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### Dear Members

As per the Panel data provided by Department of Commerce, export of leather, leather products and footwear during April-November 2021 was US\$ 3171.91 million, as against USD 2296.04 million during April – November, 2020, registering 38.15% growth. Though exports have shown revival trend this year, the growth levels are comparatively lesser than our expectations. Though many reasons like slower market resurgence can be attributed to slower growth levels, the spread of COVID in our major markets being witnessed now is a cause of concern to all of us.

Nevertheless, the Council for Leather Exports has been undertaking aggressive marketing campaign in order to promote exports to the traditional market of Europe and USA and also other potential upcoming marketing. During the current year, CLE has organized 18 virtual businesses meeting with various countries with the help of Indian Embassies/ Consulates abroad. CLE is planning to organize/ participate in 15 business events till March 2022 and these include Reverse Buyer Seller Meets (RBSMs) scheduled to be held in New Delhi during Feb.14-15, 2022 and in Kolkata during March 9-10, 2022.

CLE has been requesting for removal of requirement of animal quarantine for import of wet blue and certain finished and crust leathers under “Others” category. I am pleased to inform you that the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying has issued a Gazette Notification No.4582 dated 02.12.2021 stating that No Objection Certificate of the concerned Quarantine Officer will not be required for import of all categories of tanned leathers (including wet blue) into India. However this is subject to the condition that authorized officer of manufacturer in exporting country gives a declaration on invoice along with each consignment stating that the product has undergone the irreversible process of tanning. I thank the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying for this procedural relaxation, which will of great help to the manufacturers and exporters.

Another major request of the industry is for extension of the interest equalization on rupee export credit. CLE has been taking-up the request for extending the scheme for the next 5 years. We understand that the Government is considering to extend the scheme and we hope that announcement will be made in due course in this regard

With best wishes

**Sanjay Leekha**

Chairman

COUNCIL FOR LEATHER EXPORTS



### Dear Members

The Council for Leather Exports has been requesting the Government to implement the Product Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for the leather and footwear industry. In order to submit detailed proposal in this regard to the Government, a stakeholder consultation meeting (Hybrid mode) was held under Chairmanship of Shri Sanjay Leekha, Chairman, CLE on 2.12.21 in New Delhi. Subsequently, CLE has also circulated a detailed format to all members seeking details like investments to be made in next 6 years, additional employment opportunities to be created etc., I would urge all members to send the duly filled format at the earliest, to enable CLE to submit a comprehensive proposal justifying our request to extend PLI to the leather and footwear industry.

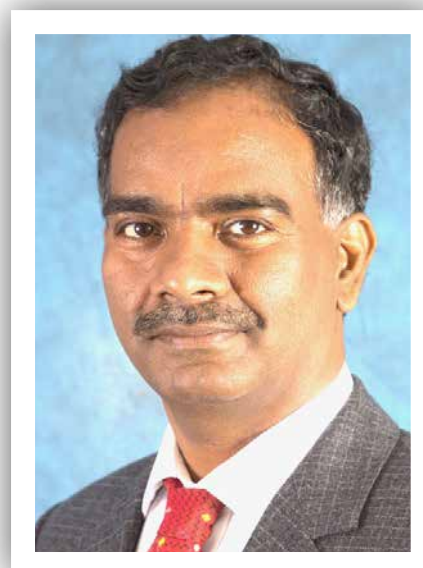
Based on inputs received from the industry, CLE had submitted a representation to DGFT requesting revision of Standard Input Output Norms (SION) which specify the inputs and quantities of these inputs which can be imported under schemes like Advance Authorisation. In this regard, the office of DGFT has advised CLRI to submit a comprehensive proposal for new SION instead of existing SION. Hence, it is imperative to obtain industry inputs on aspects namely inclusion of new inputs, changes required in quantity etc., CLE has already sent a circular in this regard to all members. I would request all members to provide the inputs in this regard at the earliest.

With best regards

**R. Selvam IAS**

Executive Director

COUNCIL FOR LEATHER EXPORTS



## *Presentation of CLE National Export Excellence Awards November 17, 2021 , New Delhi*



Shri Sanjay Leekha, Chairman, Council for Leather Exports welcoming Shri Piyush Goyal, Honble Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textiles

The CLE National Export Excellence Awards presentation event for the years 2019-20 and 2020-21 was held at Hotel Taj Palace New Delhi on November 17, 2021.

Shri Piyush Goyal, Honble Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textiles graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Smt. Anupriya Patel, Hon'ble Minister of State for Commerce and Industry graced the occasion as Guest of Honour.



Shri Piyush Goyal, Honble Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textiles lighting the lamp.

The Hon'ble Minister released the Export Award winners booklet brought out by CLE

Speech by Honble Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textiles

In his address to the participants, Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and Textiles said that it is redeeming to see the performance of Indian leather industry in the post COVID period and should aspire to be No.1 in the world. The Hon'ble Minister said "I do feel very, very satisfied that you are aspiring to grow to at least \$10 billion by 2025, though this still gives you only a growth rate of about 15-17%. Whereas looking at the potential of all of you,... I think we can look at even more ambitious targets," Shri Goyal said, adding that the Kolhapuri Chappals alone can achieve \$1 billion exports target.

Shri Goyal appealed the leather industry to be self-sufficient, 'AatmaNirbhar'. He assured Government will help the leather industry achieve the goals by setting up BIS Standards laboratories in close proximity to leather clusters.

"Your industry has been at the forefront of innovation, high quality products, design, good recognition in export, world markets," said Shri Goyal.

Shri Goyal said India's leather industry has the "competitive and comparative advantages" and hence we should aim to make 'Made in India' brand the hallmark of excellence.

The Hon'ble Minister said "I think a lot of (high quality) produce does get made in India but is sold to the high mark-ups across the world through the branding exercises of some of these companies."



Release of Export Award winners booklet brought



Shri Piyush Goyal, Honble Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textiles addressing the event.

The Hon'ble Minister concluded by stating that promotion of quality, scale, skills and entrepreneurial abilities will help in growth of the industry.

### **Speech by Smt. Anupriya Patel, Hon'ble Minister of State for Commerce and Industry**

Smt. Anupriya Patel, Hon'ble Minister of State for Commerce and Industry that awards are being given by CLE as a recognition for their exceptional performance. Exporters are flag bearers for promoting the image of the country and will continue to play a vital role in promotion of economy.

The Hon'ble Minister stated that leather has been a priority sector for the Government and the Government has implemented both short term and long term measures for the growth of the industry. It is a matter of pride that the leather industry is 2nd largest producer of footwear, 3rd largest exporter of saddlery and harness, 2nd largest exporter of leather garments and 4th largest exporter of leather goods. The skill development and job absorption shows the huge employment potential of the leather industry. The world is looking at industry as a manufacturing hub. Hence, we need to tap the huge potential and concentrate on innovation, design development. Recently, the Hon'ble Prime Minister has launched the Gati Shakti with an objective to bring down logistics cost. The Hon'ble CIM has launched the National Logistics Portal.

The Hon'ble Minister stated that the Minister of Commerce and Industry is doing all efforts to enhance exports. The Hon'ble Minister advised the industry to concentrate on Design Development and product diversification to achieve higher growth.



Smt. Anupriya Patel, Hon'ble Minister of State for Commerce and Industry addressing the event.



### **Speech by Shri Sanjay Leekha, Chairman, Council for Leather Exports**

Shri Sanjay Leekha, Chairman, Council for Leather Exports stated that it is a honour to have Hon'ble Ministers in the event, who are a source of inspiration and support to the industry.

Shri Leekha highlighted about the massive and far sighted steps being taken by the Government of India to promote industry, trade and employment. Shri Leekha stated that Whether it is Make in India, Start-up India, Gati Shakti or Atmanirbhar Bharat, these programmes have invigorated the industry. The results are there for all to us, with merchandise exports reaching the 50% of the target of USD 400 billion in the first six months itself. We are sure that with the support of the Government, the country will scale new heights on the export front in the coming months and years.

Shri Leekha stated that we in the leather industry are committed to play a significant role in the efforts of the Government to generate growth and employment. Our industry has been set an export target of USD 5.89 billion for the current year. Besides working to achieve this target, our aim is to reach an export value of USD 10 billion by 2025. Besides, we are aiming at

reaching a domestic leather products and footwear turnover of USD 20 billion by 2025, from the present turnover of USD 12 billion.

Achieving these targets require both short term and long term measures. In this regard, Shri Leekha placed the following requests for kind consideration of the Government.

- The Textile Park Scheme is a path breaking scheme as it envisages creation of integrated parks by the Government by providing land and also plug-and-play factories. We request similar Mega Park Scheme for the leather sector also. Besides developing Mega Clusters, Govt. may establish Micro Clusters near existing traditional clusters with plug-and-play model to promote quicker capacity expansion.
- In order to achieve higher production and also attract domestic and overseas investments, the industry needs the Production Linked Incentive Scheme (PLI) support.
- Price competitiveness is the key to achieve success in the global market. As we are the supplier to global brands, we are required to source raw materials and inputs from nominated overseas suppliers. Hence, reinstatement of the Basic Customs Duty exemption on wet blue, crust and finished leathers is extremely important to enhance our business with brands.
- CLE may be notified as a designated agency under the IFLADP scheme for industry co-ordination and may be included in the Committee for IFLADP implementation.

- Finalization of FTAs can substantially enhance our exports. Possible reinstatement of GSP will lead to substantial increase in our exports to USA.

Shri Leekha stated that he is sure that with the concerted efforts of the industry and support of our Government, we will be able to achieve more milestones in the coming years. Shri Leekha concluded by speech by extending his best wishes to all award winners and wish them all success.



