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Dear Members

I visited the Expo Riva Schuh and Gardabags Fairs held in Riva Del Garda, Italy during June 17-20, 2023. CLE organised the participation of a large contingent of 45 member exporters in these fairs.

The twin fairs reflected the revival of the global trade in footwear and leather sector once again, after the slowdown experienced during first half of this year. Our member participants also reported positive news on the business front.

During these fairs, I also met a cross section of industry stakeholders and discussed about ways and means to enhance exports from our sector. I had a meeting with Ms. Lucy Reece - Raybould, Chief Executive Officer - British Footwear Association (BFA) during which I discussed about BFA support for the proposed Footwear & Leather products show scheduled in UK during Sept. 11-13, 2023.

During the fair, CLE signed an MOU with Riva Del Garda Fiere Congressi, the organisers of the Expo Riva Schuh and Gardabags Fairs. The MOU facilitates setting-up of CLE collective area/ pavilion in the January 2024 to June 2025 editions of Garda fairs.

During the fair, I also had a meeting with Mr. Roberto Vago, Managing Director – ASSOMAC, Italy (Italian Machinery Manufacturers Association) and discussed about mutual co-operation.

On the whole, the Garda fairs ended on a very positive note, reinforcing our hopes of revival of exports from July 2023 onwards. With the upsurge in markets, I am sure that we will be able to surpass the last years export value of USD 5.29 billion and reach a value of about USD 5.5 billion this year i.e. during 2023-24.

With best wishes

Sanjay Leekha

Chairman

COUNCIL FOR LEATHER EXPORTS



Dear Members

As members are aware, a geographical indication (GI) is a sign used on products that have a specific geographical origin and possess qualities or a reputation that are due to that origin. In order to function as a GI, a sign must identify a product as originating in a given place.

As far as leather industry is concerned, GI Status has been granted to products namely Andhra Pradesh Leather puppetry, Kolhapuri Chappal, Leather Toys of Indore, Leather Toys of Indore (LOGO), East India Leather (El tanned leather), Kanpur Saddlery and Santiniketan Leather Goods. The Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) recently held a virtual meeting on promotion of GI products and requested details of new products can be considered for GI status. Besides, the DPIIT also wants details of issues faced in registering GI products in overseas countries.

In this connection, we have sought inputs from members on the above issues. We have also sought feedback on enhancing exports/ domestic sales of the above GI Products, including support measures required from the Government.

One member has reported about registering Handmade Leather Journals as a GI Product. We have forwarded this request to DPIIT for consideration.

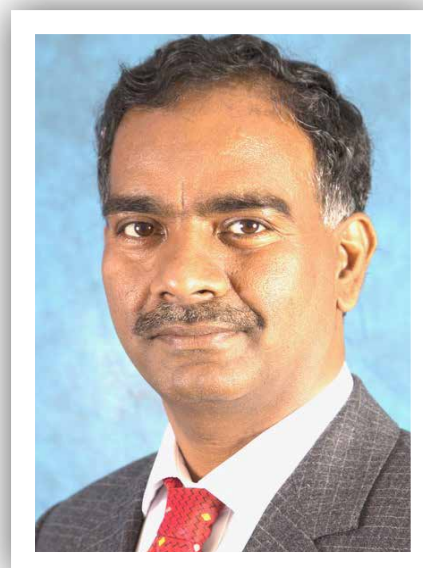
Meanwhile, I would request all members to send us the details on new products that could be considered for GI status and also feedback on measures to increase domestic sales and exports of GI products.

With kind regards

R. Selvam IAS

Executive Director

COUNCIL FOR LEATHER EXPORTS



BIS Meeting of Hon'ble Commerce & Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal with Leather & Footwear Stakeholders on 14th June, 2023 at Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi

The Indian government, recognizing the significance of quality standards in the leather and footwear sector, introduced the Quality Control Order on September 2020. The aim of this order is to ensure that leather and footwear products meet specified quality criteria, which includes performance, durability, safety, and environmental standards. The government believes that implementing this QCO will not only improve the overall quality of products but also enhance consumer confidence and protect public health and safety.

However, the implementation of the Quality Control Order has faced resistance from certain segments of the footwear industry. Some industry representatives argue that the new regulations impose additional compliance burdens, leading to increased production costs and potential loss of competitiveness in the international market. They express concerns that the strict quality standards may hinder innovation and restrict the diversity of footwear designs available to consumers.

Additionally, there have been concerns about the practicality and feasibility of implementing the QCO across the entire industry. Smaller manufacturers, in particular, may struggle to meet the stringent requirements due to limited resources and technical capabilities. This has prompted calls for a more phased approach or tailored support



Dr Ajay Lal Head of Chemical Department of BIS giving presentation on QCO implementation for footweares sector of India

measures to assist smaller businesses in meeting the prescribed quality standards

To address the above concerns raised by the footwear industry Shri Piyush Goyal Minister of Commerce & Industry and Consumer Affairs, Govt of India called up a meeting of industry association along with DPIIT offices and BIS to engage in constructive dialogue and collaborate to find mutually beneficial solutions.

This meeting was Chaired by Hon'ble commerce & Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal in the presence of Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh, Secretary DPIIT, Shri Rajeev Kumar Singh Additional Secretary DPIIT, Shri Pramod Kumar Tiwari, DG BIS, Shri Arun Kumar Sinha, MD FDDI, Shri RK Jalan, Chairman CLE, Shri Puran Dawar, COA, CLE, Shri R Selvam ED CLE, Shri Rajkumar Gupta, CIFI, Shri N Mohan, M/s Kothari Group, Shri Sanjay Gupta, President IFCOMA and Shri Atul Kumar Mishra Regional Director CLE.

Dr Ajay Lal, Head of chemical division BIS gave presentation on the implementation of quality control of Leather & Footwear issued by govt. He conveyed that by 1st July 2023 19 footwear categories are being implemented while 5 categories will be decided in one months' time and will be applicable after two and half months.

Shri Rajeev Singh Thakur conveyed that “Despite the resistance, it is crucial to acknowledge the government’s intent behind implementing the Quality Control Order. By ensuring that leather and footwear products conform to established quality benchmarks, the government aims to bolster the reputation of Indian leather and footwear in the global market, foster consumer trust, and strengthen the industry’s position in the long run”.

Following points were discussed and raised by Industry members before the hon’ble minister:

1. Government should consider providing assistance to smaller manufacturers through capacity-building programs, access to affordable technologies, and financial support to alleviate the burden of compliance. This targeted support can facilitate the industry’s adaptation to the new quality standards and help them remain competitive while upholding the intended goals of the Quality Control Order

2. Industry highlighted that QCO implementation are intended to enhance product quality and consumer satisfaction, they may also have implications for inventory management within the footwear industry. One possible impact of quality control measures is an increase in unsold inventory levels within the industry.

3. Industry further clarified that the presence of excess inventories can have several implications for footwear manufacturers and retailers. Firstly, it ties up financial resources as capital is invested in unsold products. Additionally, excess inventories may lead to increased warehousing costs, as more storage space is required to accommodate the surplus products.

Shri RK Jalan Vice Chairman CLE conveyed that council as a whole we



Shri Pramod Kumar Tiwari, Director General BIS addressing the Industry Association of Footwear Manufacturers

welcome the QCO which was much awaited and this order will be game changer for the Indian footwear manufacturers and exporters. He highlighted the role of standards in helping the industry to become more competitive and how the image of India as quality manufacturers hub is growing.

Shri Puran Dawar President AFMAC also supported the QCO implementation for footwear sector and congratulated minister on implementing the QCO.

Hon’ble Minister for Commerce & Industry in his speech and interaction during the meeting conveyed that Quality Control Orders for the leather & Footwear industry will be a game changer. He further added that the QCOs will establish the brand of India and enhance the value of Indian products. He also applauded that the Industry leaders from various Leather sector associations and welcomed the Quality Control Orders (QCOs), that they will be now be working towards adoption of QCOs.

Shri Goyal engaged in discussions with stakeholders regarding the introduction of Quality Control Orders (QCOs) on a selection of 24 footwear products starting from July 1, 2023. The Minister, along with the participants, explored effective strategies for the implementation of these QCOs. Emphasizing the importance of adhering to the QCOs, the Minister declared that they would be enforced rigorously from July 1, 2023, for the designated 24 products.

However, in consideration of 5 standards that have recently undergone revisions, manufacturers producing goods according to these updated specifications will be granted an additional 6-month grace period to ensure compliance with the QCOs, commencing from January 1, 2024. Furthermore, the implementation of the QCOs will be phased for small-scale industries, starting from January 1, 2024, and for micro-scale industries, commencing from July 1, 2024.



Shri Piyush Goyal, Union Commerce Industries and Consumer Affairs Minister, Govt of India delivering his speech before Leather & Footwear Industry Association on 14th June, 2023 at Vanijya Bhawan

Shri Piyush Goyal urged the Indian industry to collaborate with the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) in formulating standards for products that currently lack such specifications. This initiative would enable these products to be included under the Quality Control Orders (QCOs) six months after the notification of the standards. The Minister also announced a significant reduction of 80 percent in testing charges for footwear products under the QCOs specifically for Certified Start-ups and micro industrial units.

Furthermore, Shri Goyal made an important announcement that starting from next Monday, June 19, 2023, BIS would allocate one hour on every working day for interactive video conference sessions. This platform would allow stakeholders to engage with BIS, address queries, and report complaints. The Minister instructed Shri Pramod Kumar Tiwari, the Director General of BIS, to widely publicize this arrangement and ensure the timely registration and response to all queries and complaints.



Shri Piyush Goyal, Union Commerce Industries and Consumer Affairs Minister Govt of India addressing media on the issue of QCO implementation for Footwear sector on 14th June, 2023 at Vanijya Bhawan

The Minister appealed to the Indian industry to effectively implement the Quality Control Orders and manufacture and supply footwear of high quality, as prescribed by the Indian Standards, to consumers. He stressed the significance of quality and consumer satisfaction in driving the economic growth of the country. Shri Goyal urged all stakeholders to collaborate in strengthening the quality ecosystem in the nation and meeting the needs of consumers.



Shri RK Jalan, Vice Chairman, Shri Puran Dawar, President AFMAC and Shri R Selvam ED of Council for Leather Export in the QCO Meeting of Commerce & Industry Minister Govt of India



Shri RK Jalan, Vice Chairman, of Council for Leather interacting with Shri Piyush Goyal, Commerce & Industry Minister Govt. of India

IN BRIEF



Confédération Européenne de l'Industrie de la Chaussure European Confederation of the Footwear Industry

On 1st June 2023, the European Parliament adopted the Report on an EU Strategy for Sustainable and Circular Textiles (EU Textiles Strategy). The European Footwear Confederation (CEC) welcomes such initiative aiming at a more sustainable industry in full compliance with international human, labour and environmental standards all around the globe. European footwear companies are committed and working in this direction; however, it is also essential that such parameters are respected by non-EU partners, and for that the European Commission needs to ensure the necessary measures in cooperation and trade agreements with third countries.

