

## WHAT IS A LARGE BEDDING ITEM CERTIFICATION STANDARD?

Large bedding items, for example comforters and mattress protectors, that are *certified asthma & allergy friendly™* are tested to the ASP-LGB-01: 06 Large Bedding Item Certification Standard.

The certification process utilizes an algorithm of proprietary and recognized scientific techniques to assess large bedding items for likely exposure to allergenic and irritant materials, both at the time of purchase and thereafter when in use. Product samples that pass certification testing are granted a certificate stating that the particular large bedding item meets the requirements for the **asthma & allergy friendly™** ASP-LGB-01: 06 Certification Standard.

Allergy Standards Ltd (ASL) subjects the large bedding item to both physical and chemical testing to ensure that the large bedding item does not have properties that are likely to irritate both asthma and allergy symptoms in susceptible people:

- (a) The outer encasing, an integral component of the large bedding item, must provide an effective barrier to the passage of allergen
- (b) Allergen accumulating on the outer surface of the large bedding item must be removable by the recommended eradication techniques at stipulated intervals
- (c) The large bedding item must have the ability to withstand the recommended eradication techniques at the indicated frequency
- (d) The outer fabric of the large bedding item must be 'breathable' in order to ensure user comfort
- (e) The large bedding item must not contain chemicals known to trigger allergenic or irritant responses when present above Certification levels.

If you require further information on this aspect of testing please contact:

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All certified **asthma & allergy friendly™** large bedding items carry a unique three digit certification code starting with: afc-LGB-\*\*\*

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Please note the certification algorithms developed by Allergy Standards Ltd are subject to patent protection.



The **asthma & allergy friendly™** Large Bedding Item Certification Standard ASP-LGB-01: 06 has been approved and adopted by The Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America.

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