

WHAT IS A FEATHER AND DOWN FILLED PILLOW

CERTIFICATION STANDARD?

Feather and down filled Pillows that are *certified* **asthma & allergy friendly™** are tested to the ASP:02:16 Feather and Down Filled Pillow Certification Standard.

The Certification Standard utilizes an algorithm of proprietary and recognized scientific techniques to assess pillows, and their natural fill, for likely exposure of the consumer 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 pillow meets the requirements for the **asthma & allergy friendly™** ASP:02:16 Certification Standard.

Allergy Standards Limited (ASL) subjects the pillow to both physical and chemical testing to ensure that the pillow, and its natural fill, does not have properties that are likely to irritate both asthma and allergy symptoms in susceptible people:

- a) The pillow must provide an effective barrier to the passage of both allergen and feather and down filling
- b) Allergen accumulating on the outer surface of the pillow must be removable by the recommended eradication techniques at stipulated intervals
- c) The pillow must have the ability to withstand the recommended eradication techniques at the indicated frequency
- d) The pillow must demonstrate physical stability for the retention of feather and down fill, as determined by the International Down and Feather Laboratory (IDFL) Method for down proof assessment (20-2).
- e) The fabric of the pillow must be 'breathable' in order to ensure user comfort
- f) The pillow must not contain chemicals known to trigger allergenic or irritant responses when present above Certification levels.
- g) Feather and down filling must not contain evidence of significant mite or serum protein contamination.
- h) Feather and down must not contain evidence of significant bacterial or fungal contamination.

All certified **asthma & allergy friendly™** feather and down filled pillows carry a unique certification code.

Certified **asthma & allergy friendly™** and the **asthma & allergy friendly™** symbol are certification marks and registered trademarks of Allergy Standards Limited.

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

The **asthma & allergy friendly™** Feather and Down Filled Pillow Certification Standard ASP:02:16 has been approved and adopted by The Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America.