First of all, we wish to point out that since the establishment of the textiles ecosystem in March 2020 within the "New Industrial Strategy for Europe", the term "textiles" has generated con-

fusion and misinterpretation of the specific sectors covered by this term, namely textile, clothing, leather and footwear (TCLF) sectors, and to the tendency to look for "one-fits-all" solutions. When it comes to footwear, the product is often excluded or assimilated to textile and apparel, and consequently subject to the exclusion or inclusion in the scope of several initiatives, without a proper assessment of the feasibility.

The Report voted yesterday is an example of the ongoing legislative trend. On a technical basis, the document does not consider the peculiarities in health and safety standards, number of materials, production processes and waste management between the different products within the scope of the Strategy and, consequently, intends to provide common, but unfeasible, solutions. Moreover, it also lacks in solutions for a strengthened resilience and competitiveness, threatening the recovery of the EU industry.

For what concerns the EU footwear industry, some elements of the text should be revaluated in order to ensure concrete and feasible results during this green transition, not leaving anyone behind. For this reason, the CEC would like:

- To underline, as already expressed in several other occasions, that footwear is a complex product composed by a multitude of materials and components, assembled with different techniques, subject to specific health and safety standards and requiring specific recycling and circularity models. Therefore, the aggregation of footwear and textiles, and the definition of horizontal require-

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PEDIATRIC GAIT ABNORMALITIES

– Rotational Problems

Introduction

Gait is the dynamic result of the interaction of the neuromuscular and skeletal systems. Many of the pediatric gait abnormalities can occur due to the following conditions. i.e. neuromuscular disorder, deformity in lower extremity. While many pediatric gait abnormalities can be followed and treated conservatively, some gait abnormalities require a more comprehensive approach to evaluation and treatment. The intent of this article is to give a greater understanding about the gait development in children and also about some of the major gait abnormalities present in children.



Toddler Gait

Common Gait Abnormalities in Children:

Gait abnormalities are complex and often include deviations at multiple joints and in multiple planes of motion. Common variations include rotational problems (in-toeing, out-toeing), angular problems (genu varum [bowlegs], genu valgum [knock-knees]) and muscular dystrophy. The normal range of rotation of the foot, leg, and hip includes measurements

that fall within two standard deviations of the mean. A variation becomes a deformity when the amount of deviation from normal for that particular age is more than two standard deviations. For example, normal external hip rotation for a five-year-old child is between 30 and 65 degrees. Those with hip values outside this range are said to have a deformity.

Rotational problems

In – Toeing:

An in-toeing gait is very common in children. In fact, an in-toeing gait (pigeon-toed) is the most common rotational deformity seen in pediatric orthopedics.

In-toeing usually doesn't cause pain or prevent a child from learning to walk or run and often corrects itself. Most children's feet gradually straighten out as they grow older and their walking and running improves. If the condition continues and is left untreated, it can lead to complications including:

- An unbalanced gait (way of walking) that can cause strain
- Reduced athletic ability because of problems running and jumping
- Foot deformities including bunions, hammertoes and flat feet

Causes of In – Toeing:

There are different causes for in-toeing depending on where the legs or feet are misaligned:

- Curved foot (metatarsus adductus), which is usually present at birth
- Twisted shin (tibia torsion), the most common cause of intoeing, which occurs around age 1 to 3
- Twisted thighbone (femoral anteversion), which occurs around age 3 to 8

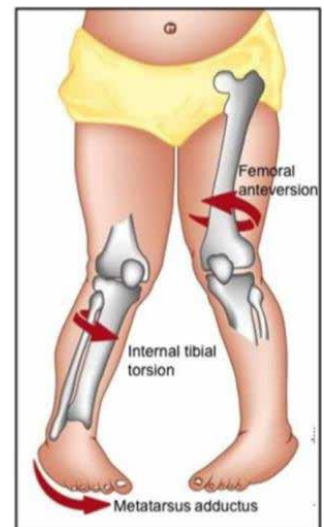
The exact causes for these foot and leg problems are not certain, but medical experts suspect that it may be related to:

- Family history of intoeing
- Cramped position in the uterus

Corrective Measures for In-toeing in children:

In-toeing usually corrects itself without treatment in almost all children. However, the pediatrician may recommend treatment if the child develops severe problems. There are different options depending on the cause of the in-toeing, including:

- **Serial casting** - The pediatric podiatrist places a series of casts, each one with foot held straighter than the prior cast until the deformity is resolved. Effective from about 6 weeks of age through about 14 months.



• **Wheaton brace** - This commercial brace can be used to treat Metatarsus Adductus and Internal Tibial Torsion. It is effective from about 6 months through age 2.



Wheaton brace

• **Dennis Browne splint** - this is the old fashion bar affixed between shoes that infants sleep with at night.



• **Surgical treatment** - Surgical treatment may be required for severe cases or if correction is not achieved by the non-surgical treatments listed. The conservative treatments are generally effective if utilized early when the joint of the foot are developing and “malleable.” In Surgery the shinbone or thigh bone is realigned.



Serial casting

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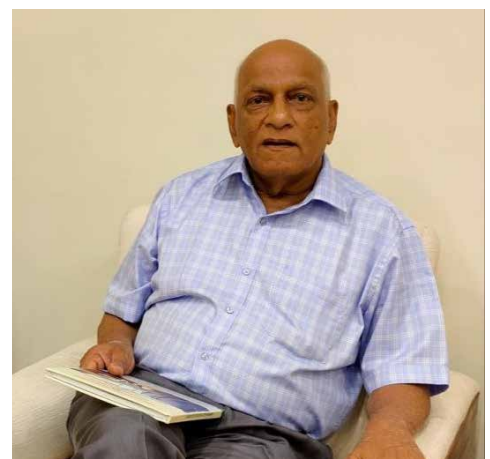


In picture: Mr C Anbumalar, Vice Chairman, PA Footwear Pvt Ltd., Chennai is getting both his feet scanned at CSIR-CLRI. Alongside Mr Anbumalar is Team CSIR-CLRI (L to R): Mr Vishnu Kumar, Mr Akshaya Raman M, Mr C Anbumalar, Mr R Sathiyaraj, Mr K Dayalan and Mr P Vinoth Kumar.

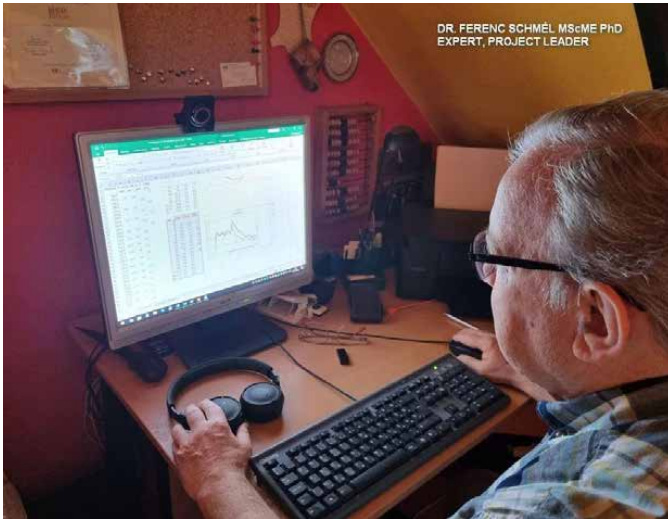
As an off-shoot of the Indian Footwear Sizing project, CLRI is embarking upon multiple projects that would not only enrich knowledge but enhance the scope of our research and our endeavour on technology lead innovations.



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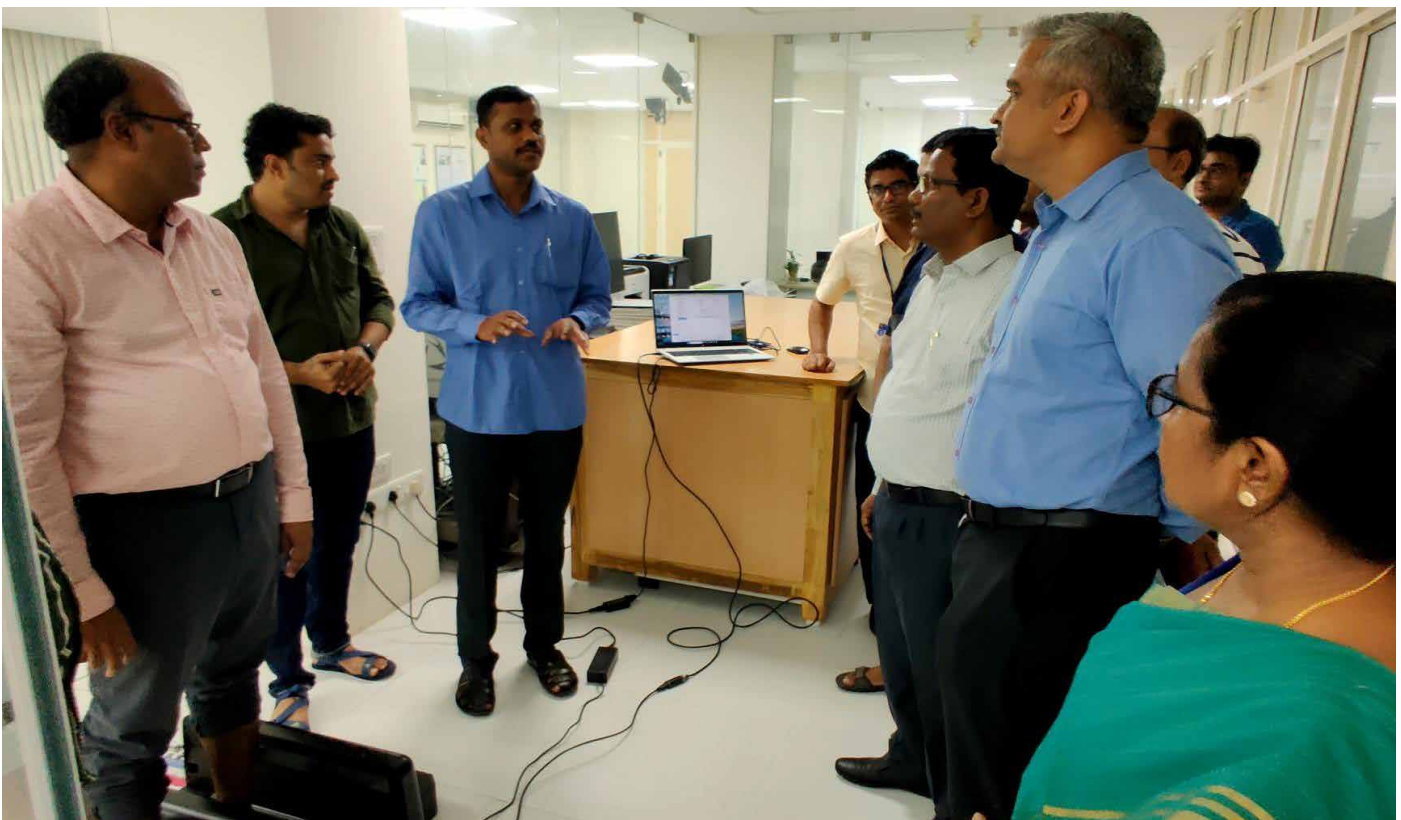
“All foot anthropometric studies clearly indicate that the Right and Left Foot dimensions are the same for a majority of the population.

Only in a minority of the population is there a difference in the foot dimensions between the Right and Left foot.”

