

Annex 1 to the DOWNPASS Standard 2017 Rev. 1 (hereinafter referred to as "DOWNPASS")

Discussed and resolved on the occasion of the ordinary meeting of members of the Traumpass e. V. on 7 May 2019 and of the ordinary meeting of members of the Downpass e. V. on 13 May 2019, newly discussed and resolved on the occasion of the meeting of members of the Traumpass e. V. on 13 May 2020 and the ordinary meeting of the Downpass e. V. on 26 May 2020

## **Conformity assessment of down and feathers which have not been audited according to the DOWNPASS /recognition of comparable audits**

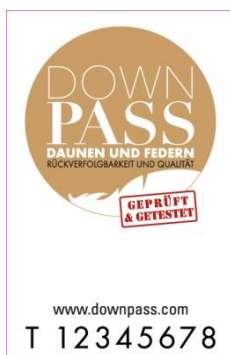
The DOWNPASS-Standard and its related Implementation Rules have been developed to contribute to reach the objectives of "animal welfare" and "consumer protection".

To this end, the supply chain for the fillings of ready-made articles filled with feathers and down is traced back to the rearing area of the waterfowl in order to monitor compliance with strict regulations for keeping waterfowl. For these waterfowl, for example, no gathering of feathers from live animals shall be practised, and no forced feeding for the production of foie gras is permitted.

Inspections shall also be carried out to ensure compliance with the quantitative composition of the filling material.

The inspections (traceability audits and quality inspections of the fillings) are carried out by means of on-site inspections in the DOWNPASS company and/or the suppliers).

Ready-made articles filled with down and feathers (e.g. bedding, garments), which are labelled with the seal:



are checked along the supply chain and also by mystery shopping at the POS.

In order to avoid double audits, existing chain of custody audits can be recognised, so that supplementary audits only need to be carried out at those links in the supply chain that have

not yet been included in the audit / certification. The same applies to quality checks for DOWNPASS fillings.

Audit reports of comparable traceability systems of down and feathers can also be recognised. The prerequisite for the recognition of supply chain audits as well as for the recognition of expert opinions for the verification of filling quality is that the systems proposed for recognition have been approved for recognition by the executive board and/or the meeting of members of the Traumpass e. V.

Companies who wish to use the recognition procedure shall provide the auditor with all required audit reports and/or test reports for inspection. The auditor shall carefully review all documents and decide whether these reports are sufficient to confirm compliance with the requirements of the DOWNPASS-Standard. If necessary, additional audits / supplementary audits and/or supplementary inspections of the filling quality must be carried out.

If necessary, the number of supplementary quality inspections that need to be carried out is calculated according to the formula:

**square root of the applicant's number of suppliers per year, but not less than 10%.**

Provided that the auditor has successfully completed all necessary tests and has approved the conformity of the filling material that was submitted for recognition, labelling the filling



with the seal:

is permissible.