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Meeting Notes

We will send a follow-up email with meeting materials.

Meeting notes, recording and slides will be uploaded to ResponsibleLeather.org.
Agenda

1. Introductions
2. RLRT Charter
3. Ireland Meeting – agenda and speakers update
4. Animal Welfare thoughts
5. Tannery updates
6. Offline work updates
Introductions
RLRT Charter

- Must sign to participate in all work under the RLRT including RLA IWG and Task Groups
- Page 4 refers to the RLA IWG
- RLRT Charter is attached as a “Hand Out” in GoToWebinar
Ireland Meeting

- Thursday Oct 11 – Friday Oct 12
- Registration is open!

Register Now!

http://www.eiseverywhere.com/rlrt-globalforum
**THURSDAY (time TBD: between 3 to 5 pm)**  

**Leather & Beef: Adding Skin to the Game**  
Farmers, did you ever wonder about what happens to those colorful skins that your fine beasts were wearing? Beef people, what do you know about the skins that leave the slaughterhouse? Leather people, have you given much thought to the animals that produced those hides that have become our footwear, fashion and furniture? From farm to food to fashion, we are all connected, and combined we the ability to drive recognition and understanding of best practices throughout our industries. Two organizations, GRSB and Responsible Leather, are working to make this happen. Learn about the work that each is doing, and about how together we can make a powerful impact.

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<th>Opening and Welcome</th>
<th>This will be the official start of the Global Forum on Responsible Leather. Anne Gillespie of Textile Exchange will give a brief overview of the Responsible Leather Initiative, and explain the goals for the day. TBD will provide the greater context of the beef and leather industries, and the opportunities we can realize through collaboration.</th>
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| Presenters: | • Anne Gillespie, Textile Exchange  
• Gert van der Bijl, Solidaridad and Board Member of GRSB | |

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<th>9:30 – 10:30</th>
<th>Why Act Now?</th>
<th>There are an amazing number of reasons to work together to develop a comprehensive approach to the multiple issues along the leather value chain. By understanding the full picture, and connecting it with other global efforts, we can come up with solutions that will deliver meaningful change and stronger business for all.</th>
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| Presenters: | • (10 min) Maria Theresa Pisani, Economic Cooperation and Trade Division, United Nations  
• The SDGs are catalyzing governments and industries to work together in exciting new ways. Maria will share the global perspective of the UN, and help us understand the global impact we can have by working collaboratively towards high-level goals.  
• (10 min) TBD A look at the increasing relevance of animal welfare, the rising focus on animal stewardship and the consumer pressure towards veganism and leather substitutes.  
• (10 min) TBD While many benefit from being employed in the leather industry, there are some serious human rights violations that occur in some areas. Learn about where the risk lies for the most critical issues, and how we can address them by working together.  
• (10 min) Ian McConnel, WWF: Ian will give us an informed view on the impacts of farming and tanning on the environmental health of the planet, and the opportunities to deliver positive change.  
• (10 min) Sarah McCracken, Ceres: Investors are paying attention, and they have the power to drive change! Sarah will tell us about the business risks that companies face by not addressing key issues in their supply chains, why investors care, and how they are using their influence. |
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<td><strong>Land Use Change Impacts of Farming</strong>&lt;br&gt;&lt;strong&gt;Presentation:&lt;/strong&gt; Simon Hall, of National Wildlife Federation (NWF) will explore the impact of good management practices in cattle ranching tied to reducing GHG emissions per unit and review a specific program to examine the bottlenecks and achievements.&lt;br&gt;&lt;strong&gt;Working Session:** We will break into groups to take a deeper look at the opportunities to drive positive change through the Responsible Leather Assessment Tool. Topic areas will include:&lt;br&gt;• TBD&lt;br&gt;• TBD&lt;br&gt;• TBD</td>
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<td><strong>Animal Welfare</strong>&lt;br&gt;&lt;strong&gt;Presentation:** Sarah Shields, of Humane Society International will provide look at existing animal welfare standards to look at where positive impact is being achieved, and identify additional work that is needed.&lt;br&gt;&lt;strong&gt;Working Session:** We will break into groups to take a deeper look at the opportunities to drive positive change through the Responsible Leather Assessment Tool. Topic areas will include:&lt;br&gt;• Animal welfare at farms&lt;br&gt;• Animal welfare during transport&lt;br&gt;• Animal welfare at slaughter&lt;br&gt;• Traceability</td>
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1:00 – 2:00

**Leather Manufacturing**

(10 min) **Introduction**: Coty Jeronimus of Textile Exchange will introduce the session and outline the work done to date to address the impacts of leather production.

(10 min) **Presentation**: Michael Costello of Stahl will give an overview of the sustainability issues connected with leather, and the meaning they have for brands and consumers.

(10 min) **Presentation**: TBD will give an overview of the leather landscape, and explain the steps that JBS has taken to ensure that proactively address issues.

(30 min) **Working Session**: We will break into groups to take a deeper look at the opportunities to drive positive change through the Responsible Leather Assessment Tool. Topic areas will include:
- Chemical management and MRSLs
- Energy and water use
- Waste and effluent
- Traceability: before and during tanning

2:00 – 2:45

**Social Issues**

(10 min) **Joint Presentation**: Karen of John Lewis, will talk about the pressures brands are facing, and what they are looking for from their leather supply chains.

