2 the document testing by carrying out an inspection to trace back the flows of goods. All documents are mentioned in the Framework Conditions.

4.2.2 Verification Test (Control Test)

The verification test is conducted repeatedly at determined intervals and serves to ascertain whether the certified product corresponds to the type-tested product during the production phase.

The verification test is conducted for the Module 1 only.

The verification tests are at least 3 samplings of bedding articles in applicant's stock and technical tests in the recognised test laboratory within the validity of the certificate. Here at least one sample of bedding articles is taken per year.

4.2.3 Supplementary Test

A supplementary test shall take place when additions, extensions or modifications (see section 5.8) are made to the certified product, which may influence the product's conformity with the pertinent, fundamental requirements.

The type and scope of the supplementary test shall be laid down on a case by case basis by DIN CERTCO in conjunction with the testing laboratory.

4.2.4 Special Test

A Special Test is conducted when

- defects are detected
- the production has been suspended for a period of more than 6 months
- required by DIN CERTCO - reasons to be specified
- requested in writing by a third party if a particular interest in the maintenance of proper conduct of market procedures in relation to competition or quality is involved.

The type and scope of the special test shall be laid down in accordance with the specific, respective purpose on a case by case basis by DIN CERTCO in conjunction with the testing laboratory.

Should defects be detected in the course of the special test or because of the suspended production, the certificate holder shall bear the costs of the examination procedure.

Should the special test at the request of a third party reveal no defects, the costs shall be borne by said third party.

4.3 Sampling for product testing (Module 1)

The samples for the verification and supplementary Tests are standardally delivered by an anonymous purchaser. That way of sampling is called “Mystery Shopping” here.

Outlets used to make the purchases include specialist retailers, specialist departments in stores, Groups, discounters, cash & carry markets, department stores, furniture stores, textile retailers, mail order companies, bargain stores and outlet centres.

In cases where samples cannot be taken via the “Mystery Shopping” route because, say, it was not possible to purchase any bedding articles on the market, the samples can also be taken directly from the stock.

In these cases DIN CERTCO is entitled to take samples from the stock at the corresponding certificate holders. When taking samples, DIN CERTCO can also call on the services of agents such as the TRAUMPASS e. V.'s employees.

Permanent marking on a tag attached to the product, which is to be recorded in writing, must be attached to the selected bedding articles.

Once the samples have been purchased, they are to be dispatched to independent test laboratories identified by DIN CERTCO.

4.4 Test Procedure

4.4.1 Module 1

The tests of product requirements in accordance with Module 1 to make sure that the products meet the requirements are carried out in accordance with DIN EN 12131. A test report is produced for this testing.

4.4.2 Module 2

The document reviewing is conducted in accordance with the framework conditions by test laboratories or inspectors recognised by DIN CERTCO.

A further purpose of the inspection is to ascertain whether the conditions for continued conformity of the products comply with the requirements in accordance with section 3, if a renewal test is carried out. This is only applied to module 2.

An inspection report is produced for this inspection.

The applicant must be advised immediately if the results of the first inspection are not adequate. In this case, the certification body, the recognised testing laboratory, the Traumpass e. V. and, if applicable, the applicant must define the scope of the additional action required to satisfy all the requirements. If the applicant is not able to implement the measures required, the process is cancelled.

4.5 Test/Inspection Report

The testing laboratory shall inform the principal of the test and examination results in the form of a test report. The inspector shall inform the principal of the inspection and inspection results in the form of an inspection report. This must be submitted to DIN CERTCO respectively in the original.

As a rule, the test report/inspection report may not be older than 12 months on submitting the application. In individual cases, older test reports can be recognized if the testing laboratory provides written confirmation of the current validity of the information given in said test report.

The test report/inspection report must be in conformity with DIN EN ISO/IEC 17025, Section 5.10 and contain at least the following information.

