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Agenda

1. Introduction and a review of where we are at
2. News & Updates
3. Peter Hughes, Sustainability Lead at BLC
   Gemma Tovey, Sustainability Analyst at BLC
4. What’s Next
Introduction and Review
Textile Exchange - Our Vision, Mission, & Goals

**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.

**GOALS**
1. Embed sustainability into evolving business and supply chain strategies.
2. Make it easier for companies to adapt to changing opportunities and requirements in textile sustainability.
3. Ensure that actions taken toward sustainability result in real and meaningful change.
Our 20 team members and ambassadors are spread across 11 countries around the globe.

- Peru
- Benin
- Spain
- UK
- Canada
- USA
- Headquarters
- China
- India
- Malaysia
- Turkey
- Australia
Our membership network extends across 25+ countries
Textile Exchange Standards
Responsible Leather is a Textile Exchange initiative aimed at addressing the many issues found within the global leather supply chain.
Responsible Leather Roundtable

**Industry change work**
- Sharing of information
- Alignment of actions towards shared targets
- Coordinated action with other initiatives
- Pilot programs
- Financial models

**Common voice for the full leather industry supply chain**
- Platform for engagement with other groups
- Engagement on governance issues
- Position statements

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**Industry change work**

**Development of Assessment Tool**
- Determine priority issues
- Determine solution model
- Create a benchmark assessment system
- Choose traceability systems

**Development of Assessment Tool**
- Develop verification and benchmark assessment criteria
- Develop solution model
- Piloting

**Implementation of Assessment Tool**
- Oversight and administration
- Training
- Marketing and outreach
- Benchmarking assessments
- Work towards revision
- Data collection and analysis

**Implementation of Assessment Tool**

**1 year**
- Development of Assessment Tool

**1-2 years**
- Development of Assessment Tool

**Ongoing**
- Implementation of Assessment Tool
Theory of Change

- Responsible Leather Roundtable
- Responsible Leather Assessment Tool
- Data, recognition, reduced risk
- "Safe" supply
- Demand
- Engagement

BRANDS

INDUSTRY

Best Practices
Overlapping Stakeholders

Professional Groups (Across the Supply Chain)
- Standards Bodies
- Consultancies
- Industry Associations

Special Interest Groups & Civil Society
- Animal Welfare groups
- Environmental groups
- Social/Human Rights groups

= livestock transport point
GRSB

Optional LWG animal welfare risk assessment model

CFA

SAN

Global Animal Partnership

Italy - ICEC, Brazil - CSCB

LWG

WWF

Tannery of the Future

Solidaridad

Textile Exchange

* These are examples only; work will be done to create a fuller set of references.

Responsible Leather Roundtable
Responsible Leather Roundtable - Our Vision, Mission, & Goals (draft)

**VISION**
We envision a world in which all aspects of the leather value chain are environmentally and socially responsible, promotes animal welfare, and is economically viable.

**MISSION**
Ensure responsibility and continuous improvement in the global leather value chain through leadership, science, and inclusive multi-stakeholder engagement and collaboration.

**GOALS**
1. A platform for stakeholders in the leather industry to engage with each other, share information, and identify common challenges and opportunities.
2. A common voice that represents the interests of the leather value chain.
3. A structure for interacting with other organizations and government bodies.
4. A forum to agree on priority issues and desired solutions to advance our mission and vision.
Assessment Tool

Our goal is to create a system that will allow different stakeholders to align their activities in order to achieve meaningful impact.

- Create a common language and understanding of the issues
- Set shared expectations and commitments
- Identify existing tools and the gaps that need to be filled
- Develop a system to align the use of existing or new tools
### Assessment Tool Framework: Concept

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- We will work in the Task Groups to determine which scopes to cover in the first version of the tool.
- We will then map existing initiatives, and identify any gaps to be filled.
- Our next step will be to determine how to integrate the initiatives into the tool so that there is clarity on what has been assessed, and the claims that can be made.
Assessment Tool Framework

- In the first version, we will focus on addressing priority issues (to be determined through the task group process)

- As much as possible, we will strive to reference existing programs, standards and tools and tie in with globally recognized targets

- We will provide mechanisms for brands to link their leather sourcing to ‘responsible’ sources

- There will need to be a thorough process to develop clear language for product or sourcing claims, and to ensure a thorough understand of stakeholders from inside and outside the value chain.
We will use the ISEAL Credibility Principles in the development of the assessment tool.

