THE INDUSTRY CHALLENGE

The health and safety of consumers remains a priority for brands and retailers of leather products. There is indeed a growing demand for ensuring that no harmful substances are present in leather goods and that workers involved within the production of leather goods are protected from exposure to dangerous chemicals. Environmental campaigners are also pushing the industry towards a zero discharge of hazardous substances in the supply chain. To fulfil this demand, the leather industry, including tanners and manufacturers, are now looking for more sustainable solutions and processes.

Brands, manufacturers and retailers of leather products would benefit from taking a closer look at compliance and safety issues as early as possible in their supply chain, as opposed to solely relying on finished product testing.

THE SOLUTION

To answer the demand for a more sustainable leather supply chain, Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services have developed a partnership with the Italian leather specialist, Innovative Solutions Technology (IST), a company of ERRETRE Tannery Innovations. IST’s team of highly knowledgeable chemists and technicians, who have decades of experience in wet-end, tanning and leather finishing, has been developing innovative solutions for tanneries all around the world for many years. IST is located in Arzignano (VI), the main hub for leather production in Italy.

IST works on R&D technology projects and is particularly interested in how chemicals are used in production processes. Current IST’s projects include cooperation with the Institute for Creative Leather Technologies (University of Northampton, UK) and LASRA (New Zealand Research Centre), as well researches for tanneries and chemical suppliers to the leather industry. Another important activity of IST is the review of Restricted Substances List (RSL) and their application in tanneries around the world.
OUR VALUE PROPOSITION

OUR SERVICES

- Technical Consultancy on any issues related to leather production
- Problem-solving for issues related to the presence of harmful substances such as:
  - Chromium VI
  - Short Chained Chlorinated Paraffins (SCCP)
  - Azo Dyes etc.
- Solutions for the Traceability of Hides
- Tannery Audits

BENEFITS

- Reduce hazardous chemicals from the leather supply chain
- Comply with stringent chemical and environmental regulations
- Protect brand reputation
- Increase visibility of your supply chain
- Improve supply chain performance

WHY CHOOSE BUREAU VERITAS AS YOUR PARTNER?

- Partnered with leading sustainable brands and retailers for many years
- Focused on supply chain improvement and cost-efficiency
- Global network of laboratories
- Dedicated project team including program management

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