- Name and address of the manufacturer
- Name and address of the applicant (if different from the manufacturer)
- Test basis with date of issue
- Registration number, after the whole certification process have been carried out
- Type of test (e.g. type-test, complementary examination, etc.)
- Dates and places of examination/inspection
- Schedule of the availability and currency of documentation described in Section 1 and Section 2 of the Framework Condition
- Evaluation of the conclusiveness of the traceability documentation
- Description of the willingness of the TRAUMPASS user to cooperate during the inspection
- Name and address of the supplier(s) (only necessary if no attestation of a tax accountant/auditor or another independent third party can be provided)

- Test/Inspection results summarised in one report and assessment with the company classified in the categories “passed”, “need for additional work” or “failed”.
- Name and signature of the person responsible for the examination

5 Certification

Certification in the sense of this certification scheme relates to the assessment of conformity of a product by DIN CERTCO on the basis of test reports submitted by testing laboratories recognized by DIN CERTCO. To this end, the products to be certified are examined and subsequently monitored in respect of conformity with the requirements laid down in section 3.

The right to use the Certification Mark “TRAUMPASS – DIN-Geprüft” will be granted by the issuing of the respective certificate.

5.1 Application for certification

The applicant markets down-filled and/or feather-filled bedding articles in the category listed above and primarily sells these to commercial resellers.

Both manufacturers according to § 4 of the Product Liability Act (ProdHaftG) and distributors who, with the written consent of the certificate holder, bring the products onto the market under their own responsibility in the sense of the Product Liability Act, may apply.

The applicant/Traumpass e. V. must submit the following documents to DIN CERTCO:

- Application for certification in the original complete with legally binding signature
- an up-to-date test report and inspection report according to section 4.5 concerning an Initial Examination (see section 4.2.1), in so far as the test was not commissioned by DIN CERTCO
- The signed current code of conduct

The applicant shall receive from DIN CERTCO, after receipt of the application, a confirmation of order with a process number and notes regarding the further course of the procedure and, as applicable, queries concerning any missing documents.

5.2 Conformity Assessment

On the basis of the documents submitted, DIN CERTCO conducts the conformity examination. To this end, in particular, an assessment is made with the aid of the inspection report as to whether the product meets the requirements of the Certification scheme and of the Standard.

The applicant and Traumpass e. V. shall receive written notification from DIN CERTCO in the event of any possible deviations.

5.3 The Certificate, the Right to Use the Mark and the duty of the certificate holder

After successful testing and conformity assessment of the submitted documents, DIN CERTCO issues a certificate to the applicant and awards the right to use the Certification Mark “TRAUMPASS – DIN-Geprüft” in conjunction with a corresponding registration number.

Down filled and/or feather filled “Class I, Class II and/or new” bedding articles, for which the right to use the “TRAUMPASS – DIN-Geprüft” has been awarded, must be marked with the respective certification mark “TRAUMPASS – DIN-Geprüft ” and the respective registration

number. It is only permitted to use the corresponding Certification Mark with the control numbers allocated in each case and the Certificate Mark must be affixed securely to the product.

Marks and registration number are only allowed to be used for products, which comply with the requirements of the certification scheme and the tested product.



Format of the Registration Number **8F000**
(Traceability of the certified product and the associated company)

The rules of the certification scheme but, in particular, the sanctions shall also apply if an item of bedding is inspected and a complaint made after the end of the contractual relationship but this item of bedding was marketed using the “TRAUMPASS – DIN-Geprüft” certification mark during the period when the certificate was valid.

In addition to this, the General Terms and Conditions of DIN CERTCO shall apply.

5.4 Publications

All certificate holders can be viewed on the daily up-dated homepage of DIN CERTCO (www.dincertco.de) under <Certificate Holders>. Manufacturers, users and consumers use this research possibility for obtaining information on certified products.

The contact details of the certificate holders (telephone, telefax, e-mail, homepage), are possible to view.

5.5 Validity of the Certificate

The certificate is valid for 2 years. The period of validity is shown on the certificate. On expiry of the certificate, the right to use the mark also expires.

5.6 Renewal of the Certificate

If the certification shall continue to apply beyond the date shown on the certificate, an up-to-date, positive test report/inspection report and an application for renewal must be submitted in good time to DIN CERTCO. On the basis of the documents submitted, DIN CERTCO conducts the conformity examination.

Proof of conformity with the requirements of the test and certification specifications according to section 3 shall be provided within the scope of a test type according to section 4.2.1.