Dr Gautham Gopalakrishna, Former Chief Scientist, CSIR-CLRI says “Since this Survey was for the majority of the population only NORMAL Foot were considered and therefore it was enough if only ONE Foot (the RIGHT FOOT in our case) was considered for Scanning.

If a Survey was being done for including ABNORMAL Foot or if a CUSTOMIZED Footwear was to be developed then we would have measured the foot of the people which had differing Right and Left Foot dimensions.”

“A Library of Lasts for different shapes (Sports, Formal, Casual and other shapes) is important” says **Mr Ramesh Subramaniam, Industry Expert**. We may study the data of the scan trials of both foot of at least four persons and develop the lasts, he added.



Dr. Ferenc Schmél from TECHNORG, Hungary said that in a statistically significant survey the robustness of the survey as well as the results of the interpretation are very well represented by the “NORMAL DISTRIBUTION i.e. the GAUSSIAN DISTRIBUTION’ where the AREA under the BELL-SHAPED CURVE is considered for conducting the survey.

We asked **Mr Graham Burns of ATOM SHOEMASTER, United Kingdom** and he says “The difference that is acceptable on foot length between right and left is 2 to 3 percentage. Also, both foot measurements cannot be the same worldwide.

We also hear **Dr D Suresh Kumar, Scientist, CSIR-CLRI & Co-PI** explaining that “This project aims to study the difference between a person’s right and left foot measurements. For this purpose, the foot is measured using sophisticated 3D foot scanner. The 3D foot scanner captures the entire foot in 3D and generates about 29 measurements. The captured 3D foot image can also be exported in universal 3D file format, so that any further study can also be performed.”



The LAUNCH



Dr SN Jaishankar, Chief Scientist & Head, Polymer Lab and Project Head, Next Gen Footwear Projects led the 3D ‘foot scanning’ of both foot in the august presence of Dr PThanikaivelan, Chief Scientist; Dr M Sugunalakshmi, Chief Scientist & Dr Debasis Samanta, Principal Scientist on Wednesday, 7th June 2023 at CSIR-CLRI. A total of 162 measurements have been taken.



Custom fit footwear - a short story:

Previous to the 1900's, before the days of mass production, everyone had their shoes made by the local shoe maker on their own personalized wooden mould called ‘shoe lasts.’

We found a difference in length in one of the measurements taken There is a half size difference between the left foot and the right foot. And not only the length, there is also a difference in the width. Such differences lead us to CUSTOMIZATION.



Mr Meraj, Director, KH Retail, KH Exports India Pvt Ltd., Chennai at the CSIR-CLRI Design and fashion Studio gets both his foot scanned.

BRANDS in the INDIAN DOMESTIC MARKET are beginning to realize the importance of CUSTOMIZATION. One/ two major brands have started to offer customization.

CLRI hopes to play a leading role!

‘Development of Indian Footwear Sizing System.’

As no scientifically derived ‘Footwear Sizing System’ exists in India, it was imperative that an ‘Indian Footwear Sizing system’ be developed based on the Foot Dimensions of the Indian feet. This is essential because footwear made on adapted English Sizing system that is being followed in India can never be comfortable for our feet as they have characteristics very different from the English feet. Hence, we embarked on a Project and successfully captured the foot data, statistically analysed the data and evolved the ‘Footwear Sizing System’ for the Indian feet.

A foot measurement survey is a research programme based on taking samples of the target population and carrying out anthropometric investigations on their feet. It has a statistical character since it is impossible to measure each and every person.

In a vast country like India it is important to identify the locations of the survey which are truly representative of the feet of the Indian population and account for all social, biological, ethnic and geographical variables and also factor in the Urban and Rural representation.

Consequently, the country was zonated into FIVE GEOGRAPHIC ZONES: NORTH ZONE, GANGETIC BASIN ZONE, NORTH EAST ZONE, WEST ZONE, SOUTH ZONE

It was also necessary to represent the entire population of the country from Children to adults and therefore the survey population was spilt into the following Age and Gender Groups:

- 1 = Children (4 to 11 years)
- 2 = Girls (12 to 18 years)
- 3 = Boys (12 to 18 years)
- 4 = Men (19 years and above)
- 5 = Women (19 years and above)



For a very ROBUST Survey and for better Statistical correlation it was decided that a total of 1 Lakh feet measurements (Actual Measurements taken: 1,01,880 Foot Measurements) would be taken pan India.

A unique 8 DIGIT BARCODING system was devised to identify and track the subjects being measured pan India.

The Foot Measurement Technology that was used is the most advanced “3D Digital Imaging” technique which comprised of a “3 Dimensional Foot Scanner” which scanned the foot form and the anatomical landmark points and measured automatically over twenty five foot measurement parameters through an optical laser scanning system.



- The Foot Measurement Survey was carried out at 79 Locations pan India which was identified by the NSSO, Ministry of Statistics and Programme implementation, Government of India.
- Foot Data was captured at all of these Locations from various Schools, Colleges, Factories and Housing Societies in five groups: Infants & Children, Boys & Girls in ages 4-11 years; Teenage Girls from ages 12-18 years; Teenage Boys in ages 12-18 years; Maids and Women from ages 19-55 years and Youth and Men in ages 19 to 55 years.

The scan data was captured as a cloud point data and was saved and exported to the Statistical Software for further Statistical investigations.

DATA EXTRACTION AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

- This is the most important stage of the project where: the data collected pan India was extracted into a ‘MASTER DATABASE’. Thereafter, the extracted data was statistically analysed using very sophisticated Statistical Techniques and Advanced Algorithms to arrive at the Indian Footwear Sizing System.

The OUTCOMES that we arrived at were:

- Different Length and Width Groups required for the Indian Population
- Specification of the Last Grading parameters: viz. the Length and Width increments required
- Equivalence with other sizing systems followed internationally viz. English Sizing System and French Sizing system which led us to establish the new Indian Footwear Sizing System i.e. IS 1638 – 2023.



Dr G Saraswathy
Project Leader

CLRI Report on:
Work Package 4: Design Innovation and Intelligent Manufacturing of Footwear
Work Element 4.1: Design and Fabrication of Next-Gen Footwear Products
From ‘leap frogging’ to pole vaulting’ in Indian Leather and Footwear Design, Technology & Research:
New Aesthetics for Footwear & Leather Products Design & Fashion



Dr D Suresh Kumar
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Chemical feature



It is TFL's company policy to put emphasis on the development of products which contribute to a CO₂ reduction by replacing mineral oil based raw materials with raw materials, which are derived from plants and thus contributing to a better CO₂ footprint and with less impact on the environment and the climate.

The declared target is to replace the highest possible amount of mineral oil by regrowing raw materials which

Products with a bio content of a minimum of 50%, based on solids, TFL is highlighting by adding the term Pure to their products' names.

Within the next weeks TFL will launch another small group of PURE finishing products, following requests from the markets, which are asking for bio versions of successful products for finishing applications.

Thanks to R&D it was possible to come up with the bio versions of three different products with very similar characteristics and performance as their non-bio brothers.

RODA® Pure Base WH 0303 is a ready-to-use shoe upper base coat compound with 50% bio content for corrected grain bovine shoe upper brush-off and patent leather articles. The product is based on PUD and acrylic polymers with auxiliaries. RODA® Pure Base WH 0303 is typically applied by roll coating resulting in a very good coverage, adhesion as well as dry and wet flexes.

RODA® Pure Base WH 0303 is marketable in Europe, China and all countries which have no chemical inventory system in place.

Another new bio finishing product for shoe upper and leather goods articles is RODA® Pure Finish 5090 which is particularly suitable for fashionable and glossy top coats. In addition to a high gloss, RODA® Pure Finish 5090 imparts good rub fastness, high abrasion resistance and very good milling properties. Like most top coats it is recommendable to crosslink RODA® Pure Finish 5090 top coats with crosslinkers from the AQUADERM® XL or the RODA® Link ranges.

RODA® Pure Finish 5090 contains 61% bio content and is marketable in Europe and all countries which have no chemical inventory system in place.

For furniture upholstery articles TFL have developed the bio version of one of the most popular furniture top coat compounds. RODA® Pure Finish 6271-B comes with a 53% bio content and imparts a very pleasant feel and very good physical properties and a low re-polish effect. The product is commonly applied by spraying after the addition of suitable crosslinkers out of the AQUADERM® XL or the RODA® Link ranges.

RODA® Pure Finish 6271-B is marketable in Europe, China, USA and all countries which have no chemical inventory system in place.

ECHA has published the restriction draft on bisphenol A (BPA) and other bisphenols of similar Concern (BosC). The restriction draft foresees that after finalization the leather industry needs to reduce BosC traces to 500 mg/kg or less towards the end of 2030. Afterwards the BosC level needs to be reduced to 10 mg/kg or less. There are a few points in the restriction draft that will need further clarification and as such the restriction text may change to some extent before finalization.

Please find below the latest launched bisphenol optimized, genuine replacement syntans which enable tanners to produce leathers that fully comply with the legislation.

TANIGAN BN-O Liq is a new bisphenol optimized replacement syntan with a BPS (Bisphenol S) content of < 0.1% and zero BPF (Bisphenol F). TANIGAN® BN-O Liq is the ideal retanning product for soft and round leather articles with low astringency resulting in good milling performance. TANIGAN® BN-O Liq can be applied as a single product, or in combination with other syntans or vegetable tannins, for either wet white or wet blue retanning. Recommended application amounts based on shaved weight for wet white are between 6 % to 25 % and for wet blue 6% to 15%.

TANIGAN® RL-O Liq is a new bisphenol optimized replacement syntan with a BPS plus BPF combined content of < 0.1%. TANIGAN® RL-O Liq is the ideal retanning product for very soft leather with a high degree of filling. It also has excellent tanning properties and a high degree of whiteness together with good light fastness and moderate heat yellowing resistance. It can be applied as a single product, or in combination with other syntans or vegetable tannins, for wet white or wet blue retanning.

TANIGAN® LF-O Liq is a new bisphenol optimized replacement syntan with a BPS content of < 0.05% and zero BPF. TANIGAN® LF-O Liq is the ideal product for tight, non-plumped, smooth grain leather articles. It demonstrates a high degree of whiteness and gives a fine grain together with a very uniform milling pattern. It is the ideal retanning syntan for wet blue based nappa articles.

TANIGAN® FA-O Liq is a new bisphenol optimized replacement syntan featuring a high renewable bio-content with a BPS level of <

0.05% and free of BPF. TANIGAN® FA-O Liq features a well-balanced performance of roundness, fullness and shade intensity. It is the ideal product for full and firm leather articles as well as for retanning waterproof articles.

TANIGAN® VR-O Liq is a new bisphenol optimized replacement syntan with a BPS content of < 0.05% and zero BPF. TANIGAN® VR-O Liq combines tightness with good softness and provides good fastnesses to both light and heat. It is highly suitable for articles with high fastness requirements, such as automotive leather.

TANIGAN® DS-O Liq is a new bisphenol optimised syntan, featuring pronounced dispersing and tightening effect with a BPS content of < 0.01% and zero BPF. TANIGAN® DS-O Liq is used in combination with other syntans or vegetable extracts to achieve a good dispersing effect and thus a tighter grain. It can also be used in the pre-tanning for wet white supporting the de-watering for a better shaving result.