(10 min) **Presentation**: TBD will outline the social issues connected with farming, and explain how the GRSB Roundtables are addressing them.

(10 min) **Presentation**: Egbert Dikkers of Smit & Zoon will give a brief overview of a first-party and a third-party assessment tool.

(15 min) **Working Session**: We will break into groups to take a deeper look at the opportunities to drive positive change through the Responsible Leather Assessment Tool. Topic areas will include:
- Social issues at the farm
- Indigenous rights
- Social issues at slaughter
- Social issues at tanning
- Transparency for brands
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<td>This will be the time to bring it all together! We will look at how to design a tool that will capture the impacts of the many existing initiatives to deliver clear value across the full leather value chain.</td>
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<td>This is the part where we all congratulate ourselves for an impressive day of hard work, and our massively big achievements!</td>
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Introduction: 5 Tannerie stages

Preparation of Raw material:
- Curing
- Salting
- Drying
- Cooling
  - Transport

Preparatory or Beam-houses stages:
- Soaking
- Liming
- Fleshing
- De-liming
- Bating
- Pickling

Tanning:
- Tanning
- Samming
- Splitting
- Shaving
- Setting out
  - Transport
- Re-tanning
- Dyeing
- Fat-liquoring
- Drying
- Staking
- Milling, tumbling
  - Transport

Finishing:
- Testing
- Verification
- Top coat
- Embossing
- Base coat
- Upgrading

Feedback from the group on the question: Should transport be assessed within the tanneries?
- Only for chain of custody
- Transport is most relevant to animal welfare
- Not sure if it relevant for CO2 emissions?
Tanneries

• All requirements has to be defined on a global level/ baseline (same for all regions), while some suppliers or regions can be beyond or best.

BEYOND (recommended)

BEYOND (recommended)

BASELINE (minimum)

Insufficient or missing

Traceability  Water  Waste  Chemicals  Energy  Social  Air  Noise

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Evolution of the Tool
(example only!)

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We will address the question of Social in either a Survey or during the Kilkenny meeting:
Addressing in V1 Health and safety and in V2: Child labor, Forced labor, Working conditions and Professional development.
Animal Welfare

Scopes
The scopes of the RLA refer to the extent of the area or subject matter that will be dealt with. Anything ‘in scope’ will be covered directly or indirectly by the assessment tool, and anything ‘out of scope’ can be dealt with through the Responsible Leather Round Table or other means.

*All scopes (animal welfare, social, environmental) will be covered by one of the following:
  • Included in RLA v1;
  • Presented as a recommendation in RLA v1, with potential to be included in future versions

Livestock
The first version of the RLA will focus on leather sourced from cattle only. In subsequent versions, we will assess whether additional livestock sources should be added.

Geographic Region
The RLA is intended for application in any region where cattle are raised and leather is processed. The standard shall not include any criteria that de facto exclude any region.
Animal Welfare

Animal Welfare Scopes (TBD)

Applicable at farm, slaughter, transport.
Support the Five Freedoms:
1. Freedom from hunger or thirst.
2. Freedom from discomfort.
3. Freedom from pain, injury or disease.
4. Freedom to express (most) normal behavior.
5. Freedom from fear and distress.

Address the worst forms of animal suffering:
 a) Painful procedures.
 b) Transport conditions.
 c) Slaughter techniques.
## Animal Welfare

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GRSB - Animal Health & Welfare

Global sustainable beef producers and processors respect and manage animals to ensure their health and welfare

Criteria

• **Adequate feed and water** are provided to meet cattle’s physiological needs. Diet composition is balanced to promote good health and proper body condition. Animal caretakers recognise signs of malnutrition and take appropriate action to maintain condition and correct deficiencies.

• Animal caretakers provide cattle with **health care**, in addition to identifying health problems and taking appropriate action to control and treat disease.

• All veterinary **pharmaceuticals and vaccines are used responsibly** and in accordance with labeling.

• Appropriate action is taken to **minimise undue pain, injury and disease**, and to address any of these problems when identified. A competent person is available to make **prompt diagnoses** to determine whether sick or injured cattle should receive additional care or be **euthanized**. In the interests of continuous improvement, alternatives and innovations are investigated and, where practical, are **adopted to replace or mitigate painful husbandry procedures**.

• **Good animal welfare is ensured**, including the freedom for cattle to express **normal patterns of behaviour**. Animal caretakers should minimise cattle stress cattle, and recognise and react appropriately to signs of stress.

• Cattle are kept in an **environment** (including stocking density, air quality and surfaces), which is conducive to good health and normal behaviour and minimizes physical discomfort.

• **Transport** (by land, sea or air) and handling procedures are consistent with **OIE guidelines**.

• Animal welfare procedures at processing plants, including **slaughter** procedures, are in line with the **OIE terrestrial animal health code**.
More thinking on credit trading

CB issues SC, then manages credits registered onto the platform and/or amounts to be traded through TCs

What about Mass Balance?
Can we develop a tool to work across multiple standards, commodities, markets and systems?
Thank you!

Email us at ResponsibleLeather@TextileExchange.org

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