Presentation of memento to the Hon'ble Minister



View of Participants



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Industry representatives with Smt. Anupriya Patel, Hon'ble Minister of State for Commerce and Industry



Shri Sanjay Leekha, Chairman, CLE and Shri P.R. Aqeel Ahmed, Former Chairman, CLE interacting with the Hon'ble Minister



Shri Motilal Sethi, Regional Chairman (North), CLE interacting with the Hon'ble Minister



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## *CLE National Export Excellence Award Winners 2019-20*

### OVERALL -

#### LEATHER & LEATHER PRODUCTS INCLUDING NON-LEATHER FOOTWEAR:

- 1st Place** : Feng Tay India, Tamil Nadu  
**2nd Place** : Farida Group, Chennai  
**3rd Place** : K H Exports India Pvt. Ltd., Chennai

**Above Rs.300 Crores:**

#### LEATHER FOOTWEAR

- 1st Place** : Farida Group, Chennai  
**2nd Place** : Mirza International Limited, New Delhi

#### LEATHER GARMENTS

- 1st Place** : Bhartiya International Ltd., New Delhi

#### LEATHER GOODS

- 1st Place** : K H Exports India Pvt. Ltd., Chennai

#### NON-LEATHER FOOTWEAR

- 1st Place** : Feng Tay India, Tamil Nadu

**Above Rs.200 Crores & Upto  
Rs.300 Crores:**

#### LEATHER FOOTWEAR

- 1st Place** : Gupta H.C. Overseas (I) Pvt. Ltd., Agra  
**2nd Place** : Mohib Shoes Pvt. Ltd., Chennai

#### FINISHED LEATHER

- 1st Place** : Prara Leathers Group, Chennai

#### LEATHER GOODS

- 1st Place** : A.V.Thomas Leather & Allied Products Pvt. Ltd., Chennai  
**2nd Place** : Tangerine Design Pvt. Ltd., Gurgaon

### INDUSTRIAL LEATHER GLOVES

- 1st Place** : Industrial Safety Products Group, Kolkata

**Above Rs.100 Crores & Upto  
Rs.200 Crores:**

#### LEATHER FOOTWEAR

- 1st Place** : Leiner Shoes Pvt. Ltd., Agra  
**2nd Place** : Florence Shoe Company Pvt. Ltd., Chennai

#### FINISHED LEATHER

- 1st Place** : Tata International Group, Chennai

#### LEATHER GARMENTS

- 1st Place** : Gemini Enterprises, Chennai  
**2nd Place** : S.M. Lulla Industries World Wide, Chennai

#### LEATHER GOODS

- 1st Place** : Alpine Apparels Pvt. Ltd., Faridabad  
**2nd Place** : JAK Group Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi

### FOOTWEAR COMPONENTS (SHOE UPPER)

- 1st Place** : Althaf Shoes Pvt Ltd., Chennai  
**2nd Place** : Farida Group, Chennai

**Upto Rs.100 Crores**

#### LEATHER FOOTWEAR

- 1st Place** : Shalimar Tanning Company, Chennai  
**2nd Place** : Oom Exports, Agra

#### FINISHED LEATHER

- 1st Place** : Farida Group, Chennai  
**2nd Place** : Super Tannery Group, Kanpur

**LEATHER GARMENTS**

- 1st Place** : Savi Leathers, Noida  
**2nd Place** : Prits Leather Art (P) Ltd., Noida

**LEATHER GOODS**

- 1st Place** : Khemchand Handicrafts, Jodhpur  
**2nd Place** : Metropoli Fashions Pvt. Ltd., Kolkata

**FOOTWEAR COMPONENTS  
 (SHOE UPPER)**

- 1st Place** : Habeeb Tanning Company, Chennai  
**2nd Place** : Legero United Shoes India Pvt. Ltd.,  
 Gudiyatham (T.N.)

**NON-LEATHER FOOTWEAR**

- 1st Place** : Relaxo Footwears Limited, Delhi  
**2nd Place** : Nexgen Footwears Pvt. Ltd., Delhi

**HARNESS & SADDLERY (LEATHER)**

- 1st Place** : Global Export, Kanpur  
**2nd Place** : Maria International, Kanpur

**HARNESS & SADDLERY  
 (NON LEATHER)**

- 1st Place** : Superhouse Group, Kanpur  
**2nd Place** : Kartikeya International, Kanpur

**INDUSTRIAL LEATHER GLOVES**

- 1st Place** : Rama Overseas Limited, Kolkata  
**2nd Place** : Acknit Industries Ltd., Kolkata

**FASHION / SPORTS LEATHER GLOVES**

- 1st Place** : K H Exports India Private Ltd., Chennai

**FOOTWEAR COMPONENTS  
 (OTHER THAN SHOE UPPER)**

- 1st Place** : Wilhelm Textiles India Pvt.Ltd., Gurgaon  
**2nd Place** : Versatile Group, Ludhiana

**BRAND CREATION AWARD 2019-20**

Brand Creation Award for "GIL" to M/s. Growmore International Limited, Kanpur for Leather Goods

Brand Creation Award for "LIBERTY" to M/s.Liberty Shoes Ltd., Karnal for Footwear.

**WOMEN ENTREPRENEUR AWARD  
 2019-20**

- 1.Ms.Jyotsna Sharma, Proprietor of M/s.B.N. Enterprises, New Delhi for Leather Garments & Leather Goods.
- 2.Ms. Aishah Bilgrami, Director of M/s. Kings International Ltd., Kanpur for Saddlery & Harness.
- 3.Ms.Stella Budhiraja, Director of M/s.Roger Industries Ltd., Agra for Leather Footwear



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### Above Rs.100 Crores & Upto Rs.200 Crores:

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1. Ms.Vijaya Kora, Partner of M/s.Ajantha Shoe Company, Chennai for Footwear Components (Shoe Upper)
2. Ms.Dimple Sachdev, Partner of M/s.Drishti Lifestyle, Gurgaon for Leather Garments
3. Ms.Dalbir Kaur, Director of M/s.Euro Safety Footwear (India) Pvt. Ltd., Agra for Leather Footwear
4. Ms.Navita Gupta, Partner of M/s.Satkierti Agencies, Kanpur for Saddlery & Harness.
5. Ms.Saniya Misbah, Proprietor of M/s.Zenith Impex, Kolkata for Leather Goods



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## *Felicitation Ceremony of the Chairman, CLE Shri Sanjay Leekha, Vice Chairman, CLE Shri R. K. Jalan and Immediate Past Chairman, CLE Shri P. R. Aqeel Ahmed held on October 23, 2021 in Hotel Landmark, Kanpur*

Central Regional Office of the Council for Leather Exports in association with Kanpur- Unnao Leather Cluster Company Ltd organized Felicitation ceremony of Chairman, CLE Shri Sanjay Leekha, Vice Chairman, CLE Shri R. K. Jalan and Immediate Past Chairman, CLE Shri P. R. Aqeel Ahmed coinciding with Stone Laying Ceremony of International Testing Lab and Leather Sector Skill Councils Certificate Distribution held on October 23, 2021 in Hotel Landmark, Kanpur.

Shri P. R. Aqeel Ahmed, Immediate Past Chairman, CLE was felicitated at a function held on 23rd Oct. 2021 in Hotel Landmark, Kanpur by the industry members of Central Region to honor his outstanding efforts and contribution made for the overall growth and development of the Indian leather industry.

On this occasion, Shri Mukhtarul Amin, Former Chairman, CLE presented plaque of honour and appreciated him for his exceptional leadership in representing and redressal of various issues pertaining to development and export growth of leather industry. He added that leather fraternity will always be grateful for his extraordinary contribution and urged for extending his continuous support in future too.

Shri Mukhtarul Amin, Former Chairman, CLE welcomed newly elected Chairman, CLE Shri Sanjay Leekha and Vice Chairman, CLE Shri R. K. Jalan by presenting mementos.



Shri Mukhtarul Amin, Former Chairman, CLE presenting memento to Immediate Past Chairman, CLE Shri P. R. Aqeel Ahmed



Shri Mukhtarul Amin, Former Chairman, CLE presenting memento to newly elected Chairman, CLE Shri Sanjay Leekha

He conveyed best wishes on behalf of entire leather industry towards achieving industry goals and glory. He said no doubt industry is passing through a challenging sphere and hence now new team has to focus in an innovative and strenuous way towards sustaining export momentum towards achieving export target of USD 5.89 bn as fixed for leather sector.

On this occasion Ms. Anupriya Patel, Hon'ble Minister of State for Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India; Shri Jai Kumar Singh Jackie, Hon. Minister of State for Jails and Public Service Management, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh; Shri R. Selvam, IAS, Executive Director, CLE ; Shri Javed Iqbal, Regional Chairman-Central, CLE ; Shri Asad K Iraqi, COA Member, CLE ; Shri Shakil Mirza, COA Member, CLE ; Shri Ashraf Rizwan, COA Member, CLE ; Shri O P Pandey, COA Member, CLE ; Shri Taj Alam, Convener - Saddlery and Harness Panel, CLE ; Shri Rakesh Suri, Convener – Safety Footwear Panel, CLE; Shri Ramesh Juneja, Regional Chairman – East, CLE ; Shri Motilal Sethi, Regional Chairman – North, CLE ; Dr. K. J. Sreeram, Director, CLRI, Chennai ; Shri AnwarulHaq, President, UPLIA ; Ms. Pallavi Dubey, Regional Director-Central, CLE, Members of Central Regional Committee (CRC), CLE and a large gathering of industry representatives and stakeholders were present in the event.

Shri Javed Iqbal expressed gratitude to Shri Asad Iraqi, COA member CLE for his kind gesture of presenting memento to the Leather industrialist from India.



Shri Mukhtarul Amin, Former Chairman, CLE presenting memento to newly elected Vice Chairman, CLE Shri R. K. Jalan



Shri Asad Iraqi, CoA Member, CLE presenting memento on behalf of his company Aki India Ltd to Shri P.R. Aqeel Ahmed, Immediate Past Chairman, CLE



Shri Asad Iraqi, CoA Member, CLE presenting memento on behalf of his company Aki India Ltd to Shri Mukhtarul Amin, Former Chairman, CLE



Shri Asad Iraqi, CoA Member, CLE presenting memento on behalf of his company Aki India Ltd to Shri Javed Iqbal, Regional Chairman (Central ), CLE



View of industry veterans and participants at Felicitation of Ceremony

## *A stakeholder consultation meeting (Hybrid mode) on Production Linked Incentive Scheme (PLI), December 2, 2021, New Delhi*

Council for Leather Exports has been requesting the Government to implement the Product Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for the leather and footwear industry. In order to submit detailed proposal in this regard to the Government, a stakeholder consultation meeting (Hybrid mode) was held under Chairmanship of Shri Sanjay Leekha, Chairman, CLE on 2.12.21 in New Delhi. Shri R Selvam, ED . Industry members attended the meeting.

During the meeting, a presentation was made on the various aspects of the Production Linked Incentive Scheme now announced for various sectors by the Government and on the various parameters of the proposal to be submitted to the Government seeking PLI for the leather and footwear industry.