IN BRIEF

LEATHER NATURALLY LAUNCHES 'GET THE FACTS'-ICON

The recent 'greenwashing' backlash has made it clear that consumers need clear information about the products and materials they buy. Understanding this, Leather Naturally has developed a 'Get the Facts'-Icon, which has been created for brands, retailers, makers – indeed anyone that wants to provide access to straightforward, easy to understand information about leather for their audience or customers.

Available as a simple graphic link for online use (by adding the link: <https://www.leathernaturally.org/resources/fact-sheets/>, or a QR-code enabled icon that can be featured on Point of Sale at retail, in product brochures or magazines, even in training guides. It takes the user direct to the Fact Sheet section of our website, where they will find information they need in English, German, Italian, Dutch, Spanish and Portuguese.

Leather Naturally Communications lead, Claudia Spahr commented, "We have seen an increased demand for fast-to-find facts and our new icon

provides instant access to what we know is the most frequently searched information, as well the wider content of the Leather Naturally website, including our comprehensive Modern Leather Making Guide, which is also proving an invaluable training resource for brands and retailers."

The 'Get the Facts'-Icon is available, free to use for all and interested parties can register for more information about its use.

The following are the guidelines issued by Leather Naturally on use of the ICON

GUIDELINES USE OF LEATHER NATURALLY "GET THE FACTS"-ICON

- The "Get The Facts"-Icon is intellectual property of Leather Naturally and can only be used for the purpose mentioned above.
- The icon cannot be changed or modified and shall only be used in the format provided by Leather Naturally organisation.
- The icon can only be used in conjunction with real leather products, misuse is not permitted.
- The "Get The Facts"Icon shall only be used for educational purposes.
- It does not imply Leather Naturally membership.
- Please tag Leather Naturally when featuring on social media: Instagram: @leather_naturally, Facebook/Twitter: @LeatherNaturally, LinkedIn: @Leather Naturally.
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For more details, please refer the following web link
<https://www.leathernaturally.org/resources/features/get-the-facts-icon/>

Quality Control Orders (QCOs) implementation for Footwear Sector, coming into effect from 1st July 2023

The Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India has mandated the Quality Control Orders [QCOs] for Footwear Sector which will come into force with effect from 1st day of July 2023. The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) shall be the certifying and enforcing authority for the goods or articles. The following goods & articles are notified under QCOs: i.e., the following goods shall conform to the Indian Standards and shall bear the Standard Mark under a license from BIS:

Sl. No	Goods or Articles	Indian Standard
1	Leather Safety boots & Shoes	IS 1989 (Part-1) 1986
	Leather Safety boots & Shoes	IS 1989 (Part-2) 1986
2	Canvas Shoes Rubber Sole	IS 3735 1996
3	Canvas Boots Rubber Sole	IS 3736 1995
4	Safety Rubber Canvas Boots for Miners	IS 3976 2018
5	Leather Safety Footwear having direct moulded rubber sole.	IS 11226 1993
6	Leather Safety Footwear with direct moulded polyvinylchloride (PVC) Sole	IS 14544 1998
7	Sports Footwear	IS 15844 2010
8	High ankle tactical boots with PU – Rubber Sole	IS 17012 2018
9	Antiriot shoes	IS 17037 2018
10	Derby shoes	IS 17043 2018

Refer: Order No.467000/2022/Leather dated 03.06.2022 issued by DPIIT, Govt of India

Footwear made from all Rubber and all Polymeric material and its components.

Sl. No	Goods or Articles	Indian Standard
1	Industrial and Protective Rubber Knee and ankle boots	IS 5557 2004
2	All rubber gum boots and ankle boots.	IS 5557 (Part-I) 2018
3	Moulded solid rubber soles and heels	IS 5676 1995
4	Rubber microcellular sheets for soles and heels	IS 6664 1992
5	Solid PVC soles and heels	IS 6719 1972
6	PVC sandal	IS 6721 1972
7	Rubber Hawaii Chappal	IS 10702 1992
8	Slipper, Rubber	IS 11544 1986
9	Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) industrial boots	IS 12254 1993
10	Polyurethane sole, semi rigid	IS 13893 1994
11	Unlined moulded rubber boots	IS 13995 1995
12	Moulded plastics Footwear – Lined or unlined polyurethane boots for general industrial use	IS 16645 2018
13	Footwear for men and women for municipal scavenging work	IS 16994 2018

Refer: Order No.467001/2022/Leather dated 03.06.2022 issued by DPIIT, Govt of India

In the above-mentioned two Orders dated 03.06.2022, it is mentioned that the QCOs for the Footwear Sector shall not apply to goods or articles meant for exports.

Vide Order dated 11.08.2022 issued by DPIIT, Govt of India, it is mentioned that QCOs for Footwear Sector shall not apply to micro and small manufacturing units as defined in Section 7 of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act 2006 (27 of 2006) as amended from time to time.

As per Ministry of MSME, Govt of India Notification dated 26.06.2020, an enterprise shall be classified on the basis of the following criteria namely:

- (i) a micro enterprise, where the investment in plant and machinery or equipment does not exceed Rs. 1 Crore and Turnover does not exceed Rs.5 Crores.
- (ii) a small enterprise, where the investment in plant and machinery or equipment does not exceed Rs.10 Crore and Turnover does not exceed Rs.50 Crores.

Provisions / Applicability

- BIS shall be the certifying and enforcing authority for the goods or articles.
- The goods & articles notified under QCOs shall conform to the Indian Standards and shall bear the Standard Mark under a license from BIS.
- From 1st July 2023, notified Footwear Products cannot be imported / sold / traded in domestic market, without a BIS license.
- Footwear manufacturers dealing in notified footwear products, have to submit their applications for getting the BIS registration/license, in the online portal of BIS www.bis.gov.in

- For import of notified items into India, the foreign manufacturers have to prior apply and obtain the BIS License without which imports into India will not be permitted. For this purpose, BIS is operating Foreign Manufacturers Certification Scheme (FMCS) under which BIS License is granted to foreign manufacturers for use of Standard Mark on a product that conforms to an India Standard.

Press Information Bureau (PIB) Press Release issued, after the Meeting of Hon'ble Minister for Commerce & Industry on 14.06.2023.

As per PIB Press Release, the following are the key points:

- QCO shall come into effect for small scale industries from 01.01.2024 (6 months extension)
- QCO shall come into effect for micro scale industries from 01.07.2024 (1 year extension)
- For 5 Standards (revised recently), manufacturers making the products as per these revised specifications will be given an additional time of 6 months to comply with the QCOs with effect from 01.01.2024.

Industry Outreach Dissemination by Council for Leather Exports (CLE)

- CLE has prepared a Note on the QCOs, and various actions taken by the authorities concerned and published the same in the CLE in-house magazine Leather News India, which gets circulated to all the footwear and footwear components manufacturers in the country (those who are registered with CLE). Leather News India is also a public document in the CLE website, accessible to all the public / browsers.
- CLE has prepared a Note on the QCOs, brief information on the products covered under QCOs, procedures for filing applications for registration of notified products, BIS process for grant of license, testing facilities and contact details of the BIS officers across the country. This Note along with Notifications issued by the DPIIT, Govt of India, was circulated to all the units registered with CLE vide circular dated 11.05.2023.
- All the above relevant details were hosted in the CLE website www.leadindia.org and kept in public domain. These can be accessed from homepage itself.

Industry Outreach Events (Webinars) conducted by CLE.

CLE conducted Industry outreach Events (Webinars) on 18.05.2023 in which officials of BIS participated and explained the Implementation aspects of the QCOs with respect to the procedures to be followed by the industry, applications, documentations, testing, grant of license etc and also on the imports of footwear and components from abroad, procedures to be followed under the Foreign Manufacturers Certification Scheme (FMCS), applications, documentations, methodology etc. A total of 109 manufacturing units of footwear and footwear components comprising 286 participants attended this webinar on 18.05.2023. Industry Associations namely Confederation of Indian Footwear Industries (CIFI), Fraternity of Agra Footwear Manufacturers (FAFM), Agra Footwear Manufacturer's Association, Agra Shoe Factors Federation participated in this webinar.

CLE conducted another Industry outreach Event on 21.06.2023 in which officials of BIS participated and explained the procedures. 47 manufacturing units of footwear and footwear components comprising 125 participants attended this webinar. 22 Units were repeat participants. Industry Associations

namely Indian Shoe Federation (ISF), Agra Footwear Manufacturers and Exporters Chamber (AFMEC), South India Shoe Manufacturers Association (SISMA) and Indian Footwear Components Manufacturers Association (IFCOMA) have participated in this webinar.

The CLE is taking continuous actions to conduct Industry Outreach Events, at regular intervals, to interact with the footwear industry and address their queries.

QCOs for the Footwear Sector already under implementation from 1st January 2022

The Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India has mandated the Quality Control Orders [QCOs] for Footwear Sector and the following products of footwear industry is currently under QCO from 1st January 2022:

Goods or Articles	Indian Standards	Title of Indian Standards
Personal Protective Equipment – Footwear	IS 15298 (Part-2): 2016	Personal Protective Equipment – Part 2 – Safety Footwear
	IS 15298 (Part3): 2019	Personal Protective Equipment – Part 3 – Protective Footwear
	IS 5298 (Part 4): 2017	Personal Protective Equipment – Part 4– Occupational Footwear

Refer:

Order No.S.O. 3857 (E) - F.No.P-27025/4/2020-Leather dated 27th October 2020, as amended by Order No.S.O. 4377 (E) - F.No.P-27025/4/2020-Leather dated 4th December 2020 issued by the DPIIT, Govt of India.

Order No.S.O. 2647 (E) - F.No.P-27025/4/2020-Leather dated 30th June 2021 issued by the DPIIT, Govt of India



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<https://www.bis.gov.in/directory/regional-offices/>



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CLE organizes Industry Outreach Event (Webinar) on Quality Control Orders (QCOs) implementation in the Footwear Sector on 21st June 2023

The Government of India has notified the Quality Control Orders (QCOs) for Footwear Sector which will come into force from 1st day of July 2023. The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) shall be certifying and enforcing authority for the goods or articles. 10 items of Footwear made of Leather and Other Materials, and 14 items of Footwear made from all rubber and all polymeric materials, and its components are coming under the QCO. The QCOs for the Footwear Sector shall not apply to goods or articles meant for exports. It is also mentioned that QCOs for footwear sector shall not apply to micro and small manufacturing units (MSEs). From 1st July 2023 onwards, notified Footwear products cannot be sold / traded in domestic market without a BIS License. The products would have to conform to the specified standards and bear the standard mark under a license from the BIS.

The implementation of Quality Control Orders (QCOs) for Footwear Sector is critical subject of importance to the industry on the implementation aspect of the QCOs, with respect to the procedures to be followed by the industry, applications, documentations testing, grant of license etc. It may be recalled that Council for Leather Exports (CLE) has organized the 1st edition of Industry Outreach Event on QCOs on 18th May 2023. In continuation to this, the CLE has organized the 2nd edition of Industry Outreach Event (Webinar) on the QCO implementation on 21st June 2023 (Wednesday) @ 11.30am. The officials of Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) participated in the Webinar.

