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Meeting Notes & Recording

• We will send a follow-up email with meeting materials.
• Meeting materials will also be uploaded to ResponsibleLeather.org.
Meeting Agenda

- GDPR and hearing from us (opt-in!)
- Industry updates
- RLRT sectors, voting, and Charter
- Upcoming meetings
  - RLRT-GRSB event in Ireland / launch Task Group / RLRT @ TE Milan
  - RLRT and IWG meetings
- RLA IWG Structure
- Summary of Brand Question feedback
- Upcoming RLRT & RLA IWG work
Opt-in to stay on our Distribution List!

If you do not opt-in through the linked web form, we will no longer be able to send communications to you regarding the RLRT, so please be sure to fill it in.

http://textileexchange.org/confirm-subscription-to-textile-exchange/
Industry Updates

• BLC bought by Belgium-based company Brazil leather certification program gaining interest with brands
• ILM Automotive Leather Supply Chain conference – June 4 – Drive Sustainability
• Report on SAC Meeting
Mandate & Structure
Task Group
## RLRT Sectors & Voting Allocation

### Mandate & Structure

**Task Group**

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<td>Companies and associations who bring leather products to consumers.</td>
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<td>Farmers, organizations and associations who are actively engaged in the ownership and management of live cattle.</td>
<td>Academic institutions, non-governmental organizations, non-commercial institutions, foundations, and associations with a stake in the cattle and leather value chains.</td>
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| **Sub-Sectors**         | • Fashion: Footwear, Apparel, Accessories  
                          • Furnishings: Home, Retail  
                          • Transport: Automotive, etc.  
                          • Tier 1: Manufacturing of finished products  
                          • Tier 2: Leather Manufacturing (tanning)  
                          • Tier 3: Meatpackers & hide processing plants  
                          • Input Suppliers (chemicals, machinery, financial)  
                          • Farmers or Ranchers  
                          • Feedlot owners  
                          • Animal Welfare  
                          • Social  
                          • Environmental |  |  |  |  |
| **Voting Allocation**   | **25%**                                                                           | **25%**                                                                      | **25%**                                                                  | **25%**                                                                                           | No Vote                                                                                   |
RLRT Charter | Mandate & Structure

Task Group

- First draft reviewed by Task Group
- Includes information regarding the Responsible Leather Assessment tool
  International Working Group (RLA IWG)
- Will send to stakeholders for signing when completed
- The Charter will be finalized by June 8th and sent out for signing
- Let us know if you’d like to review the draft and give comments/feedback
Potential Task Group | Leather Impacts Task Group

- There have been discussions about the scoring assigned to leather in the Materials Scoring Index (MSI) for Higg, as well as the allocation for leather in Product Environmental Footprinting for the EU (PEFCR).

- Email us at ResponsibleLeather@TextileExchange.org to express your interest in leading or engaging in a task group on these topics.
Upcoming Meetings
**Kilkenny, Ireland**
October 11\(^{th}\) & 12\(^{th}\)

Global Conference on Sustainable Beef  
October 9-12

**RLRT Global Meeting & Conference**  
October 11-12

**Joint meetings include:**  
GRSB-RLRT plenary session during GRSB Conference | Beef-Leather Leaders Panel | Networking opportunities

**RSVP Poll**
New Task Group | Kilkenny Agenda Task Group

- Looking for interested RLRT members to join Kilkenny Agenda Task Group
- Task Group will be responsible for developing the agenda for the RLRT meeting in Ireland (October 12th)
- Email us at ResponsibleLeather@TextileExchange.org to express your interest in joining
Responsible Leather Round Table Meeting October 22\textsuperscript{nd}

- Information and updates for existing and new stakeholders
Responsible Leather Round Table Meetings

- Last Tuesday of every month
- 10:00 – 11:30 AM EST / 4:00 – 5:30 PM CET
- Updates on general issues
- Discuss topics of interest
- Updates on RLA development progress
- Identify work streams needed and initiate task groups