The industry members provided their suggestions for formulation of the PLI proposal by CLE.



Shri Sanjay Leekha, Chairman, CLE and Shri R. Selvam, ED, CLE interacting with the participants

## *Export Performance Review meeting held by Shri BVR Subrahmanyam, Secretary, Dept. of Commerce, Dec. 2, 2021*



Shri BVR Subrahmanyam, Secretary, Dept. of Commerce held an export review meeting with EPCs on 2.12.21. Shri Sanjay Leekha Chairman CLE presented Leather and Footwear sector Export Performance.

Shri Sanjay Leekha stated that the industry is hopeful of achieving good export performance this year due to the following factors.

- Emerging business opportunities for India in the global market.
- Holding of physical overseas international exhibitions during Dec. 2021 – March 2022. CLE has already organized 18 virtual business meets this year and is planning to participate in 15 physical events from Dec. 2021 with MAIS support.

- Expected enhanced sales during the remaining months of 2021-22, particularly the Christmas sales,

Shri Leekha stated that the resurgence of COVID 19 in many European countries is a matter of concern, as Europe is the major market for leather and footwear industry accounting for about 55% of our exports.

In order to enhance the price competitiveness of the industry, Shri Leekha sought the following support measures.

- 1) Restoring the facility of applying MEIS scrips for the period Sept. – Dec. 2020
- 2) Reinstatement of import duty exemption on wet blue, crust and finished leathers and also DFIS
- 3) Extending Production Linked Incentive Scheme (PLI) and ECLGS 2.0
- 4) Reinstatement of US GSP for leather products

Shri BVR Subrahmanyam, Secretary, Dept. of Commerce stated that the various requests submitted by CLE are being taken-up by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry with the Ministry of Finance and assured the support of the Government for the export promotion efforts of the industry.

Shri Abu Sufiyan, Asst. Export Promotion Officer, CLE – Central joined technical session and briefed about industry strength, export potential and contribution in State of Uttar Pradesh, export promotion measures under FTP, international exhibition & standalone events like BSMs, Sourcing delegation, infrastructure related schemes of State and Union Government. It was also mentioned that the CLE is exploring new clusters of leather and leather products spread across region for connecting small mfrs./artisans with mainstream of industry and exports. At presently Council has identified various new clusters across central region including Bhadohi, Hamirpur, Patna, Dehradun etc.

**CLE Information Booth at Vanijiya Utsav, Lucknow Sep. 21-22, 2021:**



Shri Abu Sufiyan, Asst. Export Promotion Officer, CLE - Central interacting at Technical Session held at Vanijiya Utsav, Lucknow

In order to disseminate Council's services available hitherto for leather and leather products industry, CLE information booth was organized at the Vanijiya Utsav. During the event CLE's publications were displayed at information booth and entrepreneurs came to booth and enquired about Council's services and procedure becoming member of CLE. The necessary guidance was extended to the visitors visited at booth.



Visit of Ms. Anupriya Patel, Hon'ble Union Minister of State (MoS) for Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Govt. of India at CLE Info. Booth at Vanijiya Utsav, Lucknow



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## *Curtain Raiser Programme of DILEX (RBSM) 2022 held on 1st December 2021 at Taj Mahal, Mansingh Road, New Delhi*

As part of the Annual Action Plan under the Market Access Initiative Scheme (MAIS) 2021-22 approved by Department of Commerce, Government of India, Council for Leather Exports (CLE), is organizing DELHI INTERNATIONAL LEATHER EXPO (DILEX) - REVERSE BUYER SELLER MEET (R-BSM) on February 14-15, 2022 in Delhi NCR. The Event will show case Indian Leather Products - Footwear, Leather Garments and Leather Goods and accessories.

With a view to create awareness and update about the forthcoming DILEX 2022 (RBSM), Council for Leather Export (CLE) organized a Curtain Raiser programme for 3rd edition of DILEX 2022 with the leading buying houses and Foreign Embassies in India on 1st December 2021 at Taj Mahal, Mansingh Road, New Delhi. Diplomats and officials of 12 embassies and 25 buying houses attended the meeting. The objective of the curtain raiser was to popularize it amongst the buying houses and embassies and disseminate the information to attract quality buyers.

The meeting was presided over by Shri Sanjay Leekha, Chairman, CLE. Shri Moti Lal Sethi, Northern Regional Chairman, CLE, Shri Subash Kapoor, Convener (RBSM), CLE, Shri R. Selvam, IAS, Executive Director, CLE, MD FDDI and participants of DILEX 2022 were present in the meeting.



Shri Atul Kumar Mishra, Regional Director - North, CLE welcoming the august gathering



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Shri Atul Kumar Mishra, Regional Director – North, CLE welcomed Chairman, Northern Regional Chairman, Convener, Convener (RBSM), ED, CLE, MD FDDI, dignitaries from various embassies and buying houses and the august gathering

**Shri Subash Kapoor, Convener (RBSM), CLE** gave introductory remarks wherein he welcomed the august gathering. He conveyed that curtain raiser has been organized to promote and publicize DILEX 2022 among various stakeholders, buying houses and Embassies in India. He conveyed that leather industry is amongst the focus sectors under Make in India initiative of Government of India and also holds a prominent place in the Indian economy. This sector is known for its consistency in high export earnings and is among the top ten foreign exchange earners for the Country. He further added that India is the one of the major suppliers of leather and footwear products in the world. India is the 2nd Largest Producer of Footwear and Leather Garments and also the 5th Largest exporter of Leather Goods and Accessories. He conveyed that RBSM event will focus on exhibiting latest designs, trends collection of the leather and footwear industry. It will focus on capacity modernization, environmental management, product design & development. He also briefed gathering about the major features of DILEX 2022 and conveyed that the overseas buyers interested to visit the event will be given complimentary hospitality package i.e. hotel stay and reimbursement of air fare. He requested the representatives of embassies and buying houses to publicize DILEX 2022 in their countries so that more buyers may visit the event and know more about the Indian Leather and Footwear Industry. Lastly, he invited all to visit DILEX, February 14-15, 2022 and see latest collection of Indian manufacturers and exporters.

**Shri Sanjay Leekha, Chairman, CLE** in his special address thanked dignitaries of various embassies, buying houses and agents to be part of this meet. He briefed the gathering about DILEX 2022 scheduled to be held on February 14-15, 2022. He informed that with the help



Shri Subash Kapoor, Convener (RBSM), CLE giving introductory remarks and welcome address



Shri Sanjay Leekha, Chairman, CLE giving special address

of Department of Commerce, Government of India Council for Leather Exports is proud to hold the 3rd edition of DILEX RBSM in February 2022 in New Delhi. This will be a two-day event with participation of 70 Indian manufacturer exporters of Indian leather products displaying all types of finished leather products with latest collections viz. different categories of footwear, leather garments, leather goods and accessories, leather gloves, etc. He conveyed that the objective of RBSM is to generate more business by showcasing our strength in terms of manufacturing, providing quality goods with latest design and trends which can help them to serve consumers in their country satisfactorily. India has been progressing in terms of ease of doing business which is now helping exporters to reach market in promised time frame and serve customers in better way than what it used to be.

He conveyed that Hon'ble Prime Minister of India in the month of August 2021; had an interactive session with 140 Indian missions and all the Export Promotion Councils wherein he gave the target of achieving USD 400 billion merchandise exports by this fiscal year. India has already crossed USD 200 billion till first week of October 2021. He informed that leather industry has

fixed the target of achieving USD 30 billion by 2025-26 of which exports is USD 10 billion and domestic is USD 20 billion. The target of export to achieve this fiscal year is USD 5.89 billion. The leather industry is working on the outlines of the strategy to achieve such ambitious targets and I am confident that we will be able to achieve the target easily.

He further added that India has the potential to achieve the set target. Industry members have invested in new plants, new machines, created state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities with new technologies and these changes has made us competitive and globally attractive. India has world class institutions like FDDI, CLRI, CFTI which are providing good support in terms of trained manpower to run leather industries and are facilitating the export growth. Since last five years we are gradually witnessing growing share of India in leather and footwear trade in the global market.

Lastly, he requested diplomats of overseas embassies in India and representatives of buying houses to spread information and publicize DILEX 2022. He invited all to visit the exhibition and stalls of 3rd edition of DILEX to be held on February 14-15, 2022.

Shri R. Selvam, IAS, Executive Director, CLE in his address briefed the embassies and buying houses



Shri R. Selvam, IAS, Executive Director, CLE giving address during the meeting

about Indian Leather and Footwear industry. He also briefed about ease of doing business initiative of Government of India and various milestones achieved in that direction. He conveyed that the leather industry is serving almost all global brands including Prada, Buggati, Armani, Coach etc. following international quality standards and compliances. Besides having huge export potential, India is a huge and rapidly growing market for footwear and leather products as well. India should be seen not only as a major supplier of value added leather and footwear products but also as a major partner in Joint Ventures and Technical Collaborations in Greenfield and Brownfield investments. There are huge opportunities in this sector and lots of enquiries are coming from different parts of the world to invest and that may eventually surpass huge investment in the year 2022 especially in accessories and machinery sector. He also informed that Government of India is signing FTAs with different partner countries to ease and increase the flow of goods and services and investments.

He also requested the august gathering to give their opinions and suggestions or raise questions, if any regarding investment or joint ventures with the Indian leather and footwear companies as well as participate in DILEX 2022.

Subsequently, one to one interaction was held between dignitaries of CLE and buying houses/embassies took place.





One to one interaction being held to respond the queries of participants to the Curtain Raiser

Shri Moti Lal Sethi, Regional Chairman (North), CLE in his concluding remarks thanked the diplomats of overseas embassies with a request to disseminate information about DILEX in their countries, CEOs and representatives of buying houses with special reference to Buying Agents Association who are acting like bridge between overseas buyers and exporters. He also thanked Ministry of Commerce & Industry for extending funding support to RBSM, Chairman, CLE Convener (RBSM), CLE for taking initiative of organizing this Meet.

He conveyed the august gathering that the Northern Region of CLE plays a vital role in export



Shri Moti Lal Sethi, Northern Regional Chairman, CLE giving concluding remarks

of leather, footwear, garments and goods & accessories which accounts for 24% of total share of Indian exports of leather, footwear and leather products. He requested the representatives of embassies and buying houses to visit the leather clusters located in Northern region so that they can see the state-of-the-art manufacturing facility, efficiency and professionalism of the industry.