The Webinar was presided over by **Shri Sanjay Leekha, Chairman, CLE**, and **Shri R Selvam, IAS, Executive Director, CLE**. The prominent participants include **Shri M Israr Ahmed, Regional Chairman (South), CLE**, **Shri Panaruna Aqeel Ahmed, the immediate past Chairman of CLE**.

The officials of Bureau of Indian Standards - Shri Aditya Das, Scientist D, Shri Amit Choudhary, Scientist D, and Shri Pravir Kumar Choubey, Scientist have participated in the webinar. A total of 54 manufacturing units of footwear and footwear components comprising 125 participants attended this webinar. 22 manufacturing units participated for the second time as they have already participated in the Webinar held on 18th May 2023. The Region-wise participations consist of Southern Region (23 units), Northern Region (9 units), Agra (13 units), Central Region (6 units) and Western Region (3 units). Prominent footwear brands attended the webinar to name a few Walkaroo, Fengtay, Relaxo etc. **Shri A. Fayaz Ahmad, Deputy Director, CLE** has coordinated the industry outreach event with the industry and BIS.

Industry Associations namely Indian Shoe Federation (ISF), Agra Footwear Manufacturer's & Exporters Chamber (AFMEC), Indian Footwear Components Manufacturers Association (IFCOMA) and South India Shoe Manufacturers Association (SISMA) participated in this webinar.

Shri R Selvam, IAS, Executive Director-CLE welcomed the participants, and thanked the officials of Bureau of Indian Standards for joining this webinar. He informed that this interaction meeting is being held after the meeting of Hon'ble Union Minister for Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textiles, Government of India, held on 14.06.2023 with BIS, DPIIT and Industry Stakeholder Organizations etc. The outcome of the meeting had already been published in the newspaper and PIB has issued the Press Release. In today's Industry Outreach event also, officials from BIS **Shri Aditya Das, Shri Amit Choudhary, and Shri Pravir Kr Choubey**, have joined to interact with the industry. To brief the major discussion points during the meeting was as follows: -

- Small scale sectors i.e., having turnover not exceeding Rs.50 Crores have got exemption till 31st December 2023.
- The micro sector has got exemption till 30th June 2024.
- The exemptions for all the sectors will be removed from 1st July 2024.
- For 5 Standards (revised recently), manufacturers making the products as per these revised specifications will be given an additional time of 6 months to comply with the QCOs with effect from 01.01.2024.

Above stated are the broader outcome of the meeting held with CIM. Additionally, the Bureau of Indian Standards will start one hour discussion every working day from 10.00am to 11.00am, the DGBIS has also agreed

and subsequently they had issued a notification for online discussions. At present, to implement the Indian Standards, there are a total of 10 laboratories recognized by BIS which are 1 Lab of FDDI, 1 Lab of CLRI & 8 Labs of the private sector have been approved. So in total 10 recognized laboratories all over India have been approved by BIS for implementing these standards. The most important part in the review meeting held under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister, the number of applications received from BIS side was very low, which shows that the industries still have not applied for BIS Certification, which was noted on that day. He informed that all the industries falling under the QCO notifications should apply for the BIS certification and follow the Indian Standards (IS).

Shri Sanjay Leekha, Chairman, CLE in his keynote address has thanked participants, the BIS officials for taking part in this webinar, and the Institutions present at the meeting. The meeting under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry held last week has put to rest many of the queries and the major issues were clearly clarified & said that we are here to ensure that the BIS Standards are implemented as per the schedule. Chairman requested all the industry members to work very proactively on these and kindly get their labs certified, as many of the members here have to get their own labs certified from BIS at the earliest or otherwise have to find other solution that how the Common Facility Centers (CFCs) or Cluster Labs can be used. He informed that he is confident that BIS will give all the support and hand-holding that requires.

Shri Amit Choudhary, Scientist D, Central Marks Department of BIS, has made a presentation on Footwear – BIS Certification and explained about the history of BIS, BIS Act 2016, Quality Control Order on Footwear Products,

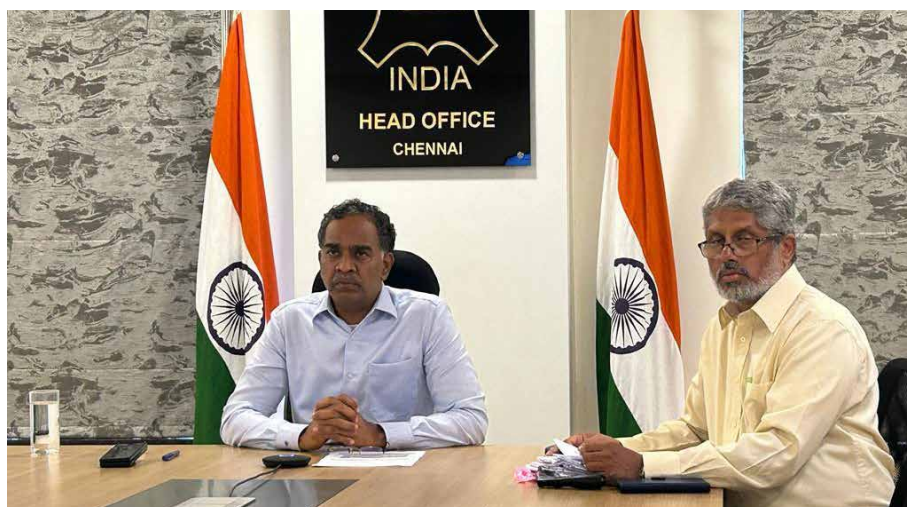
Product Certification Scheme-I, major documents to be submitted with the application and approval process of BIS Certification and issues related to QCO from BIS perspective.

Shri Pravir Kr Choubey, Scientist D, Foreign Manufacturer's Certification Department (FMCS) of BIS gave presentation on the BIS – Foreign Manufacturer's Certification Scheme and explained about the process of application, list of documents to be submitted, grant of license, procedure to be followed under the foreign manufacturers Certification Scheme (FMCS), methodology etc.

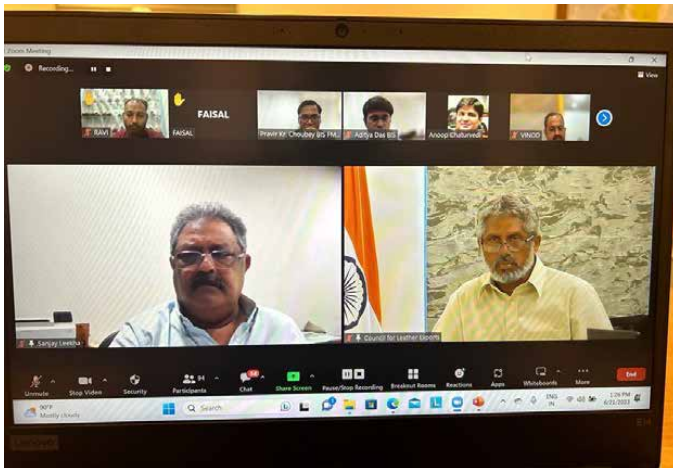
Thereafter, discussion forum opened with Question and Answer (Q&A) session was held in the webinar, and participants have interacted with the officials of BIS and queries raised by the participants were explained by the BIS officials which were mostly on the BIS Certification for the old versions and switching over to new versions (wherever applicable), categorization of the Indian Standards (IS), amendments on the categorization for reducing the implementation issues, BIS product certification process, laboratory requirements etc.

Shri A. Fayaz Ahmad, Deputy Director, CLE informed the actions taken by the CLE in disseminating all the details of the QCOs to the members vide circular as well as hosting information in the CLE website www.leatherindia.org. He interacted with the BIS officials & clarified the participant's queries. He continued with the vote of thanks by thanking the BIS officials for joining this webinar and having lively discussions with the participant's, thanked all industry members who made convenient to join this webinar. He informed about the Press Release issued by the Press Information Bureau after the meeting with the hon'ble Union minister for Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textiles, Government of India on 14th June 2023. The Press Release is available in the public domain and as per this, QCOs will be implemented in letter and spirit with effect from 1st July 2023 for the 24 notified products. He then thanked all the Industry Associations for joining this webinar. For any subsequent developments on the QCOs, CLE will keep the members informed. He also informed that CLE would continue to organize such Industry Outreach Events in future periods as well and will provide platform to the industry to interact with the BIS on matters concerning the QCO implementation in footwear sector.

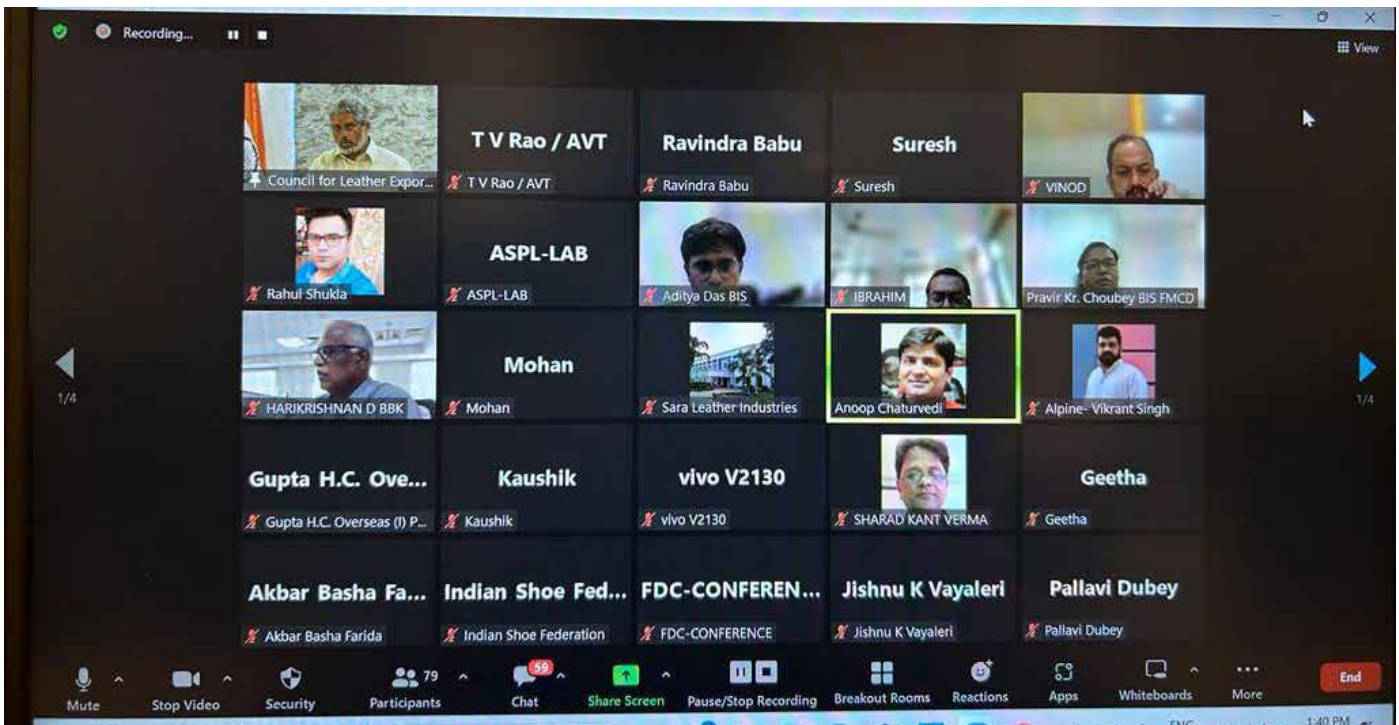
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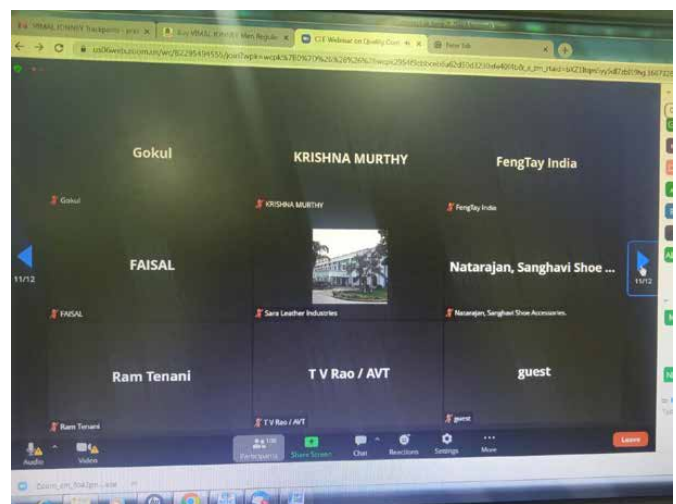
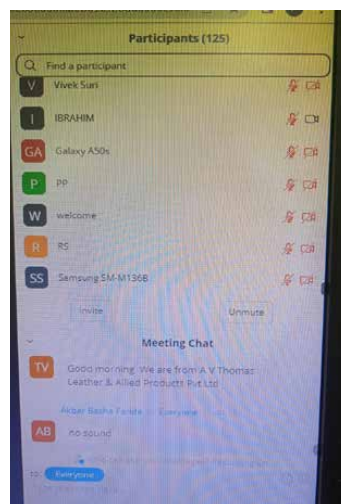
Shri R. Selvam, IAS, Executive Director is seen attending the Webinar. Shri A. Fayaz Ahmad, Deputy Director, CLE is seated alongside the Executive Director