Register for all scheduled RLRT meetings through the link: https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1038770598322402306
Responsible Leather Assessment International Working Group | RLA Meetings

• Commencing Tuesday, June 14
• Full Group calls 2nd Tuesday of every month
• 10:00 –11:30 AM EST / 4:00 – 5:30 PM CET
• Discuss direction of RLA development and key issues to address
• Review progress of IWG Task Group work
• Notes & slides are shared publicly, not recordings
• Task groups will meet separately

Register for all scheduled RLA IWG meetings through the link: https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7318842366598657025
RLA IWG
Structure
RLA IWG Structure

**Steering Committee**
- must attend minimum 50% of IWG meetings; smaller group of RLRT members; balanced sector representation; guide direction of RLA development; strive for consensus

**Advisory Group**
- no minimum participation; open to all RLRT members; welcome to join Task Groups

**Task Groups**
- Animal Welfare
- Land Use Change
- Tool Design
RLA IWG Structure
Responsible Leather Assessment International Working Group

- Participation in the IWG is open to all RLRT members
- The IWG is made up of the Steering Committee and the Advisory Group, with Task Groups that meet outside regularly scheduled calls

**Steering Committee** members are required to make a minimum commitment of attending 50% of IWG meetings

**Advisory Group** members comprise the rest of participants in the IWG, with no minimum commitment needed

**Task Groups** focus on specific issues relevant to the development of the RLA tool and set their own schedule
Animal Welfare Task Group | RLA

• Email us at ResponsibleLeather@TextileExchange.org to express your interest in joining this task group
Animal Welfare Task Group – Rolling Agenda

First call: Wednesday, June 13th 9:30 – 11:00

1. Set goals for animal welfare: minimum threshold to meet in v1
   a) Determine the core issues to be addressed
   b) Determine the level of practices required
   c) Determine the level of verification needed
2. Identify references for a/w baseline requirements (other standards, tools)
3. Discuss which framework for the RLA will best support a/w (to feed into framework TG)
4. Discuss the potential effectiveness of different traceability options (to feed into traceability TG)
5. Determine baseline a/w expectations at farm: specific on issues, practices, verification
6. Determine baseline a/w expectations for transport: specific on issues, practices, verification
7. Determine baseline a/w expectations at slaughter: specific on issues, practices, verification
Best Practice Framework for Animal Welfare Certification Schemes

(Trends in Food Science & Technology 37 (2014) 127–136)

- *Required reading for Animal Welfare Task Group Members
- Recommended reading for IWG members
- Key points have been highlighted
RLA Brand
Questions
RLA Brand Questions Summary

• Majority have corporate policies/statements/targets for most areas of sustainability issues; few have anything specific to leather sourcing.
• About 50% have been targeting by activists/media with regard to animal welfare, chemicals, social, or environmental impacts.
• Brands varied from low to high when considering the importance of sourcing responsible leather to their company.
• Animal welfare, traceability, and tannery impacts were the most critical issues companies wanted to address through the RLA tool.
• Land Use Change is critical to some of the biggest players (including investor groups)
• Most companies would like to include a claim within their corporate communications about responsible leather, but few want to label on-product.
• Approx. 50% of brands want traceability to farms, 50% want to slaughter.
• Approx. 75% are currently sourcing LWG certified leather.
• Approx. 50% understand the “Book & Claim” system, about 1/3 feel it would work for leather.
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June 12: RLA IWG Meeting
June 13: A/W TG Meeting
9:30-11:00 AM EST
June 19: Land Use TG Meeting
June 26: RLRT Meeting

July 10: RLA IWG Meeting
July 31: RLRT Meeting
Task Group Meetings: TBD

August 14: RLA IWG Meeting
August 28: RLRT Meeting
Task Group Meetings: TBD

Sept 11: RLA IWG Meeting
Sept 25: RLRT Meeting
Task Group Meetings: TBD

= RLRT meeting
= RLA IWG meeting
= Task Group meeting
Thank you!

Questions?

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