India today, as of now is not only a quantity producer but is definitely a quality producer; our niche market is good but now under Make in India initiative, Government want us to be the quantity producers, as a lot of shift is taking from China.

Currently, Indian exports are up by almost 40% for April-Oct 2021 compared to the same period of previous year. The two major factors attached with the leather industry is – firstly, earning foreign exchange and secondly, generating employment. He informed that he is the Director of Leather Sector Skill Council where human resource is being trained. If industries are set up in a particular state then the respective state governments offer various incentives to attract investment and facilitate manufacturing. He also informed that the Government of Uttar Pradesh has allotted 100 acres Industrial Park near New Airport at Yamuna Express, Noida to leather and footwear industry to set up the state-of-the-art factory along with a package of incentives and tax concessions.

Lastly, he conveyed that DILEX 2022, 3rd edition of RBSM is an effort in the direction to contribute in the trade growth of country and also fulfil our commitment of the export target set up by our Hon'ble Prime Minister for the sector and Department of Commerce. He requested all to participate and visit 3rd edition of DILEX 2022.

Subsequently, representatives from embassies and buying houses visited the CLE stall wherein samples of leather garments, goods and footwear were displayed.



**Shri Sanjay Leekha, Chairman, CLE interacting with H.E. of various Embassies**



Embassy of Mauritius



Embassy of Ukraine



Embassy of Kyrgyzstan



Embassy of Iran

# “Development of Indian National Footwear Sizing System”

## an UPDATE by CSIR-CLRI

Under the aegis of the Department for Promotion of Industrial & Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce, Government of India; CSIR-Central Leather Research Institute (CSIR-CLRI), a Research Institute under the Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India has been nominated to lead the project of ‘Developing an Indian National Footwear Sizing System’ along with leading Institutes from across the Country as its Synergy Partners.

### Need for an Indian National Footwear Sizing System

- Design of footwear is a complex, multidisciplinary task spanning many fields of Science and Engineering. Comfort of a shoe and proper foot health is ensured by a proper footwear size.
- In the absence of a ‘Footwear Sizing System’ in India, it is imperative that an ‘Indian Footwear Sizing system’ be developed based on the Foot Dimensions of the Indian feet.
- CSIR-CLRI under the aegis of Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Government of India, Ministry of Commerce is conducting a nationwide survey for reliable data on foot dimensions of the Indian population using 3D Digital Imaging technique to establish the Indian Footwear Sizing System.
- The Indian National Footwear Sizing System that is being developed will help the populace to get well fitting shoes that adhere to the contours of their feet thus ensuring perfect fit and comfort and also prevent foot debilitations.



Working Principle



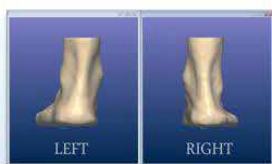
The Technique to be used for capturing the Foot Data comprises of a 3D Foot Scanner which would DIGITALLY capture the Foot Images of people across the country and automatically derive the various Foot Dimensions for storage into a database for later Statistical Analysis. To help in efficient data capture and analysis, the country is divided into different zones and further sub divided into Age and Gender groups.

- The Foot Measurement Technology that would be used is the most advanced “3D Digital Imaging” technique which comprises of a 3 Dimensional foot scanner which scans the foot form and the anatomical landmark points and measures automatically over 25-foot measurement parameters through an optical laser scanning system.
- The scan data is captured as a cloud point data and can be saved and exported to various file formats like CSV, DXF, VRML and STL for further Statistical investigations.

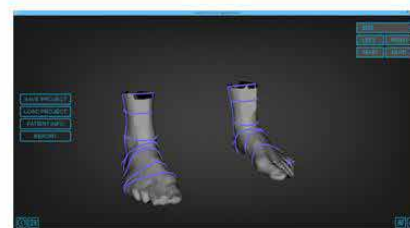
## The Scientific Process



Digital Data Capture  
Foot contour in weight on position  
3D scan  
25+ Parameters



.stl files  
Process using mathematical algorithms  
Vectorized data – foot data  
.stl files and .csv files for analysis



Statistical analysis of Data  
Grouping of data into sizes  
Establishing length – width increment  
Last grading parameters  
Derive equivalence with English and French Standards – For ease of industries and users

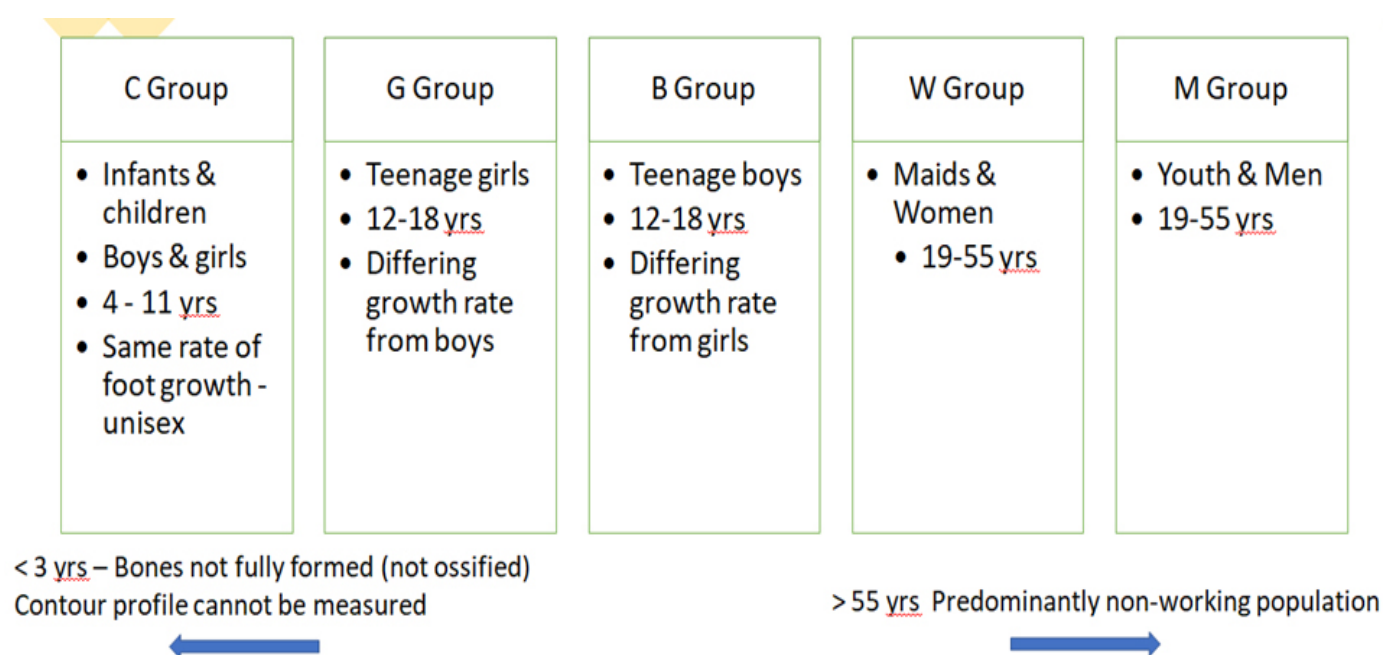


Data to be protected at CSIR-CLRI  
To be revised every 20 – 25 years  
to accommodate lifestyle changes

## PROCESS FLOW for Data Capture and Statistical Investigations

- ☐ The images which are captured and stored are processed by using Mathematical Algorithms
- ☐ The Analysis of these Foot Images leads to finding their boundaries, determining linear measurements and typical angles according to a predefined network.
- ☐ The pixel graphic picture files are converted into a vectorized data stream for retrieval of foot data.
- ☐ The basis of the statistical data analysis is the unified database retrieved from numerical data collection after analysing all the foot images and the calculations based on these graphics images lead us to deriving the Indian Foot Sizing system.
- ☐ The end objectives of the Statistical Investigations are:
  - o To identify the length and width ranges required to cover the need of the local population for footwear;
  - o To define proportions and rules of constructing shoe lasts required for providing well-fitting and healthy footwear.

## Demographic distribution



Once the Foot Data is collected then we have to carry out a detailed Statistical Analysis to:

- o To reveal the differences among various groups and geographical areas
- o To determine the characteristic age and size groups
- o To Set the basic measurements to be used for marking sizes of footwear
- o To establish the size ranges providing the required coverage of the population
- o To Produce rules and numerical database for designing well-fitting shoe lasts



One Lakh Foot Measurements would be carried out across the country in various age and gender groups. The Foot Measurement Survey would be carried out at 79 Locations pan India which have been identified by the NSSO, Ministry of Statistics and Programme implementation, Government of India. At all of these Locations we would be visiting various Schools, Colleges, Factories and Housing Societies to capture the Foot Data.

### Role of Council for Leather Exports

#### Indian National Footwear Sizing Project: Breakup of Measurements & Operational Survey Plan

Shri Sanjay Leekha, Chairman, Council for Leather Exports visited CSIR-Central Leather Research Institute (CSIR-CLRI) on 23rd September 2021. CLRI demonstrated the most prestigious endeavour of DPIIT & CSIR-CLRI on the Development of Indian National Footwear Sizing System. Chairman, CLE instantaneously offered support to CSIR-CLRI through the assistance of CLE's Regional Centres in identifying places for foot survey in the 79 locations Pan-India. This is very re-assuring for CSIR-CLRI.

On 3rd December 2021; team CLE comprising Shri A.Fayaz Ahmed, Deputy Director, CLE Head Office; Shri EL Samson, Regional Director, CLE (SR); Ms Pallavi Dubey, Regional Director, CLE (CR); Shri RK Shukla, Regional Director, CLE (Agra); Shri Atul Kumar Mishra, Regional Director, CLE (NR); Shri Santosh Pandey, Regional Director, CLE (WR) interacted with the Core Team of CLRI (Dr D Suresh Kumar, Shri K Dayalan, Shri P Vinoth Kumar and Shri Md Sadiq) as well as with the Zonal Managers from CLRI. The participation from CLRI was co-ordinated by Smt Geethalakshmi Balaji, Principal Technical Officer, Director's Office, CLRI.

## Foot Scanning launched at Factories, Schools, Colleges & Societies



Dr KJ Sreeram, Director, CSIR-Central Leather Research Institute and Shri K Murali, Director, Central Footwear Training Institute (CFTI, Chennai) jointly launched the Foot Scanning at the India Shoes Factory in the august presence of Shri Ashfaq Mecca, Director, India Shoes (Farida Group).