Shri Sanjay Leekha, Chairman CLE attending the webinar on 21.06.2023



Shri Aditya Das, BIS, Shri Amit Choudhary, and Shri Pravir, Kr. Choubey, BIS, interacting with the footwear industry participants and answering the queries.



View of the participant's screen during the webinar on 21.06.2023

IFCOMA - FDDI Display Centre at FDDI Complex, NOIDA

IFCOMA sets up a unique display centre exclusively dedicated to footwear components.

In a world driven by technological advancements, the importance of high-quality components cannot be understated. These building blocks of innovation lay the foundation for progress and development in various industries. Recognizing this, IFCOMA recently inaugurated its Components Display Showroom, a demonstration to its commitment to excellence and customer satisfaction in footwear components sector which was attended by Chairman, CLE, Regional Chairman – North, CLE, Shri Subash Kapoor, NRC member, CLE, Shri Atul Kumar Mishra, Regional Director – North, CLE and officials from Delhi Regional office of CLE.

Shri Arun Kumar Sinha, IAS, MD-FDDI Chief Guest, along with Special Guest of Honour, Shri Sanjay Leekha, Special Guest of honour, Dr. N Mohan, Director & CEO, Kothari Industrial Corporation Ltd, Guest of honour & Shri Motilal Sethi, Regional Chairman, CLE Guest of honour, Shri Subhash Kapoor, President CFLI, Guest of honour & Shri Pankaj Kumar Sinha, Secretary FDDI Special Invitee inaugurated the IFCOMA - FDDI display centre which displays all sorts of footwear components used in footwear production along with special creations of FDDI students.

This was much appreciated by the industry and there were many exporters & manufacturers, who graced the occasion. In his welcome note address Shri Sanjay Gupta, President, IFCOMA welcomed the guests and said that this is one of its own kind of Display Centre in the



entire Industry. It has been almost a year since we conceived and started preparing to build this Display centre with latest design, sustainable, eco-friendly & reusable-all 32 types of footwear components along with the conference room and with arrangement for one to one meeting. It has been hard team work from IFCOMA & FDDI to bring up such a unique & one stop station platform for Footwear components & Garments accessories.

With the aim of achieving the 30 Billion USD target set by the Prime Minister for the Leather and Footwear sector. This is a small initiative from IFCOMA & FDDI to create a platform for a robust interaction among the industry. This will be a long term prospect for the Component sector coupled with Shoetech Exhibitions all over India. The Footwear & allied sector is most

welcome to take the benefit from this display and meeting the component manufacturers for their needs and developments.

The Components Display showcases a comprehensive range of components that span across soles, Insoles, toe-puff & counters, PU materials, Insoles, fabrics and much more. The showroom would serve as a gateway to the future, where businesses, professionals and most importantly footwear students can explore the latest advancements and find the perfect solutions for their needs. The inauguration ceremony was a sight to behold, with esteemed guests and industry leaders gracing the occasion. The event kicked off with a warm welcome, Shri Sanjay Gupta, President IFCOMA expressed his gratitude for the support and presence of the attendees and emphasized the importance of the showroom in catering to the diverse needs of industries relying on high-quality components. Shri Arun Kumar Sinha, IAS MD – Footwear Design and Development Institute, Noida, presided over the session, while the inaugural session felicitated Special Guest of honor Shri Sanjay Leekha Chairman – CLE & MD-Alpine Apparels Pvt. Ltd., Distinguished Guest of honour Shri Subash Kapoor, former Regional Chairman CLE North & MD – Capsons Overseas, Guests of Honor Dr. N Mohan Director & CEO – M/s Kothari Industrial Corporation Ltd. and Shri Motilal Sethi Regional Chairman, CLE & MD M/s Saroj International Group, Noida. It was evident from their words that this showroom was not merely a physical space but a testament to the organization's unwavering commitment to providing the best components to its customers.

The unveiling of the showcased products was a moment of pride and excitement. As the ribbon was ceremoniously cut, it marked the



official opening of the showroom, inviting visitors into a world of innovation and possibilities. The carefully curated displays exhibited the breadth and depth of the sector's product offerings, providing a visually captivating experience for all who entered. IFCOMA committee members' personalized approach not

only showcased the organization's commitment to customer satisfaction but also highlighted their dedication to building lasting relationships within the industry.

The networking opportunities presented during the event further solidified the importance of the Components Display Showroom. Professionals from various sectors had the chance to connect and collaborate to forge new partnerships. The exchange of ideas and the sharing of experiences created an atmosphere of synergy and innovation, where the seeds of future collaborations were sown. Furthermore, the event's hospitality, with light refreshments and beverages served, created an environment conducive to open dialogue and



relaxed conversations. As guests mingled and exchanged thoughts, the showroom became a hub of knowledge and inspiration, fostering a sense of community among attendees.

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ments, are neither feasible nor appropriate from both the ecodesign and circularity perspectives.

- To remind, as correctly mentioned in the Report, that the EU footwear industry consists almost exclusively by SMEs who need support and realistic practices to achieve the objectives of the EU Green Deal. In this regard, the CEC welcomes the incentive to research and innovation envisaged by the EP;

- To review the EP expectations on "the considerable economic leverage" of the sector (provided that the text refers to the entire textiles ecosystem), being the latter too optimistic. The EU footwear industry is mainly focused on high added-value products not sharing the same market share of

fast-fashion products, the majority of which is imported from third countries, mainly in Asia. In this regard, 89% of footwear made available on the EU market in 2022 was imported, meaning that the leverage power attributed to the EU industry is overrated;

- To invite the legislators to consider the competitiveness of EU companies and to ensure a level playing field, that includes transparency and international standards, when negotiating Free Trade agreements or granting EU GSP status. Alongside the tremendous consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic and the ongoing geopolitical scenario, EU footwear is experiencing a gradual and constant regression in both production and trade vis-à-vis its direct competitors from third countries;

- To reject the assumption that cattle are raised and slaughtered for fashion purposes. Leather is a by-product of the footwear industry obtained by the recovery of hides and skins that would otherwise been disposed. In addition, the CEC calls for the end of the market demonisation of leather;

- Last but not least, to encourage the legislators to pay more attention to the use of term "textile(s)" and to better identify which pieces of legislation are relevant for the different products covered by the EU Textiles strategy;

The CEC remains at the disposal of the legislators for further cooperation in the upcoming legislative actions.

Leather Footwear Programme of Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)

Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is a statutory body formed in April 1957 by the Government of India, under the Act of Parliament, 'Khadi and Village Industries Commission Act of 1956'. It is an apex organization under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, with regard to khadi and village industries within India, which seeks to - "plan, promote, facilitate, organise and assist in the establishment and development of khadi and village industries in the rural areas in coordination with other agencies engaged in rural development wherever necessary." There are many verticals under the umbrella of Village industries sector.

Khadi & Village Industries Commission is implementing the Leather Footwear Activity under Gramodyog Vikas Yojana (GVY) in order to help leather footwear artisans/beneficiaries. There are three types of projects under the Leather Footwear Activity.

- 25 days footwear manufacturing residential training (free of cost) would be given to the artisans pro bono with the help of Centre of Excellence (CoE). Cost of training of one batch of 10 artisans/beneficiaries is Rs. 3,00,000/-.

Footwear manufacturing machineries worth Rs. 60,000/- is distributed to each artisan after training (after submission of own contribution depends upon the social category, ie for SC 10 %, ST 10 %, Gen 20 %, BPL 0% of cost of machines).

- One day crash course and footwear repairing toolkits of cost Rs. 3350/- is distributed to each individual artisan (without any own contribution).
- 25 days footwear manufacturing non-residential training (free of cost) would be given to the artisans pro bono at Multi-Disciplinary Training Centre, KVIC, New Delhi and Khadi Gramodyog Vidyalaya Kshetriya, Varanasi. KVIC is providing hand holding support to the footwear artisans (without any own contribution).

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Operationalization of Centre of Excellence (CoE) at FDDI campus, Hyderabad - Event held on 23rd May 2023

FDDI has recently established seven Centres of Excellence (CoEs) in their Campus located at Rohtak, Chennai, Hyderabad, Patna, Kolkata, Jodhpur and Noida.

The Inauguration of the Centre of Excellence (CoE) at the FDDI Campus in Hyderabad was held on 23rd May, 2023. The inauguration function started with a brief presentation by Mr. Deepak Choudhary, HOD, FDDI about FDDI and its services. Mr. V. Samson, Regional Director, CLE-Southern Region participated in the inauguration.



Faculty of FDDI addressing the gathering during Inauguration Ceremony of CoE, Hyderabad



View of Participants



View of Centre of Excellence

CLE signs MOU with Riva Del Garda Fiere Congressi SPA



CLE regularly organizes the collective participation of member exporters in the Expo Riva Schuh Fair & Garda Bags held in Garda, Italy twice a year.