5.7 Expiry of the Certificate

In the event that the new Standard conformity examination according to section 0 has not been completed before expiry of the validity period, the right to use the Certification Mark "Traumpass - DIN-Geprüft" and the registration number expires without the necessity for explicit notification from DIN CERTCO.

Furthermore, the certificate can also expire if:

- the surveillance according to section 6 is not performed punctually or completely,
- the Certification Mark "Traumpass - DIN-Geprüft" is misused by the certificate holder,
- the requirements laid down in the Certification scheme or its accompanying documents are not fulfilled,
- the certification fees are not paid on the due date
- the prerequisites for the issuing of the certificate are no longer fulfilled

5.8 Alterations/Amendments

5.8.1 Alterations/Amendments to the Product

The certificate holder is obliged to notify DIN CERTCO of all alterations to the product without delay. The testing laboratory in conjunction with DIN CERTCO shall decide on the scope of an examination that shall be conducted according to section 4.2.3 and whether it is a matter of a substantial alteration. The respective test report shall be forwarded to DIN CERTCO by the test laboratory.

Should the testing laboratory determine a substantial alteration, the certificate with the corresponding registration number shall expire. For the modified product, a new application for initial certification authorising the use of the Certification Mark "Traumpass - DIN-Geprüft" may be submitted.

The certificate holder remains obliged to notify of any changes in the formal details (e. g. name of company of the certificate holder or his address).

5.8.2 Alterations to the Basic Test Specifications

If the basic test specifications for the certification are modified, an application for the alteration of the certification shall be submitted within 6 months of receiving notification from DIN CERTCO and, as a rule, after 12 months, proof of conformity with the modified examination specifications shall be submitted in the form of a positive test report (see section 4.2.3).

5.9 Product Defects

In the event that a certified product on the market is found to be defective, the certificate holder shall be summoned in writing by DIN CERTCO to rectify the defects.

In conjunction with the Traumpass e. V., DIN CERTCO shall decide whether it is a serious or a minor defect.

In the case of defects having a direct or indirect effect on the hygienical safety or functionality of the product (serious defects), the manufacturer must ensure that, until the defects have been rectified, the products are no longer marked with the Certification Mark "Traumpass - DIN-Geprüft".

The defects must also be rectified without delay in installed products or products in storage. The manufacturer must submit proof to DIN CERTCO within 3 months, in the form of a test report on a special test in accordance with section 4.2.4, that the defects have been rectified and that the product in question again fulfils the stipulated requirements.

In the case of defects that have no influence on the hygienical safety or functionality of the product (minor defects), the manufacturer must submit suitable proof to DIN CERTCO within 3 months that the defects in the product in question have been rectified.

Should the manufacturer fail to observe these deadlines, he and the distributor of product will no longer be permitted to use the Certification Mark "Traumpass - DIN-Geprüft".

Should grounds for complaint continue to exist, DIN CERTCO shall initially suspend the certificate and at the same time issue a final deadline for the rectification of the defects. Should the certificate holder fail to meet this demand, or fail to meet it within the period of grace, or if it is again not possible to prove that the defects have been rectified, the certificate shall be annulled.

6 Surveillance

The constant surveillance of the certified product during the entire duration of the certification period is an integral component of the certification itself. On the basis of the documents submitted, DIN CERTCO conducts the conformity examination. The surveillance shall be performed at regular intervals.

6.1 Surveillance by DIN CERTCO (Module 1)

The monitoring inspection in accordance with Section 4.2.2 is designed by the Traumpass e. V. and Mystery Shopping so that, in total, a minimum of three test reports are submitted within the period of validity of two years and at least of one test report is produced within half of the period of validity.

DIN CERTCO arranges for the surveillance test to be carried out. The proof of a positive test report must be furnished within the deadline.

6.2 Self-Surveillance by the manufacturer (Module 2)

The manufacturer shall put suitable quality assurance actions in place to ensure that the product characteristics confirmed during certification still apply. This can be ensured by in-factory production control, focussing directly on the product or production, and, in addition to this, through actions within the context of a quality management system (QM system) in accordance with the series of Standards DIN EN ISO 9000 ff.

Appropriate records are to be presented at the request of DIN CERTCO or its representatives.