Dr Sreeram explained the need for development of Indian National Footwear Sizing System in chronological order:

**This Indian Standard (First Revision) was adopted by the Indian Standards Institution on 15th December 1969, after the draft finalized by the Footwear Selection Committee had been approved by the Chemical Division Council. This standard was originally published in 1960 subsequent to which various departments in this field have taken place.**

Since the anatomy and functional requirements of footwear for children, juveniles and adults (both

Men and Women) have changed in the last five decades, it is proposed to design and develop scientifically correct footwear exclusively for them. It includes anthropometric survey, foot biomechanics and gait study, materials identification, lasts fabrication, development of design patterns and comfort parameters, wear trials, generation of specification.

In general footwear is meant for protecting our feet from environment and injuries. Basically footwear is categorized by size to cover footwear for new-born to adults of any age and within the same size, footwear comes with different materials and design. People are free to choose their own footwear based on their size, fit and taste. But beyond these factors, there are certain factors which plays important role in selection of one's footwear. That is functional and anatomical requirements of foot.

Initially when the footwear sizing system was made length of the foot was taken into consideration. Then the variation in girth volume and width of the foot within same foot length was realized. So to compensate this different fitting size for each footwear size was developed. Though this type of specification of footwear satisfied large population, there is a need of special footwear specifications for people whose functional and anatomical requirements of footwear is different from the general

population. For example, there was a huge demand for special shoes to meet the requirements of athletes and other sports personnel. Research and developments in the area of biomechanics, have provided a clear understanding of human locomotion, biomechanics of normal person and sports person was made. As a result of research also from shoe manufacturers and R & D organizations working on natural and synthetic polymers and special footwear can also use the new standards for designing and developing footwear.

Podiatrists specializing in podopaediatrics, believe that wearing shoes at too young age can hamper a child's walking and cerebral development. Walking barefoot develops muscles and ligaments of the foot, increases the strength of the foot arch, and improves proprioception. Structural and functional stages can result from the foot having to conform to the shape and constriction of a shoe, rather than being allowed to develop naturally.

Most children shoes are too stiff, too rigid with no flexibility at the sole and too much heel raise. Even in case of branded shoes like Nike, from the heel to the toes there is no bend in the sole. Rigid shoes will restrict movement of the forefoot. There are more problems and disadvantages from wearing shoes than not wearing them, among them are deformation caused by poor fit, ingrown toe nails and athletes foot. On the other hand, children cannot walk barefoot on the streets or in the park, where there is dirt and hazards like glass and nails. So it points out that it is the responsibility of Children shoes manufactures to give right product to the children for their growing feet.

This provides a large scope and opportunity for scientific interventions in the design, development and manufacture of proper fitting children shoes.

The predominant size measurement systems in use today are from countries such as Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, UK and USA. There are disparities amongst the sizes, such as a UK Size 5 for women is equivalent to size 7 in USA. The standard prescribed sizes and fittings for footwear lasts that are required for the manufacturers of footwear. The development of size system in the early part of the 20th century was based on the Ritz Stick invented in 1913. In the UK system, the size of shoe is measured in terms of the length. For children it is divided into 13 parts, and 15 in the case of men and women. With several changes, today companies like NIKE have introduced proprietary combination of computer vision, data science, machine learning and artificial intelligence to measure the full shape of the feet and develop customized footwear. In 2019, in a publication in the Nature Scientific Reports, Jurca et al., integrated 3D scanning technology into footwear retail stores and analyzed a database containing a large population of men and women across North America, Europe and Asia. They classified foot scans into length classes with 5 mm length increments. The publication also provided a range of methodologies and detailed the efforts taken in various countries starting from the use of a digital caliper to 3D scanners for measurement. The authors based on a dataset of over one lakh 3D scans conclude that shoes for the Asian market have to be made wider compared to that for North America and the European Market. Scaling factors need also to take into account height factors and width factors.

A (mass) foot survey is a research programme based on taking samples of the target population and carrying out certain anthropometric investigations on their feet. Thus it should properly be prepared and planned with a clear definition of its objective and scope. Moreover, it has a statistical character since it is impossible to measure each and every person.

Like any research programmes foot surveys need some kinds of instruments, staff, methodology for processing the collected data and interpreting results. The preparation of the foot measurement should cover all these aspects.

There are two types of foot measurement methods: individual and mass survey. Individual foot measurement is used when either a specific foot is analysed for a specific purpose (e.g. orthopaedic treatment, made-to-measure service). Mass or statistical surveys aim at assessing size distribution, proportions and determining possible grouping criteria for a given population which may be an entire country (state), a region, a specific group (e.g. children of certain age, soldiers, workers in a given industry, sportsmen). Individual measurements serve a single person's interests, mass surveys try to define characteristics which will be helpful in designing and supplying goods - in our case: footwear - for a given market (segment).

The main objective of this foot survey is to collect data on the anthropometric properties of the Indian

population's feet. It is expected that the survey will reveal differences among various ethnic groups and geographic areas - if they exist or prove that no differentiation is needed when shoe is produced and supplied to any part of the country, determine characteristic age and size groups requiring specific attention when footwear is designed for them, set basic measurements to be

used for marking sizes of footwear, establish size ranges providing the required coverage of the population with shoes (to be) produced using industrial technology for retail, produce rules and numerical data(bases) for designing well-fitting shoe lasts which will avoid development of static and other foot diseases caused by wearing not comfortable shoes.

### **The contribution of CSIR-CLRI in the development of footwear sizing system**

CSIR-CLRI in association with Optimer Hardsoft Ltd., Hungary carried out a Foot Measurement Survey in India, as a part of the National Leather Development Program of the UNIDO during 1999. The main objective of the survey was to collect data on the anthropometric properties of Indian population's feet, with an intent to produce rules and numeric databases for designing well-fitting shoe lasts. This report, now available as an open source document:

[https://open.unido.org/api/documents/4813405/download/\(R\)%20INDIA.%20FOOT%20](https://open.unido.org/api/documents/4813405/download/(R)%20INDIA.%20FOOT%20)

MEASUREMENT%20SURVEY%20IN%20INDIA.%20FINAL%20REPORT%20(22300.en) and details the steps to be adopted in carrying out the measurement and sizing system.

Similarly, a PhD work on Anthropometric characterization of Indian feet has been carried out at CSIR-CLRI and awarded by the Anna University. The thesis development protocols to convert foot dimensions into shoe last measurements. It also recommended the middle (length) sizes of shoe lasts for children, boys, girls, men and women. The thesis concluded that the 3D surface scanning systems provide for accurate and repeatable digital representations of the foot shape and can be used for successful development of sizing systems.

As a part of the XII plan project, CSIR-CLRI based on a sample size of 500 students drawn from the Kendra Vidyalaya in Chennai carried out a cluster analysis compressed the currently available children size range from Children size 10 to Adult size 3 into only 5 groups, thus optimizing the size range to be manufactured and also to accommodate for foot growth in children and reduce frequency of footwear change.

### **Expected OUTCOMES**

- To determine and establish the Indian Footwear Sizing System
- To arrive at the Different Length and Width Groups required for the Indian Population
- To specify the Last Grading parameters: viz. the Length and Width increments required
- To establish equivalence with other sizing systems followed internationally viz. English Sizing System and French Sizing system. The Indian Shoe Sizing system would be unique. A chart would be derived to compare equivalence with other sizing systems. This is very important to enable our Products to be sold in International Markets.



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## *Virtual Business Meet between Indian exporters of footwear, leather and leather products and buyers from Guatemala, Oct. 11, 2021*

Council for Leather Exports (CLE), in association with Embassy of India in Guatemala has organized a Virtual Business Meet between Indian exporters of footwear, leather and leather products and buyers from Guatemala at 7.30 PM India Time – 8.00 AM Guatemala Time on 11th October, 2021. This was the second Virtual Business Meet organized by CLE with the buyers from Guatemala. In the month of June, 2021, CLE had organized the first Virtual Business Meet in close coordination with Embassy of India in Guatemala. The 2nd Virtual Business Meet was organized based on a request received from the Mayor of Flores (a Municipality in Guatemala).

The below named 07 Indian companies took part in this Virtual Programme and presented their company and product profiles before the buyers and business delegates from Guatemala.

Name of the Company	Place
Agile Exim Pvt. Ltd.,	New Delhi
Alpine Apparels Pvt. Ltd.	Faridabad
GRPS Leather Exports	Chennai
Intelikraft Impex LLP	Kolkata
Jiya Exim Pvt. Ltd.,	Kolkata
Skin N Stitch Pvt. Ltd.	Kolkata
Superhouse Limited	Kanpur

Over 40 buyers and business delegates from various parts of Guatemala, specially from the Municipality of Flores, attended the programme virtually.

At the outset, Mr. Suraj Jadhav, Head of Chancery, Embassy of India



Guatemala introduced the dignitaries who are present in the meeting and invited Hon'ble Ambassador for addressing the forum.

H.E. Mr. B.S. Mubarak, Ambassador of India to Guatemala in his opening address informed that this is the 2nd BSM organizing by Embassy of India in association with Council for Leather Exports, India. The first Virtual Business Meet was organized in the month of June, 2021. Mrs. Alcaldesa Mayra Altan de Palacios, Hon'ble Mayor of Flores, who attended the first Virtual BSM has requested the Embassy of India for planning a similar program again for the buyers and business delegates of footwear and leather products from Flores. Accordingly, today's Virtual BSM is being planned, the Hon'ble Ambassador informed the audience.