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<td>Standards scheme owners clearly define and communicate their sustainability objectives and approach to achieving them. They make decisions that best advance these objectives.</td>
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<td>Standards scheme owners seek to understand their impacts and measure and demonstrate progress towards their intended outcomes. They regularly integrate learning and encourage innovation to increase benefits to people and the environment.</td>
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<td>Standards are fit for purpose. They address the most significant sustainability impacts of a product, process, business or service; only include requirements that contribute to their objectives; reflect best scientific understanding and relevant international norms; and are adapted where necessary to local conditions.</td>
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<td>All components of a standards system are structured to deliver quality outcomes. In particular, standards are set at a performance level that results in measurable progress towards the scheme's sustainability objectives, while assessments of compliance provide an accurate picture of whether an entity meets the standard's requirements.</td>
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<td>Standards-setters engage a balanced and representative group of stakeholders in standards development. Standards systems provide meaningful and accessible opportunities to participate in governance, assurance and monitoring and evaluation. They empower stakeholders with fair mechanisms to resolve complaints.</td>
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<td>Standards systems identify and mitigate conflicts of interest throughout their operations, particularly in the assurance process and in governance. Transparency, accessibility and balanced representation contribute to impartiality.</td>
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<td>Standards systems make relevant information freely available about the development and content of the standard, how the system is governed, who is evaluated and under what process, impact information and the various ways in which stakeholders can engage.</td>
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<td>To reduce barriers to implementation, standards systems minimise costs and overly burdensome requirements. They facilitate access to information about meeting the standard, training, and financial resources to build capacity throughout supply chains and for actors within the standards system.</td>
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<td><strong>Truthfulness</strong></td>
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<td>Claims and communications made by actors within standards systems and by certified entities about the benefits or impacts that derive from the system or from the purchase or use of a certified product or service are verifiable, not misleading, and enable an informed choice.</td>
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<td><strong>Efficiency</strong></td>
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<td>Standards systems refer to or collaborate with other credible schemes to improve consistency and efficiency in standards content and operating practices. They improve their viability through the application of sound revenue models and organisational management strategies.</td>
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News & Updates
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• Website: Our current work is now posted on the home page, giving greater transparency to what we are doing, and an easy way to give input.

• GRSB: The new constituency has been created, and we are welcome to join as a member, with the potential to take on a Board seat as well. Their reporting framework has now been approved and about to be piloted.

• “Cow Laundering” is getting increased attention.

• We are looking at the week of October 9th in Kilkenny, Ireland (to align with the GRSB meeting) for a full Responsible Leather Event

• We have decided on the name “Responsible Leather Roundtable”
Fundraising Dashboard

2018 Goal: $250,000

February 26, 2018: $5,000

March 29, 2018: $46,600

April 9, 2018: $51,600

Amount Still Needed to Meet Our Goal: $198,400
Stakeholder Updates: Your Turn!
Leather Working Group (LWG)

• Multi-stakeholder group with an objective to develop and maintain a protocol that assesses the environment compliance and performance capabilities of leather manufacturers and promotes sustainable and appropriate environmental business practices within the leather industry.
• To promote sustainable and appropriate environmental business practices within the leather supply chain.
• Approximately 500 members in total.
• LWG covers 15% of the world finished leather production (excluding pigs).
Animal Welfare Sub-Group (AWG)

- Self-funded group with 21 members
- The principal objective of the AWG is to provide education and information to its members on the salient aspects of livestock and animal welfare within the leather value chain
Context

• Members of the AWG have expressed interest in dialogue with TE
• It has been agreed within the group to share some of our key findings

Information Share

• Scale
• Livestock Holdings
• Traceability
• Location of Risk
Understanding the Scale

Livestock Populations (billions)

- Bovine: 1.7
- Sheep: 1
- Goat: 1.2
- Pig: 1

World Total: 4.9 Billion

Location of Global Livestock

- Bovine: 1.3
- Sheep: 0.9
- Goat: 0.95
- Pig: 0.65

Total Global Livestock:
- Developed World: 1.1 Billion
- Developing World: 3.8 Billion
- World Total: 4.9 Billion

Global Livestock Slaughter

- Industrial: 63%
- Non Industrial: 37%
Livestock Holdings

**Total Estimated Livestock Holdings:**

- **Developed World:** 18.8 million
- **Developing World:** 380 million
- **World Total:** 398.8 million
Traceability to slaughterhouse and Direct Farm theoretically possible
Traceability to birthing farm theoretically possible
Percentage Location of Animal Welfare Risk

- Bovine: 21.0% Low Risk Country, 79% High Risk Country
- Sheep and Goat: 9.3% Low Risk Country, 90.7% High Risk Country
- Pigskin: 27.5% Low Risk Country, 73.5% High Risk Country
Questions?
Discussion
## Scopes Prioritization - Decision Factors

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<td>Cost</td>
<td>What will be the cost (time and $) to implement</td>
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<td>Urgency</td>
<td>Is immediate action needed to address the issues</td>
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<td>Low hanging fruit</td>
<td>Are there things we can do quickly and easily to create momentum?</td>
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<td>Outside Influence</td>
<td>What are the expected actions of ‘external’ stakeholders? Eg: investors, special interest and activist groups, media focus</td>
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<td>Leverage</td>
<td>Can we leverage the work of existing initiatives to have a bigger scale impact quickly?</td>
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<td>Are there any risks to addressing or not addressing the issue?</td>
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<td>Impact</td>
<td>What is the potential impact? What is the total number of sites and/or volume of materials that could be addressed?</td>
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<td>Need</td>
<td>Is this an issue that is not being addressed, or are there other effective solutions that are being used?</td>
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<td>What can we actually achieve?</td>
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Traceability difficult and expensive: leather is little to no value to the value chain members.
Certificates are registered onto the trading platform by farms and slaughterhouses. Brands and retailers can purchase the certificates and make claims.
The certificates could also be sold to the first stage of tanning, then the chain of custody standard would be applied to the rest of the value chain.
April

Goals

- Finalize details of Roundtable: goals, structure
- Agreement on the initial scopes for a verification tool and Roundtable work streams
- Agreement on traceability system(s) to use

Task Groups

Scopes Prioritization

Traceability Options

Call 4: April 9

- LWG will present on animal welfare issues around the globe

Call 5: April 24
(to be confirmed)
Thank you!

Questions?

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