In order to form a strategic and long term partnership for the purpose of strengthening the participation of Indian companies in the aforesaid fairs for the editions starting from January 2024 to June 2025, CLE has signed an MOU with Riva Del Garda Fiere Congressi SPA, the organisers of Expo Riva Schuh Fair in Garda, Italy on June 17, 2023. Mrs. T. ajungla jamir, Consul General of India in Milan was present on the occasion

The MOU was signed by Shri Sanjay Leekha, Chairman, CLE and Mr. Roberto Pelligrini, President, Riva Del Garda Fiere Congressi SPA during the June 2023 edition of Expo Riva Schuh/ Garda Bags Fairs. The MOU facilitates setting-up of CLE collective area/ pavilion in the Garda fairs.



Meeting of Chairman - CLE and Mr. Roberto Vago, Managing Director – ASSOMAC, Italy



Mr. Roberto Vago, Managing Director - National Association of Italian Manufacturers of Footwear, Leather Goods and Tanning Technologies (ASSOMAC) visited Expo Riva Schuh fair & had a meeting with the Chairman - CLE at the CLE Info Booth on June 19, 2023.

Mr. Roberto greeted Chairman - CLE & extended a very warm welcome on behalf of ASSOMAC. He informed Chairman - CLE about their technical support to Indian Leather Sector in Kolkata

& Chennai in a very positive way. The Managing Director - ASSOMAC apprised Chairman - CLE about the "21st UITIC International Technical Footwear Congress", focussing on Innovation & Sustainability, to be held during September 20- 22, 2023 in Milan Vigevano, Italy. He requested Chairman CLE for the participation of CLE & CLRI in this important event. He said, if CLE confirms its participation in the event, they will fix a slot for CLE & CLRI to make a presentation.

Chairman - CLE assured him that he would look into it & CLE will inform to them in due course. Managing Director - ASSOMAC also discussed about the Indian leather sector & its exports in the global market, which was explained by the Chairman CLE.

Mr. Roberto Vago, Managing Director ASSOMAC thanked Chairman- CLE for the meeting.



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Chairman, CLE meeting with Ms. Lucy Reece - Raybould, Chief Executive Officer - British Footwear Association (BFA)



Ms. Lucy Reece - Raybould, Chief Executive Officer - British Footwear Association (BFA) visited CLE info Booth on June 18, 2023 & had a meeting with Shri Sanjay Leekha, Chairman - CLE during the 99th edition of Expo Riva Schuh Fair held in Riva Del Garda, Italy.

Ms. Lucy greeted Chairman - CLE & extended a very warm welcome on behalf of British Footwear Association (BFA). She explained about her Association & its members, who lead the major Footwear brands in the global market. Ms. Lucy discussed about the BIS - Quality Control Orders (Q.C.O.) to be

implemented by the Govt. of India w.e.f. 1st July, 2023.

Chairman - CLE suitably briefed Ms. Lucy about the Q.C.O. & its purposes, as requested.

Chairman - CLE also informed CEO - BFA about the "India Footwear & Leather Product Show, U.K." proposed to be held during Sep. 11- 13, 2023 & asked for the support of BFA to organize the event successfully. Ms. Lucy assured the best possible support of BFA to CLE for organizing the event in U.K. successfully. She also informed Chairman- CLE that after return to U.K. she will meet the "Indian High Commissioner in London" & would apprise about the CLE event for their necessary assistance.

Ms. Lucy suggested to organize a virtual meeting between CLE & BFA to discuss & chalk out the strategy about the CLE event as the time left is very short. Chairman- CLE said, we will work on it & communicate to BFA. Ms. Lucy thanked Chairman- CLE for the meeting & said looking forward to a strong collaboration between CLE & BFA.

First Edition of CLAPSS 2023 (Central India Leather, Accessories, Products, Footwear & Saddlery Summit) and 4th Edition of CLE Central Regional Export Excellence Awards for the year 2021-22 held on 10th June, 2023 at Banthar, Unnao.



(L – R) Shri Javed Iqbal, Regional Chairman, Central Region, CLE; Shri Rishi Raj, Chief Development Commissioner, Unnao; Shri Mukhtarul Amin, Chairman, KLC; Shri Amit Mohan Prasad, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, MSME & Export Promotion, Handloom, Textile, Khadi and Gramodyog, Govt of Uttar Pradesh; Shri R. K. Jalan, Vice Chairman, CLE; Shri Rajesh Kumar IAS, Commissioner & Director of Industries, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh and Shri Raj Kamal, IAS, Addl. Commissioner, Industries, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh

Central Regional Office of the Council for Leather Exports and Kanpur-Unnao Leather Cluster Development Company Ltd (KLC) had jointly organized First Edition of CLAPSS 2023 (Central India Leather, Accessories, Products, Footwear & Saddlery Summit) and 4th Edition of CLE Central Regional Export Excellence Awards for the year 2021-22 held on 10th June, 2023 at KLC Complex, Banthar, Unnao from 10.30 am onwards.

The objective behind CLAPSS is to help leather industry become stronger and grow at a faster pace through an all-inclusive eco system.

It was focused on recognising the achievements, Imparting Knowledge, Exploring Opportunities and Encouraging Collaboration to achieve utmost desired goals of the industry. During the session guest speakers from prestigious organization presented on the below topics and panel discussion on Creating Brands of Bharat was also organized wherein panellist of leading footwear brands including Red Tape, Neemans Shoes, and Allen Cooper shared their success stories.

- Importance of Communication for Business Growth
- Organisational Design for effectiveness and success
- A Multistakeholder approach for Pollution prevention and circular economy in Leather Tannery Clusters
- A Sustainable Newage Solution for the Leather-Footwear Industry
- Achieve Rapid Business Growth through Export Financing
- How to be an ESG-compliant supplier with strong sustainability performance.

On this auspicious occasion Shri Satish Mahanaji, Hon'ble Speaker, Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly graced the ceremony as Chief Guest and honoured all the 54 awardees in recognition of their outstanding export performance in their respective product categories. Shri Amit Mohan Prasad, IAS Additional Chief Secretary, MSME & Export Promotion, Handloom, Textile, Khadi and Gramodyog, Govt of Uttar Pradesh; Shri Rajesh Kumar IAS, Commissioner & Director of Industries, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh; Shri Raj Kamal, IAS, Addl. Commissioner, Industries, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh; Shri Rishi Raj, Chief Development Commissioner, Unnao; Shri Mukhtarul Amin, Chairman, Kanpur-Unnao Leather Cluster Development Company Ltd (KLC); Shri R. K. Jalan, Vice Chairman, CLE; Shri Javed Iqbal, Regional Chairman, Central, CLE; Shri Rakesh Suri, Director, Kanpur-Unnao Leather Cluster Development Company Ltd; Shri Motilal Sethi, Regional Chairman – North, Council for Leather Exports, Shri Ashraf Rizwan, Member, Committee of Administration (COA), CLE; Shri Asad K Iraqi, Member, Committee of Administration (COA), CLE; Shri O. P. Pandey, Member, Committee of Administration (COA), CLE; Shri Yadvendra Singh, Member, Central Regional Committee (CRC), Shri Anwarul Haq, President, UPLIA graced the occasion and appreciated Council for organizing CLAPSS, an annual event for the Central Region.

Shri Rakesh Suri, Director, Kanpur-Unnao Leather Cluster Development Company Ltd (KLC) welcomed chief guest, guest speakers, distinguished industry members, award winners and participants. He mentioned that the idea behind organizing such event in this region is to help



Shri Mukhtarul Amin, Chairman, Kanpur-Unnao Leather Cluster Development Company Ltd (KLC) welcomed and presented floral bouquet to Shri Satish Mahanaji, Hon'ble Speaker, Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly

leather industry become stronger and grow at a faster pace through an all-inclusive eco system which will help in achieving the ambitious industry target of USD 47 billion by 2030. He mentioned that leather industry of Kanpur region is one of the highly potential and growing sector in India. In order to, attain desired goals of the industry, we have formulated constructive strategy to develop such ecosystem which can work like one stop knowledge platform wherein industry veteran and professional experts across various sectors may come together in sharing their key ideas that are indeed required for the overall development of this sector. Therefore by organizing such session's, the entire industry will be able to garner all the innovative and technological updates from experts of various sectors and may implement them into their day to day business activities towards contributing more industry outputs in domestic and export segment. He appreciated Government of Uttar Pradesh for developing a transparent system of governance, formulation of industrial policy, providing smooth and investor friendly atmosphere for the new and existing entrepreneurs. In addition to the Government policy support i.e. export promotion and infrastructure support measures, knowledge sharing sessions are equally important for speeding up the growth of this sector which will strengthen the entire value chain to become globally competitive.

Shri Rajesh Kumar, IAS, Commissioner and Director of Industries, Government of Uttar Pradesh applauded the industry effort towards organizing first Edition of CLAPSS. He mentioned that Kanpur leather industry is one of the oldest and growing industry and have substantial export and domestic share in the economy. The existing industrial contribution and potential of this sector will certainly help in achieving \$ 1 trillion economy of Uttar Pradesh. He extended best wishes to all export awards winners for their commendable export performance in different product categories.

Shri Amit Mohan Prasad, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, MSME & Export Promotion, Handloom, Textile, Khadi and Gramodyog, Govt of Uttar Pradesh inaugurated the event and officially launched 1st edition of CLAPSS 2023. He assured that the Government of Uttar Pradesh will extend all necessary support required for the growth of leather industry. He mentioned that the Government has announced a scheme called 'PLEDGE' (Promoting Leadership and Enterprise for Development of Growth Engine) which facilitates the development of private MSME industrial parks.

He also informed that Govt. of Uttar Pradesh is organizing UP Industrial Trade Show in Greater Noida Export Mart during 21st to 25 Sep. 2023 wherein about 400 overseas buyers will participate, therefore, he urged all industry members for their larger participation. While addressing the session, he mentioned that PM Mitra Park under PM Mega Integrated Textile Sector and Apparel in Lucknow and Hardoi will help in generating more employment opportunities and industrial growth in the state. The Government of Uttar Pradesh is taking exemplary initiatives in order to scale up the industrial development, providing good governance and building a holistic ecosystem to achieve the substantial growth.

Shri R. K. Jalan, Vice Chairman, CLE welcomed all the distinguished guest and industry members. He informed that leather industry of Uttar Pradesh is playing vital role in exports earnings and having substantial shares in India's total exports of leather and leather products. He mentioned about PLEDGE scheme announced by Govt. of Uttar Pradesh which will facilitate the development of MSME

industrial park. Leather Industry has vast potential to grow at faster pace as this is a labour intensive industry. He emphasized that in addition to leather footwear we have potential in non-leather footwear, hence, he, urged state government for inviting more investment in non-leather footwear in line of State of Tamil Nadu so that desired growth of this sector could be achieved. He mentioned that the Unnao leather cluster requires infrastructure supports for up-gradation of existing CETPs in Unnao and Banthar in order to meet out stated norms and enhance tanning activities in the region. He urged concerned authority to extend their support on this issue for resolving it on utmost priority. While appreciating government support to this sector, he added that such event provides a connecting platform for the government officials who get insights and current situation of the industry which certainly helps fine tuning the existing policies and formulating new export strategies at state level for further augmentation.