The Hon'ble Ambassador thanked the Executive Director-CLE for arranging the Virtual Business Meet in a very short notice and appreciated CLE's efforts for promoting export of leather products from India. He has presented a brief

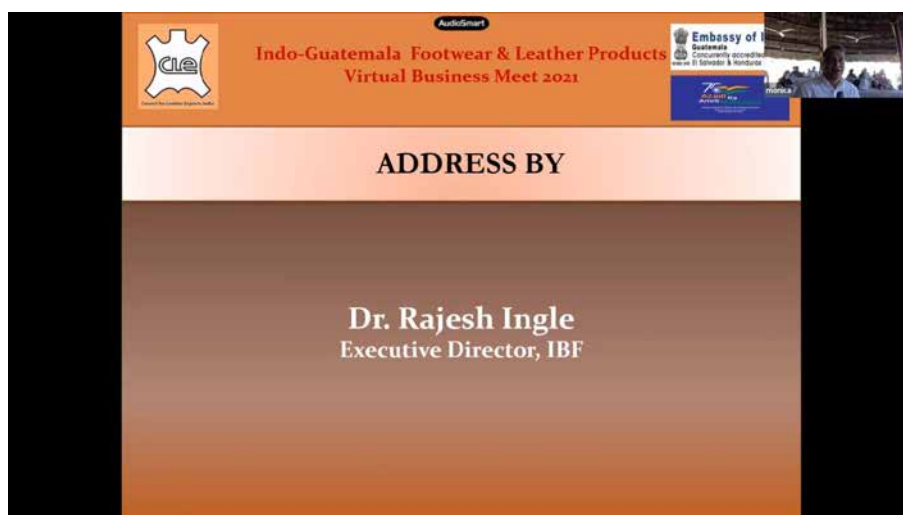


overview about Flores, a Municipality in Guatemala, and said that more than 40 business delegates from Flores are attending today's program from Flores. He further thanked the Mayor of Flores for her keen interest in organizing the program. He also thanked Dr. Rajesh Ingle, Executive Director of India Business Forum, for coordinating the program.

Mr. R. Selvam, IAS, Executive Director-CLE in his address thanked the Honble Ambassador and other officials in the Embassy of India for supporting CLE for organizing the 2nd Virtual Business Meet with buyers from the Flores Municipality in Guatemala. He welcomed Mrs. Alcaldesa Mayra Altan de Palacios, Hon'ble Mayor of Flores and thanked her for taking keen interest for organizing the program. ED-CLE also welcomed Dr. Rajesh Ingle of IBF and buyers and business delegates from Guatemala.

The Executive Director-CLE presented a detailed overview about Indian footwear and leather industry. He stated that the leather, leather products and footwear sector in India is not only a major foreign exchange earner for the country but is also a major labour oriented sector. The sector is also known for its high concentration of women employment, with women constituting 40 % of the work force. Our sector is a destination not only for sourcing of leather and leather products but also for entering into Joint Ventures and Technical Collaborations. 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) is allowed in leather, leather products and footwear sector. With a very huge domestic market of approx USD 12 billion and India being the second largest consumer of footwear, there is very good scope for manufacturing in India.

While talking about trade between India and Guatemala in the footwear and leather sector, ED-CLE informed that, Guatemala has imported



footwear, leather and leather products worth USD 189 million during 2019-20. Guatemala's major item of import was Footwear (USD 101 million), followed by finished leather (USD 20 million) and leather goods (USD 6 million). On the other hand, India has exported footwear, leather and leather products worth USD 4.59 million to Guatemala during 2019-20. India's major item of export to Guatemala was finished leather, followed by leather goods and footwear. At the end, ED-CLE wished all success to the Indian participants, for exploring business possibilities with buyers from Guatemala.

Mrs. Alcaldesa Mayra Altan de Palacios, Hon'ble Mayor of Flores, in her brief address thanked CLE and Embassy of India in Guatemala for organizing the program based on her request. She told that many companies from Flores, who are attending the program are interested in doing business with Indian companies and opined that today's program will give an opportunity to both the sides for exploring further business possibilities.

Dr. Rajesh Ingle, Executive Director of India Business Forum also addressed the audience and thanked CLE and Embassy of India for organizing the Virtual Business Meet. He offered all possible support of India Business Forum for promoting trade between both the countries in the leather sector.

A short video showcasing Indian footwear and leather industry was played before the audience. Pre-recorded videos of 3 minutes duration of all 07 Indian participants were also played on the occasion. The videos explained





about their products, countries they are exporting and their manufacturing capabilities.

At the end of the program, a Question Answer Session was also conducted, in which, Officials from Embassy of India and Council for Leather Exports replied to the questions asked by the delegates from Guatemala.

The Virtual Business Meet concluded with the Vote of Thanks offered by Mr. Suraj Jadhav, Head of Chancery, Embassy of India, Guatemala.

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## *Virtual Business Meet between Indian exporters of footwear, leather and leather products and buyers from Mexico, Oct. 13, 2021*

Council for Leather Exports (CLE), in association with Embassy of India in Mexico and with the support of India-Mexico Business Chamber(IMBC) had organized a Virtual Business Meet between Indian exporters of footwear, leather and leather products and buyers from Mexico at 7.30 PM India Time – 9.00 AM Mexico Time on 13th October, 2021.

The below named 9 Indian companies took part in this Virtual Programme and presented their company and product profiles before the buyers and business delegates from Mexico

Name of the Company	Place
Agile Exim Pvt. Ltd	Ghaziabad
Dlords Footwear and Fashions Pvt. Ltd	Mumbai
Intelikraft Impex LLP	Kolkata
G.P. Exports	Kolkata
Jiya Exim Pvt Ltd	Kolkata
Naaz Exports Pvt. Ltd	Kanpur
Rahman Industries Limited	Kanpur
Universal Footwear	Mumbai
Varbi Footwear and Fashion Pvt. Ltd	Mumbai

17 buyers and business delegates from Mexico and other countries attended the programme virtually.

**Mr. R. Selvam IAS, Executive Director, Council for Leather Exports**, has welcomed all the delegates from Mexico and India. He also welcomed Ms. Juhi Rai, Charge d' Affairs, Embassy of India, Mexico and Mr.Rajeev Gupta, President,

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India-Mexico Business Chamber(IMBC). In his Introductory remarks, he elaborated the strength of Indian Leather and Leather Product industry and the present trade data between the two countries.

**Mr. Sanjay Leekha, Chairman-CLE** in his welcome address welcomed both Indian and Mexican delegates and thanked Embassy of India Mexico

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Executive Director-CLE

and Indo Mexican Business Chamber for their support in organizing this Virtual BSM and mobilizing Mexican Buyers for the event. Chairman-CLE mentioned that the leather and leather product trade between India and Mexico is moderate and this virtual BSM shall give an opportunity for the Indian Companies as well as Mexican buyers to understand each other's requirement.

Chairman-CLE presented a detailed overview about the footwear and leather sector in India and the advantages the sector is possessing in comparison with other exporting countries. He stated that over the last two years, Indian companies have substantially progressed. They are using the most modern technology for manufacturing thereby improved the quality of products to large extent. Chairman – CLE also shared the bilateral trade data between India and Mexico. He also talked about the trade relationship between India and Mexico in the footwear and leather sector.

**Ms. Juhi Rai, Charge d' Affairs, Embassy of India, Mexico** in her key note address mentioned that she would like to build a connection between the parties concerned in this sector from both Countries. She recalled that an Indian delegation visited Mexico in November 2018 for attending an event organized by CLE in association with Embassy of India in Mexico. During this pandemic situation this Virtual BSM has helped Indian companies in presenting their strength and opportunity available in India to the Mexican delegates. She also invited a delegation of Indian Exporters to visit Mexico once the pandemic situation is improved.

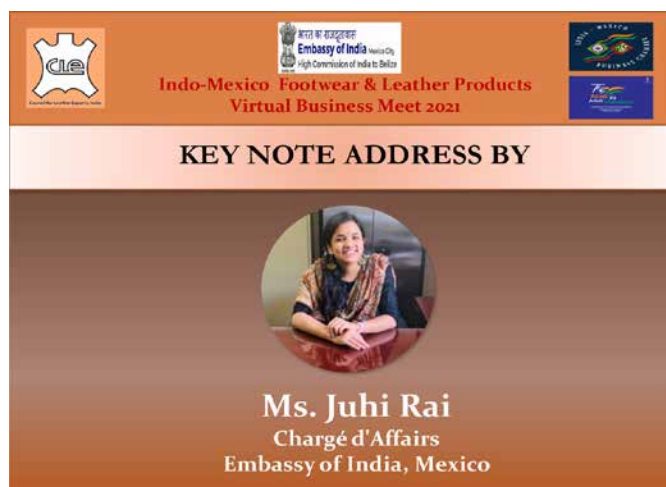
**Mr. Rajeev Gupta, President, India Mexico Business Chamber-IMBC** informed that India-Mexico trade relation in the footwear and leather sector is gradually growing after the visit of a Trade Delegation from India in November 2018. India with its innovation in this sector and its production capacity can absolutely aspire to move ahead in the list of countries exporting shoes to Mexico. Mexico offers great opportunity for the Indian Companies; furthermore the exporters should understand the Market potential and consider Mexico as a favourable market because of its connectivity to the North American Market of US and Canada and also to the rest of Latin America and South America. There exists immense opportunity for significantly enhancing the trade ties in the leather and shoe sector between both the countries. While concluding his address, Mr. Rajeev Gupta informed that



this BSM in a great opportunity to explore and enhance business ties between both the countries by way of Joint Venture and Foreign Direct Investment.

Thereafter, Officials from CLE presented the brief profile of all 9 Indian participants before the Mexican buyers and other delegates.

At the end, the session was opened for open discussion between Indian participants and Mexican buyers.



## *Virtual Business Meet between Indian exporters of footwear, leather and leather products and buyers from USA & Other Countries, Oct. 26, 2021*

Council for Leather Exports (CLE), in association with Embassy of India in USA had organized a Virtual Business Meet between Indian exporters of footwear, leather and leather products and buyers from USA at 7.30 PM India Time – 10.00 AM USA Time on 26th October, 2021.

The below named 20 Indian companies took part in this Virtual Programme and presented their company and product profiles before the buyers and business delegates from USA.

Name of the Company	Place
Aala Gloves	Chennai
AB Global	Ranipet
Alpine Apparels Pvt. Ltd	Faridabad
Caldes Fashions	Chennai
D Lords Footwear and Fashion Pvt. Ltd	Mumbai
Edcons Exports Pvt. Ltd	Kolkata
Elahi Exim (India) P. Ltd	Kolkata
G.P Exports	Kolkata
Gaurav Lederwaren Pvt. Ltd.	Kolkata
Hijaz Kuroda Gloves Company Pvt. Ltd	Chennai
Intelikraft Impex LLP	Kolkata
JC International Limited	Kolkata
Jiya Exim Pvt. Ltd	Kolkata
N. S Leather Products Pvt. Ltd	Kolkata
Naaz Exports Pvt. Ltd	Kanpur
Perfect Shoe Fabrics	Ambur
Rahman Industries Ltd	Kanpur
Styles N Smiles	Chennai
Tritan Leather Works Pvt. Ltd	Chennai
Varbi Footwear and Fashion Pvt. Ltd	Thane



19 buyers and business delegates from USA and other countries attended the programme virtually.

