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labelling of processed feathers and down  
for use as sole filling material**

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## European foreword

This document (EN 12934:2025) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 443 “Feather and down”, the secretariat of which is held by UNI.

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EN 12934:2025 includes the following significant technical changes with respect to EN 12934:1999:

- Scope has been updated;
- Normative references have been updated;
- Clause 3 has been improved with new definitions;
- The proportion of foreign matter has been increased from 0,5 % to 2 % (it was necessary because more and more recycled fillings would be coming onto the market in future, which would automatically contain a higher proportion of foreign matter);
- Clause 5 has been modified (removed 5.4 to 5.6);
- Table 1 has been modified;
- Clause 6 has been modified (text has been added and Table 2 has been modified);
- Table 4 has been modified;
- A new Clause 8 has been added and the following clauses have been renumbered;
- Bibliography has been updated.

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## Introduction

Before 1999, fillings of feather and down were covered by different, sometimes conflicting, standards in the various CEN countries. These national standards were replaced by EN 12934:1999, which provided uniform labelling of down and feather products in all CEN countries.

Because of changing market conditions, changing down and feather processing methods, and changing consumer and retailer demands, revisions to EN 12934 were necessary.

The revised EN 12934 meets the needs of these changes with the same goals as the original version of EN 12934, to provide unambiguous labelling in terms of:

- denominations of the components of plumage and of fowl species;
- information to be stated on product labels and in commercial documents within the supply chain with reference to plumage and plumage-filled finished products;
- composition testing results to identify the correct label disclosure, taking into account the relevant tolerance.

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## 1 Scope

This document establishes provisions for the labelling of the composition of the components of the plumage for use as fillings and of the fowl species from which such components are derived (waterfowl or landfowl).

It is applicable to finished feather and down materials used as fillings of manufactured articles at each stage in their commercial distribution.

This document is not applicable for fillings totally containing more than 2 % of foreign matter (see 3.4).

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 1883, *Feather and down — Sampling in view of tests*

EN 1885:2018, *Feather and down — Terms and definitions*

EN 12131:2018, *Feather and down — Test methods — Determination of the quantitative composition of feather and down (manual method)*

EN 12130, *Feather and down — Test methods — Determination of the fill power (massic volume)*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 1885:2018 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp/>

— IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

### 3.1

#### **down**

plumage inclusive of the undercoating of waterfowl, consisting of clusters of light, fluffy filaments growing from one scantily sketched down core but without any quill shaft or vane, nestling down and plumules

Note 1 to entry: Down might include portions of down fibre and/or feather fibre that adhere and cannot be removed from the above listed elements according to EN 12131 test method.

Note 2 to entry: See EN 1885.

### 3.2

#### **feather**

plumage inclusive of whole and fractured waterfowl feather

Note 1 to entry: See EN 1885:2018, 3.2.1.

Note 2 to entry: Feather might include portions of down fibre and/or feather fibre that adhere and cannot be removed from the above listed elements according to EN 12131:2018 test method.