

# **IFLMEA-UNIDO LEATHER WORKING GROUP (LWG) AUDIT PROGRAM**



## **About IFLMEA**

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**IFLMEA has been partnering with UNIDO since 2008.**

- **IFLMEA – UNIDO – BLC: In the Implementation of Social and Environmental Aspects for Leather Manufacturers:**
- **IFLMEA – UNIDO – CSIR-CLRI for implementation of saltless pickling technology**



## Activities Of IFLMEA

- Focal point of the Leather Business Community
- Constantly strives to promote and protect the interests of the Members in the Leather related Trading Activities at home and abroad
- Offers valuable services to its members, by providing practical advice and help to deal with their problems, pertaining to manufacture and trade of Finished Leather
- Sorts out problems facing the Leather industry by undertaking survey of availability of Raw Materials, present infrastructures and the technology in the manufacture of sophisticated and high quality Finished Leather
- Propagates classified information regarding the government policies, markets, eruditions in the local, national and international spheres
- Organises lectures, seminars, workshops and conducts Research essential for the development of the Indian Finished Leather industry

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## Activities Of IFLMEA

- Keeps all members informed promptly of any legislation or government notification affecting finished leather industry
- Informs members about amendments issued from time to time on income-tax, sales-tax, licencing procedures, import-export policy, incentives
- Organizes the Annual “Leather Fashion Show”
- Works in synergy with CLE, ITPO, IFLMEA, IFCOMA, AFMEC, SISMA, and other Trade bodies
- Closely co-ordinates with Institutions like CSIR-CLRI, FDDI, NIFT, NID for Research and HRD activities
- Co-organizes Ambur OPEN – the “Exhibition of Finished Leather, Accessories, Components, Technology and Machinery”
- Plans for the Leather Sector
- Actively involved in the formation of ‘Mega Leather Cluster’

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## **WHO IS LWG?**

**The Leather Working Group (LWG) was formed in April 2005 to promote sustainable and appropriate environmental stewardship practices within the leather industry. As part of this the LWG created a protocol to accurately assess the compliance and environmental stewardship practices of leather manufacturers.**

**[www.leatherworkinggroup.com](http://www.leatherworkinggroup.com)**



## OBJECTIVES OF LWG

- **Develop and maintain a protocol that assesses the compliance and environmental performance of tanners and promotes sustainable and appropriate environmental business practices within the leather industry.**
- **Improve the tanning industry by creating alignment on environmental priorities, bringing visibility to best practices and providing suggested guidelines for continual improvement.**
- **Work transparently, involving brands, suppliers, retailers, leading technical experts within the leather industry, NGOs and other stakeholders**



## Methodology And Benefits

- **In Group Mode – By Group Learning – Cost Effective**
- **Knowledge and Resource Sharing with member Experiences**
- **Upgrading to GLOBAL STANDARDS**
- **Enhancing Visibility of Indian Manufacturers**
- **Up Market Access and Better Value Realization**



## Authorised Auditors

### BLC Leather Technology Centre Ltd

**BLC is the leading independent leather technology centre, working with hundreds of companies in over 40 countries. BLC are leather experts and deliver a range of leather related services. Established for over 90 years we have the technical pedigree in leather technology to ensure fast accurate solutions to technical, management or environmental leather problems.**

[www.blcleathertech.com](http://www.blcleathertech.com)



## BLC SERVICES

- Leather Testing
- Footwear Testing
- Chemical Testing
- Leather Training Courses
- Leather Problem Solving



## Categories Of Operation

Code	Category
A	Raw hide to tanned
B	Raw hide to crust
C	Raw hide to finished leather
D	Tanned hide to finished leather
E	Crust hide to finished leather
F	Tanned hide to crust hide



## SCORING

Code	Category	Maximum score achievable (including weightings)	Actual score achieved	Score as %
A	Raw hide to tanned	962		
B	Raw hide to crust	969		
C	Raw hide to finished leather	1079		
D	Tanned hide to finished leather	907		
E	Crust hide to finished leather	860		
F	Tanned hide to crust hide	837		



Section Number	Max Weighted	Minimum for Gold	Minimum for Silver	Minimum for Bronze	Actual Weighted
1 General facility details	-	-	-	-	-
2.1 Production data	40	25	18	10	
2.2 Traceability (score below)					
3 Restricted substances/due diligence	100	100	90	80	
4 Emergency plans	20				
5 Operating permits**	50	45	35	25	
6 Energy Consumption	100	60	45	30	
7 Air emissions	100	90	70	50	
8 Housekeeping	20				
9.1 Hazardous Waste management	70	60	50	40	
9.2 Non-Hazardous Waste Management	30	25	21	17	
10 Complaints and public relations	10				
11 Environmental management system	30	20	18	16	
12 Water usage	100	80	70	60	
13 Manufacturing processes	40				
14 Beamhouse processes	72				
15 Tanyard processes	100	95 A,B,C only	85 A,B,C only	75 A,B,C only	
16 Post Tanning Operations	47				
17 Finishing	70				
18 Effluent treatment**	80	64	48	38	
Minimum Percentage Total for Award		85%	75%	65%	
<b>** Gross Failure can occur in these sections</b>					
		Score		Rating	
2.1 Traceability					

## THANKS TO :

**BLC Leather Technology Centre**

**UNIDO India Tannery Programme**

**Member companies:**

- **Shafeeq Shameel & Co**
- **Farida Prime Tannery Pvt. Ltd.**

**CSIR-Central Leather Research Institute**

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