RESPONSIBLE LEATHER

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About **Responsible Leather**

**Responsible Leather** is a [Textile Exchange](https://www.textileexchange.org) initiative aimed at addressing the many issues found within the global leather supply chain.
About Textile Exchange

Textile Exchange (TE) is a global nonprofit organization that works closely with our members along the entire textile supply chain to minimize the adverse environmental and social effects that the $1.7 trillion textile industry creates.

VISION
We envision a global textile industry that protects and restores the environment and enhances lives.

MISSION
Textile Exchange inspires and equips people to accelerate sustainable practices in the textile value chain. We focus on minimizing the harmful impacts of the global textile industry and maximizing its positive effects.
Meeting Agenda

1. Introduction & Welcome
2. Website Launch
3. Updates
4. News & Information
5. Issues & Discussion
6. Closing & Action Items
Introduction & Welcome

TE Team
- Alexandre Boursier
- Stefanie Pokorski
- Hanna Denes
- Anne Gillespie

Participants
- 70+ organizations & 140+ individuals
Now, a few formalities...
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Meeting Notes & Recording

- GoToWebinar will automatically send a recording to all registrants.
- We will email you with meeting notes and the recording **within 2-3 days**.
- Recording and meeting notes will be uploaded to [responsibleleather.org](http://responsibleleather.org), also within 2-3 days.
Go To Webinar Control Panel

- You can use the **Raise hand** button to signal that you have a question, want to make a comment, or require assistance.

- Alternatively, if you have a question, type it in the **question pane** and click **Send**. We will do our best to answer as timely as possible.
OK, let’s continue!
Website Launch: ResponsibleLeather.org

International Working Group
- Who wants to be listed on the site? We need your permission!

Contact Us
- We have a new email address where you can get in touch with all of us at once: responsibleleather@textileexchange.org
- Check the site for regular updates!
Updates: Anne at leather events in Hong Kong

Asia Pacific Leather Fair
- Absorbed the overwhelming size of the leather industry, and made a few good contacts
- The leather companies all emphasized how hard traceability would be, but contacts may help us find a realistic solution!

BLC: Sustainability in the Leather Supply Chain
- Good presentations on the use of DNA technology for traceability, the management of chemicals, foot-printing and a supply chain panel discussion
Updates: From you!

If you have any updates to share, please make a note in the chat box or raise your hand to be unmuted.
News & Information

- PETA campaign against H&M
- H&M Press Release
- Illegal slaughterhouses in India are being shut down
- Princeton study of the SAN Leather Standard in Brazil
- Campaigns
- Others – your chance to speak about news and other information
Urge H&M to Stop Selling Animal Skins

H&M claims that no animal should ever suffer in the name of fashion. Yet the company sells leather, which often comes from cows who endure confinement, extreme crowding, disease, and the deprivation of food and water. Branding, tail-docking, dehorning, and castration are all commonly performed without painkillers, and animals are transported hundreds of miles to feedlots and slaughterhouses where many are skinned while still conscious.

PETA’s most recent leather investigation revealed that JBS S.A., the world’s largest leather processor, brands calves on the face and electroshocks and beats gentle cows and bulls before turning them into leather goods.
H&M JOINS TEXTILE EXCHANGE’S GLOBAL INITIATIVE TO DEVELOP JOINT SOLUTIONS AND GLOBAL STANDARD AND CERTIFICATION FOR RESPONSIBLE LEATHER

by EPR RETAIL NEWS EDITORS
This Is How The Slaughterhouse Ban In Uttar Pradesh Will Cripple Revenue, Cost Millions Of Jobs

SHWETA SENGAR | MARCH 29, 2017

The closure of slaughterhouses in Uttar Pradesh could leave millions of people jobless, affect allied industries and an important revenue stream for small farmers.

In a report by India Spend, the drive against slaughterhouses could impact important industries in UP.
5 Issues & Discussion

- Food for Thought
  - Our Tasks & Timeline
  - Terms of Reference
  - Questions to Consider

- Stakeholders: How to Organize & Keep Engaged
  - Diverse Supply Chain Representation
  - Focused “Task Groups”
  - Strategic/Steering Committee

- Funding
Food for Thought: Tasks & Timeline

2017 Work Plan

Seed Funding
Initial Working Group
Identify Existing Initiatives
Invite Additional Stakeholders
Review Issues
Determine Decision-Making Strategy
Choose Scopes
Identify Solution Frameworks
Food for Thought: Elaborating our ToRs

- Clear objectives for the standard
- Justification of the need for the standard
- Proposed scope
- Existing standards addressing similar materials or issues
- An assessment of risks and how to mitigate them
Food for Thought: Questions to Consider

Open discussion: Clear objectives for the standard
Justification of the need for the standard
We are once again very brand-heavy (a good thing for now), but would like to get much better representation from the rest of the supply chain, so if any of you have contacts you can introduce us to, please do so!

- Introduce by email or send us contact info at responsibleleather@textileexchange.org so we can add them to our list
Stakeholders: Focused Task Groups

- Specific issue focuses
- Time-limited
- Opportunity to contribute or simply learn
Stakeholders: Suggested Topics for Task Groups

- Animal Welfare
- Land Management
- Greenhouse Gases
- Worker Welfare & Slavery
- Traceability
## Stakeholders: Strategic/Steering Committee

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Total Members: 19
Stakeholders: Funding

We need your help to keep up this momentum!

- Please let us know if you can provide some support, even if it is just a small amount

- A huge thank you to those who have already given us funding – that is what is allowing us to move forward right now

- If interested, please send an email to responsibleleather@textileexchange.org
Closing & Action Items

- Survey
- Permission to have your name posted on the website
- Stakeholder suggestions
- Sign up for task groups (or suggest people to invite)
- Let us know if you can give us some funding support
That’s all, folks!
Thank you for joining!