**Mr. R. Selvam IAS, Executive Director, Council for Leather Exports** welcomed all the delegates from USA, India and Officials of Embassy of India. In his introductory remarks, ED-CLE described the role of Council for Leather Exports and also elaborated the strength of Indian Leather and Leather Product industry and the present trade data between the two countries. He emphasized that there is huge potential for both the countries to grow together in leather and footwear products segment if exporters from India physically participate in the trade fairs and events in USA during the post pandemic scenario.

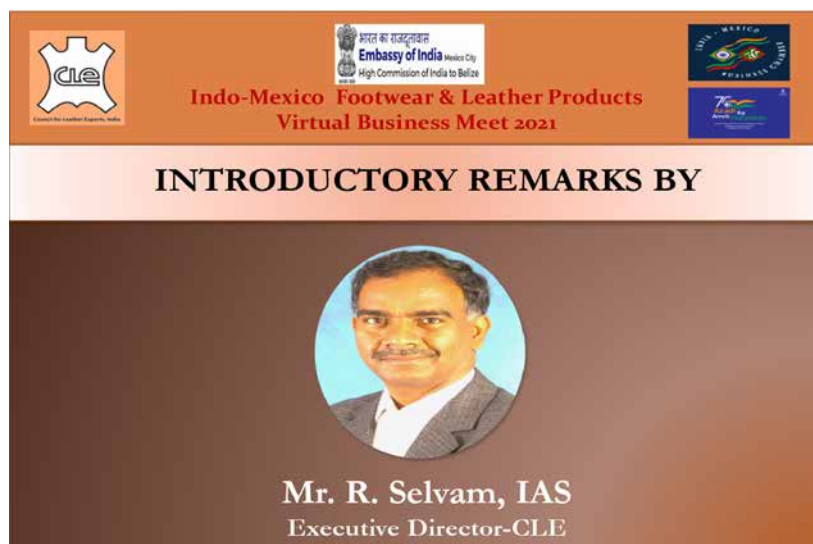
**Mr. Sanjay Leekha, Chairman-CLE** in his welcome address thanked Dr. Manoj Kumar Mohapatra, Minister (Commerce), Mr. Abu Mathen George, First Secretary (Commerce) and other officials of the Embassy for their efforts in organizing this Virtual Buyer Seller Meet. Chairman-CLE welcomed all the delegates from USA and India. He also welcomed Ms. Julie Hughes, President of US Fashion Industry Association and their team members. Chairman-CLE mentioned that the leather and leather product sector in India is expected to grow tremendously in next 3 to 4 years. Various investments have been made in the Industry by different players in upgrading their production capacity and modernizing their factories. India is the supplier of footwear and leather products to most of the major luxury brands, premium brands and also for some of the large retail buyers. There exists enormous opportunities for exploring joint

venture with Indian Companies as India is tremendously expanding in both domestic and export market. He also acknowledged CLE's association with the Industry associations like USFIA and FDRA in the United States, which has helped Indian footwear and leather products sector to develop further.

In his address, Dr. Manoj Kumar Mohapatra, IFS, Minister (Commerce) Embassy of India, Washington DC stated that the bilateral commercial relationship between India and US is reflected in the official engagement of Ministries of both the countries. Hon'ble Prime Minister of India has recently addressed the Embassies, Ambassadors, Export Promotion Councils, and Exporters with a view to encourage India's exports and its potential. Embassy of India in Washington DC is in contact with the buying houses and brands like Wal-Mart, Costco, Home Depot, Target etc. Accordingly, Embassy would like to continue the buyers outreach programs in the coming months as well, the Minister (Commerce) informed.


After the address by Minister (Commerce), Embassy of India, Washington DC, CLE has showcased a short video about India's strength and opportunities in the footwear and leather sector. Thereafter, Officials from CLE presented the brief profile of all 20 Indian participants before the US buyers and other delegates.

The Session ended with formal Vote of Thanks offered by Mr. R. Selvam, IAS, Executive Director-CLE.



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## *Meeting of Public Grievances Committee meeting held at New Custom House New Delhi on 25th November, 2021*



Shri Motilal Sethi, Northern Regional Chairman, CLE addressing the customs issues to Shri Sanjay Bansal, Commissioner, Exports, New Custom House, New Delhi

Public Greivances Committee and Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee meeting was convened by New Custom House, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Shri Sanjay Bansal, Commissioner – Exports, New Custom House, New Delhi on 25th November, 2021 to address custom issues pertaining to IGI Airport/ Delhi Aircargo.

Shri Motilal Sethi, Northern Regional Chairman, CLE and Shri Atul Kumar Mishra, Regional Director, CLE attended the said meeting to present grievances of member- exporters with the Custom officials.

Shri Motilal Sethi, Northern Regional Chairman on behalf of member of Council for Leather Exports, complimented the customs on Special Drives being conducted frequently for the redressal of pending GST and Drawback issues. However, in spite of that, there are issues pertaining



to Drawback and GST He further added that exporters are already facing hardship due to financial crunch on account of Covid-19 and hence requested for speedy refunds.

During his discussion, he also raised the issue pertaining to “Risky Exporters” wherein he pointed out that the GST/Drawback refunds are delayed on account of verification and other formalities and whether there are any provisions or procedures for claiming the reimbursement with interest.

Shri Sanjay Bansal, Commissioner-Exports, New Custom House, New Delhi conveyed that, Custom services are digitized, wherein customs queries are sorted out online and exporters reply back on the system very efficiently. However if there are still delays in clearance of refunds, exporters, EPCs and stakeholders get their issue addressed.

However, with regards to provisions for claiming the interest on account of delay in refund of “Risky Exporters”, he added that at present there is no notified policy.

Northern Regional Chairman, CLE in his discussion also highlighted the matter of duty being imposed and substantial delay in clearance of free trade samples. He said that Export Oriented Units are buyers driven and hence there is an urgent requirement of samples for approval for further execution of orders and other obligations. Therefore, further delay in clearance of imported courier samples may lead to the cancellation of orders.

Shri Sanjay Bansal, Commissioner -

Exports clarified that import of Free Trade Samples are specified in Custom Notification No. 154/94-Cus dated 13th July, 1994.

Northern Regional Chairman, CLE also highlighted the problem being faced in clearance of Merchant Exporters Shipments. He conveyed that perception is that any Merchant Exporter who is exporting on IGST basis is considered suspicious.

There are issues in clearance of Merchant Export shipment especially at night and documents clearance on holidays. Since Air shipments are always critical and time sensitive, the clearance and processing should be 24x7 as available to manufacturer exporter. Different types of documents like purchase bills etc. are being sought for clearance of shipments even when shipments are marked as inspected.

On the issue of Merchant Exporter, Commissioner – Exports conveyed that Custom official has to adopt parameters as per the custom norms irrespective of any category of exporter. Matters pertaining to delays in clearance of papers on holidays or late night of Merchant Export Shipment does happen due to insufficient custom staff. However, if prior information of shipments is given to the Customs, these matter may not arise.

CLE Northern Regional Chairman also took up the matter of timely clearance of export shipments as delay causes huge losses. Issues pertaining to delay in X-rays and demurrage waiver were also discussed. While taking up this issue, he desired to know the “through-put” time from the custom officials in clearance of shipment through X-ray machines; The Commissioner assured that if there are delay in this process, then customs may order more X-ray machines to expedite the process.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks.



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## LWG launches largest ever lifecycle assessment (LCA) study for leather



The Leather Working Group (LWG) is a membership organisation composed of over 1300 members across the leather value chain, including leather manufacturers, brands, suppliers, traders, and associations. The group develops audit certification standards to assess the environmental performance of leather manufacturing facilities and promotes responsible practices in the leather supply chain. For more information about the Leather Working Group, please visit the LWG

The Leather Working Group (LWG) has announced the launch of the largest lifecycle assessment (LCA) for the leather industry, to investigate the environmental impact of leather made in LWG-certified facilities.

Working with Milan-based sustainability consultancy Spin360, the LWG kicks off the first phase of their lifecycle assessment of leather, which will be based on the material made in LWG-certified leather manufacturing facilities.

Bruno Kestenband, Leather Responsible Sourcing Manager at Richemont International, said: “The LCA is a key tool to show the environmental advances made by the tanning industry and the future trade-offs it should address. It removes subjectivity and allows us, as buyers of tanned leather, to address the real

causes of environmental impacts of leather.”

In the first phase of the project, LWG and Spin360 will define the study’s goal and scope. This will include defining the type of leather that will be considered in the study, as well as factors such as geographical origin, animal type, tanning technologies and the industries served (footwear, apparel, upholstery, etc.). The newly launched LWG Environmental Impact Working Group will lend their knowledge and expertise to the goal and scope definition phase of the LCA, to ensure the work is representative and valuable to the LWG community.

LWG’s LCA study will collect and analyse data from a minimum of 40 leather manufacturers based in various regions across the globe — making it the largest ever LCA conducted for the leather industry. By maximising and diversifying the data collected, the study will aim to include a wide representation of leather made in LWG-certified facilities.

Fernando Bellese, Chief Sustainability Officer at PrimeAsia Leather Company, said:

“The LWG LCA is an exciting initiative. Discussions around the impact of leather have often been based on outdated information and assumptions. It is very positive to see a renowned organization such as LWG leading this sector-wide assessment, generating updated, scientific-based data about the industry. The LCA will also be very helpful in providing further improvement insights and opportunities for LWG to continue generating additional environmental efficiencies for the global leather sector.”

During the data collection phase, the study will draw on information about the raw material, energy usage, chemicals, water consumption, water and air emissions, and waste management — all of which is already collected and validated as part of the LWG Leather Manufacturer Audit. The study will also collect additional information from leather manufacturers directly.

The Life Cycle Impact Assessment will be thoroughly peer reviewed and will be aligned with the most relevant provisions of the ISO 14040 on data quality, including time related coverage, geographical coverage, technology coverage, representativeness, and consistency. It will provide insights into a range of environmental impact categories such as global warming potential (climate change), abiotic resource depletion (fossil fuels), eutrophication, water resource depletion and toxicity.

Using the data and insights generated by the LWG LCA, brands and retailers will be able to make science-based sourcing decisions and progress towards their supply chain sustainability goals. This will further empower brands to understand the full impact of their products and even communicate more clearly to consumers.

