**Environmental Audit Protocol of LWG**

It is applicable for tanneries and leather manufacturers who process from raw or part processes material. It includes the following section:

1. **General Facility Details:** This section gathers introductory information regarding the facility.
2. **Operating Permits:** This section is designed to ensure that the facility is operating in compliance with the appropriate local permits and licenses. It will also identify if there have been violations, warnings or fines, and what corrective actions have been implemented. The facility could fail the audit in this section.
3. **Tannery Data:** This section is designed to connect the leather supply chain together and assess the risk and rating of those that are supplying part-processed and raw material. For those starting from part-processed material, their supplier’s engagement with the LWG audit process will be assessed.
4. **Raw Material Traceability:** This section assesses the ability of leather manufacturers to trace their raw material back to the specific slaughterhouse of origin. It also provides a breakdown of country of origin and a description of the traceability system used
5. **Environmental Management Systems:** This section assesses if the facility has a documented, effective and active system for managing the environmental aspects of their business.
6. **Restricted Substances:** This section assesses if the facility manages, understands and enacts the RS requirements of their customers. Or in the absence of specifications / requirements from customers, that the facility takes appropriate action to assess and manage RS risk themselves
7. **Energy Consumption:** This section assesses the energy usage per unit area for the specific type of production that is manufactured. It gives energy rewards for renewable energy generated on-site and energy tables and target metrics for the facility to achieve different medal ratings. Energy consumption includes ALL aspects of site operations such as administration, engineering, space heating, fork trucks, and operation of the wastewater treatment.
8. **Water Usage:** This section assesses the fresh water usage, per unit area, for the specific type of production that is manufactured. It gives rewards for water that is recycled and usage tables and target metrics for the facility to achieve different medal ratings.
9. **Air & Noise Emissions:** This section assesses the management of a facility’s air and noise emissions to the environment and requires inventories, management and monitoring.
10. **Waste Management:** This section assesses a facility’s management and control of the solid wastes generated by the site and requires inventories, categorization of wastes, storage and disposal.
11. **Effluent Treatment:** This section assesses a facility’s management of their liquid wastes, either at their own site or at a third-party provider. It requires legal discharge of the wastewater and provides higher scores for those that achieve target levels of water quality using a range of metrics.
12. **Emergency Plans:** This section assesses the facility’s ability to manage a range of emergency and health and safety risks. This includes systems, processes and responsibilities. It also requires an assessment of risk and management in relation to the creation of Hydrogen Sulphide on site.
13. **Housekeeping:** This section assesses the facility’s general management of manufacturing space, such as machinery, work in progress, material storage, walking and transport areas, etc.
14. **Manufacturing Processes:** This is a non-critical section that assesses the facility’s ability to control its manufacturing processes, reviewing best practices, measuring equipment use and calibrations, etc.
15. **Beamhouse Processes:** This is a non-critical section that assesses the facility’s ability to control its manufacturing processes in the beamhouse, reviewing best practices, measuring equipment use and calibrations, etc.
16. **Post Tanning Processes:** This is a non-critical section that assesses the facility’s ability to control its manufacturing processes in the post tanning and dyeing areas, reviewing best practices, measuring equipment use and calibrations, etc.
17. **Finishing Processes:** This is a non-critical section that assesses the facility’s ability to control its manufacturing processes in the finishing areas, reviewing best practices, measuring equipment use and calibrations, etc.
18. **Complaints & Public Relations:** This section assesses the facility’s processes to manage and deal with site related complaints such as noise or odor.

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| **Rating** | **Company** | **Country of Origin** | **Auditor** |
| Gold | Apex Footwear Limited | Bangladesh | Samir Gaur, India |
| Bronze | Riff Leather Limited | Bangladesh | Chris Jacklin |
| Audited | Austan Limited | Bangladesh | Samir Gaur, India |
| Silver | Ah Tiam Tannery | India | Ricky Wilby, Thailand |
| Silver | Balamurugan Leather | India | Viswanathan Munusamy |
| Silver | Futan Leathers | India | Viswanathan Munusamy |
| Silver | Hiba Tanning Company | India | Viswanathan Munusamy |
| Gold | Blue Diamond Leders | India | Samir Gaur, India |
| Gold | AFI Tannery | India | Samir Gaur, India |
| Gold | Alina PVT Limited | India | Viswanathan Munusamy |