In addition, the LWG will utilise the results from the LCA to further refine the LWG Leather Manufacturer Audit Protocol, ensuring that LWG remains the world leading environmental certification for leather manufacturing.

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"For us at SLF, having this commitment from SGS through their partnership proves that we are on the right path



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for providing a sustainable future for the leather industry" said Deborah Taylor, Managing Director of SLF. She continued "as a new Foundation, still in our first full partnership year, to be able to work with industry experts and specialists at SGS is a significant step in the right direction. We have the vision of how to provide a true value-added service, but realising that vision requires support and access to global knowledge and infrastructure. Not only have SGS supported us through partnership, but the company is also going to be working with us to provide on the ground support for training, testing and auditing around the world. We are thrilled to be working closely with them".

Paul Bridge, Deputy VP Softlines and Head of Global Footwear Services, commented. SGS are dedicated and committed towards a sustainable future, partnering with The Sustainable Leather Foundation is a driver towards supporting the leather and related industries towards a measurable Sustainable future.

SLF's visionary Transparency Dashboard™ and Accessible, Inclusive, Modular (A.I.M.) approach to certification is the first of its kind in the industry. The system alleviates duplication of effort, by first recognising any existing certifications and mapping them onto the Dashboard before then evaluating any gaps in performance or certification. Putting the emphasis on meeting a required standard instead of who the provider is, makes it a more equitable and accessible model that gives brands and other value chain customers a real methodology for creating strong partnerships with their suppliers both now and into the future. This in turn gives a robust ability to impart verifiable, credible information for consumers to instil trust and confidence in their purchasing decisions.

In addition to the already up and running Tannery Dashboard, SLF are also beginning the work on Dashboards for the Chemical Companies, Machinery Companies, Traders / Agents and Product Manufacturers. Future development will include effluent treatment plants, slaughterhouse/meatpacking facilities and farms.

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## *Chamba 'chappal' gets Geographical Indications tag*

Intricately embroidered leather 'chappal' of Chamba have been registered under the Geographical Indications (GI), which will help prevent its cheap imitation elsewhere in the country. Adorned with golden and coloured

embroidery, the Chamba 'chappals' are hand made by craftsmen in Chamba town.

The formalities for getting the GI tag were undertaken jointly by the Himachal Pradesh Patent Information Centre at the HP Council for Science, Technology and Environment (HIMCOSTE) and the Ambedkar Mission Society, Chamba, on behalf of the manufacturers/ producers.

## *The XXXVI biennial Congress of the International Union of Leather Technologists and Chemists Society (IULTCS)*

The XXXVI biennial Congress of the International Union of Leather Technologists and Chemists Society (IULTCS), hosted by Africa Leather and Leather Products Institute (ALLPI) in conjunction with the Ministry of Industry of Ethiopia, from 3rd to 5th November, 2021, has been successfully completed at the Skylight Hotel, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic limitations, the IULTCS Congress, was conducted in a hybrid mode, with both face-to-face and online participants, for the first time in the Union's 120 years' experience. The three-day Congress was attended by over 240 participants from many countries from all continents. A total of 36 oral and more than 70 poster presentations were made on diverse areas of technology, chemistry and science of leather making and environmental sustainability. The online system also facilitated recordings of all presentations and discussion, which will remain available to registrants for reviewing at their leisure during the next two months.

The Congress was steered by the ALLPI Expert Team led by Professor Mekonnen Hailemariam, with 16 well-known scientists, researchers and professionals in the leather sector as moderators from across the different continents.

At the official opening ceremony of the Congress the IULTCS anthem was played and the Union's flag was raised. Welcome messages and a keynote speech were provided by Mr Ghebregziabher Ghebremedhin, Acting Executive Director, ALLPI, Dr Luis Zugno, President of IULTCS and His Excellency Mr Tekalegn Bululta, State Minister, Ministry of Industry, the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia. The opening was followed by the presentation of the IULTCS 2021 Merit Award for Excellence in the



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Leather Industry and then the prestigious keynote lecture of the Congress, the Heidemann Lecture.

IULTCS 2021 Merit Award for Excellence in the Leather Industry was presented to Dr T Ramasami, renowned for his very significant contributions to the chemistry of chromium as a scientist and his leadership in the Indian leather sector for many years.

The Heidemann Lecture was delivered by Professor Anthony Covington, who has authored over 300 technical publications, received the IULTCS Merit Award for Excellence in the Leather Industry in 2009, and the Alsop Award for Outstanding Scientific Contribution to the Leather Industry from the American Leather Chemists Association in 2011.

Following the official opening and the Heidemann's Lecture, the three days were divided into different sessions for oral and visual poster presentation of scientific papers. The scientific papers presenters were from all over the world and participants had the opportunity to ask them questions directly on-line and make comments. All the sessions went smoothly in a hybrid mode. The presenters were also honored with a certificate of merit.

Day 1 had 3 oral and 2 poster sessions. A total of twelve papers were presented in oral sessions; they presented new developments with regards to cleaner technologies for the leather processing, composite materials and utilization of leather waste resources, and Environmental Management Technologies in the leather industry.

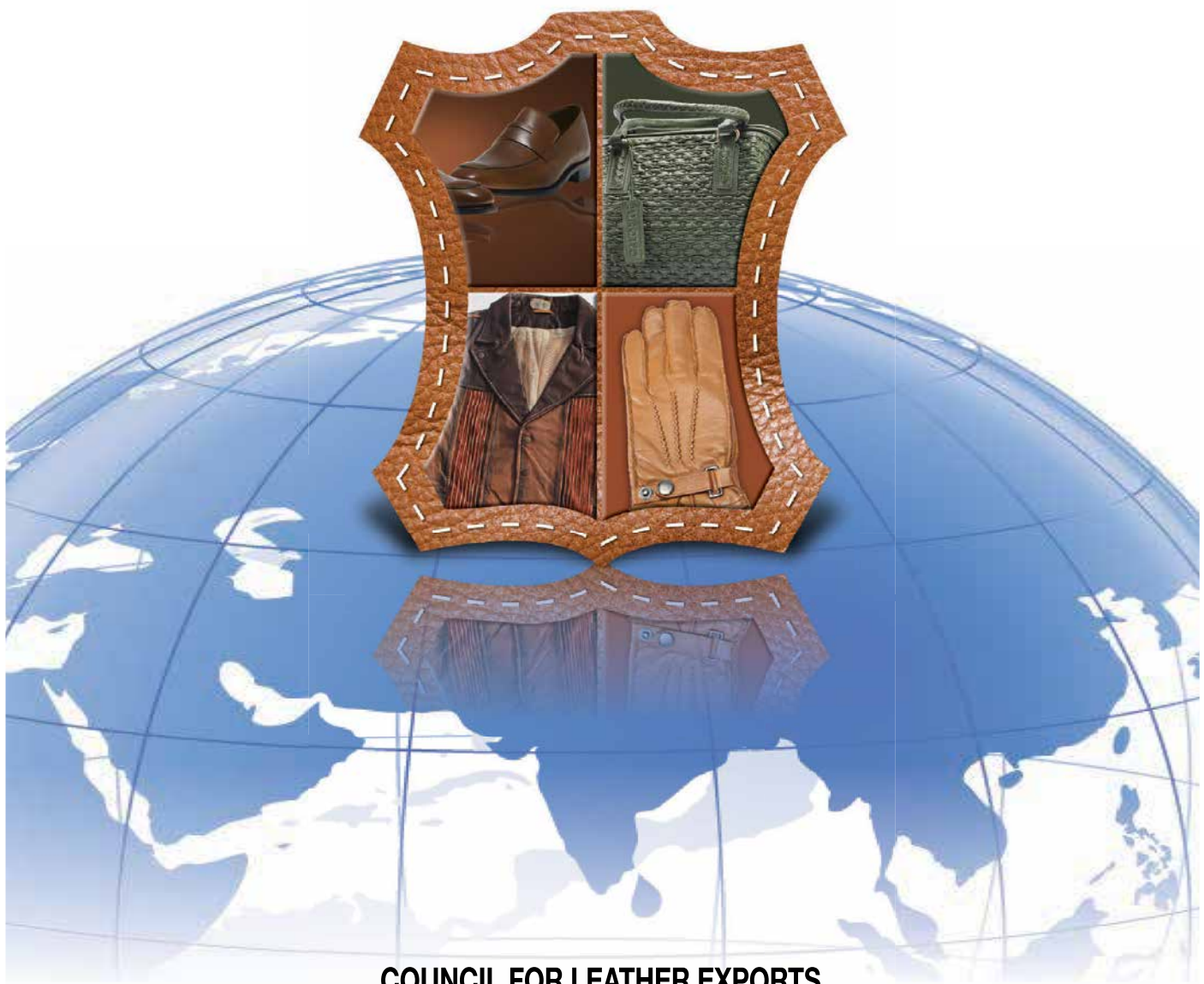
Day 2 followed with 4 oral and 3 poster sessions. The papers presented in the oral sessions were 16 in number and focused on the areas of intelligent manufacturing of leather products, cleaner technologies for the leather processing, leather chemicals. As well as Environmental Management Technologies, leather industry entrepreneurship and progress towards sustainability.

Day 3, the final day, had 2 oral and 2 visual poster sessions. The topics and contents of the orally presented scientific papers, that were 9 in number, focused on the areas of scientific research of leather and fashion, life style leather products and design innovation.

At the closing ceremony of the Congress the IULTCS anthem was played and the Union's flag was handed over to the host of the next Congress, which is the China Leather Industry Association (CLIA). This was followed by a vote of thanks by Dr Wolfram Scholz from Austria. Closing remarks by ALLPI Acting Executive Director Mr Ghebregziabher Ghebremedhin, ALLPI Board of Directors Chairperson, Mr Sekandi Abdul Hakim, and closing speeches by the incoming President of IULTCS, Mr Jean-Pierre Gualino and the current President of IULTCS, Dr Luis Zugno.

All the speakers expressed their satisfaction with respect to the level of organisation of the Congress, the diversity of the topics discussed and by the in-depth insight gained in the different aspects of the leather making and environmental sustainability. Organisers also thanked the Gold sponsor, TFL; the silver sponsor, Pittard's and the bronze sponsors JICA, Chromogenia, ATC, Buckman and Ethiopian Airlines.

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