Shri Mukhtarul Amin, Chairman, Kanpur-Unnao Leather Cluster Development Company Ltd (KLC) warmly welcomed Chief Guest, distinguished guests, speakers and mentioned that it's a very special and proud moment for the region to have such a larger participation from every section of the industry, government, professionals and technical experts to witness the grand success of the 1st edition of CLAPSS. He expressed warm thanks to the Chief Guest Shri Satish Mahanaji for his close support and sparing valuable time in his busy schedule to honour all the export award winners. He appreciated that state government is extending all necessary support for the growth of this sector. The state government is consistently making efforts to encourage investors and have provided a conducive atmosphere to invest in UP. The schemes under state industrial policy and export promotion measures are very productive and transparent towards utilizing benefits of the schemes. He added that Central Region is having more than 24% share in India's total exports of leather and leather products. Considering such achievements at regional level, we have every reason to celebrate such excellence within the region. Such events are always a source of motivation and encouragement, as award winners become role model and inspire others to do more innovation and creativity in attaining desirous goals of the industry as a whole. He congratulated all export award winners for their outstanding contribution towards strengthening industry of this region.

Shri Satish Mahanaji, Hon'ble Speaker, Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly expressed his best wishes to all the export award winners and industry members. He mentioned that he is personally connected with Kanpur leather industry since last many decades and feel proud for the outstanding contribution of the industry in our economy towards achieving desired export growth and overall development. He assured that Government of Uttar Pradesh will always stand behind the industry and extending close cooperation in establishment of Mega Leather cluster and resolving other issues. He appreciated exporters and industry members for their commendable export performance, creativity, innovations and brand building. He stated that export segment is playing vital role in foreign exchange earnings and creating employment opportunities.

Shri Javed Iqbal, Regional Chairman, Central, CLE presented formal vote of thanks to Chief Guest, distinguished guest speakers, industry

members, award winners, sponsors of the event, press personal and participants. He expressed deep appreciation for the industry veteran towards organising First Edition of CLAPSS. He also expressed best wishes to all the export award winners for their outstanding performance in exports and attaining export excellence years to come.

Technical Session:

Shri Soren Christiansen, Managing Partner, Goldmark, Mideast LLC gave a power point presentation on “A Sustainable Newage Solution for the Leather – Footwear Industry” wherein he explained the best technical support available herein for sustaining newage solutions for the betterment of leather industry.

Shri Tatheer Zaidi, Head – MSME, SolidaridadAsia apprised about “A Multi stakeholder approach for Pollution prevention and circular economy in Leather Tannery Clusters”

Dr.BhagwanJagwani, Leading Management Guru highlighted the key points required for establishing “Organizational Design for Effectiveness and Success”

Dr.Rubby Chawla, Life Coach explained “Importance of Communication for Business Growth”

Shri Mayur Totla, Senior Director, Credlix presented power point presentation and covered the topic “Achieve Rapid Business Growth through Export Financing”



(L-R) Shri Ramji Mishra, Senior Vice President, Allen Cooper; Shri Taran Chhabra Founder Neemans Shoes; Shri Shuja Mirza, Director, Red Tape; Dr. Rubby Chawla and Dr. Bhagwan Jagwani interacting in Panel Discussion.

Shri Harikrishnan Pillai, Senior Manager, CRIF-India apprised about “ESG – compliant supplier – Competitive advantage through strong sustainability performance with SYNESGY”

Panel Discussion: A panel discussion was organized on “Creating Brands of Bharat” for sharing success stories of the established brands of footwear.

During panel discussion Shri Shuja Mirza, Director, Red Tape, Shri Taran Chhabra Founder Neemans Shoes, Shri Ramji Mishra, senior Vice President, Allen Cooper, Dr. Bhagwan Jagwani, and Dr. Rubby Chawla interacted and shared their success stories in establishing their brands.

CLE-Central Regional Export Excellence Awards (2021-22) Ceremony: In order to recognize meritorious export performance of member exporters in different product categories each year, the 4th edition of CLE Central Regional Export Excellence awards ceremony being organized on 10th June, 2023.

Shri Satish Mahana, Hon’ble Speaker, Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly felicitated 54 exporters during the award ceremony for their outstanding export performance in different product categories during 2021-22. The awardees included 3 Women Entrepreneurs in leather and non-leather saddlery & harness segment.



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Lighting of lamp ceremony by the dignitaries at the CLAPSS 2023 and CLE Central Regional Export Awards ceremony.



Shri Satish Mahana, Hon'ble Speaker, Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly presenting the Export Awards to Shri Yousuf Amin, Director, Superhouse Ltd.



Shri Satish Mahana, Hon'ble Speaker, Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly presenting the Woman Entrepreneur Award to the winners



Shri Satish Mahana, Hon'ble Speaker, Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly presenting the Export Excellence Award to the winners





Shri Rajesh Kumar IAS, Commissioner and Director of Industries, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh presenting mementoes to the Guest speaker at the CLAPSS2023 event.





Shri Shri Amit Mohan Prasad, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, MSME & Export Promotion, Handloom, Textile, Khadi and Gramodyog, Govt of Uttar Pradesh Presenting mementos to the Guest speakers and Panellists at the CLAPSS 2023



View of Audience at CLAPSS 2023 and CLE-Central Regional Export Excellence Awards



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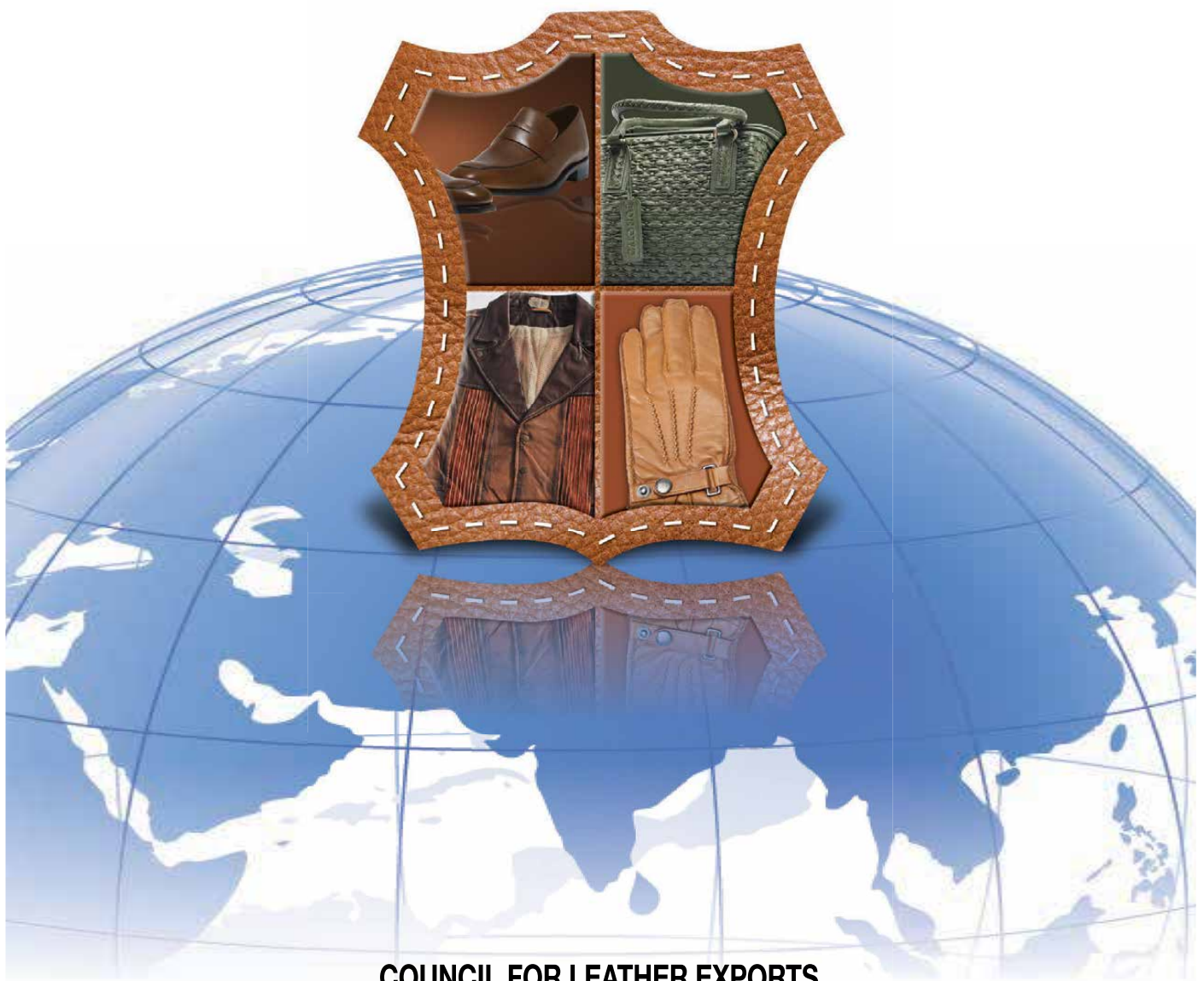


Export Award Winners 2021-2022

Company Name	Place	Product Category	Export Slab
Superhouse Group	First Place	Overall Exports of Leather & Leather Products including Non Leather Footwear	Overall
Rahman Industries Group	Second place	Overall Exports of Leather & Leather Products including Non Leather Footwear	Overall
AFPL Global Private Limited	Third Place	Overall Exports of Leather & Leather Products including Non Leather Footwear	Overall
RNZ Exports	First Place	Woman Entrepreneur Award - Saddlery & Harness (Leather)	Woman Entrepreneur
ASPEN Manufacturing Co.	Second place	Woman Entrepreneur Award - Saddlery & Harness (Non Leather)	Woman Entrepreneur
Lord Shiva International	First Place	Woman Entrepreneur Award - Saddlery & Harness (Non Leather)	Woman Entrepreneur
AFPL Global Pvt. Ltd	First Place	Leather Footwear	Above Rs.200 Cr. &Upto Rs.300 Cr.
Superhouse Group	Second place	Leather Footwear	Above Rs.200 Cr. &Upto Rs.300 Cr.
Rahman Industries Group	Second place	Leather Footwear	Above Rs.200 Cr. &Upto Rs.300 Cr.
Tirubala International Pvt. Ltd.	First Place	Leather Footwear	Above Rs.100 Cr. &Upto Rs.200 Cr.
Jama Corporation Pvt. Ltd.	Second place	Leather Footwear	Above Rs.100 Cr. &Upto Rs.200 Cr.
Euro Footwear Pvt Ltd	First Place	Leather Footwear	Above Rs.50 Cr. &Upto Rs.100 Cr.
Global Export	Second place	Leather Footwear	Above Rs.50 Cr. &Upto Rs.100 Cr.
Array Fashions Pvt. Ltd.	First Place	Leather Footwear	Above Rs.25 Cr. &Upto Rs.50 Cr.
Abdullah Tannery Pvt. Ltd.	Second place	Leather Footwear	Above Rs.25 Cr. &Upto Rs.50 Cr.
Irus International Pvt. Ltd.	First Place	Leather Footwear	Upto Rs.25 Crore
Prachi Leathers Pvt. Ltd.	Second place	Leather Footwear	Upto Rs.25 Crore
Enayat Overseas	First Place	Finished Leather	Above Rs.100 Cr. &Upto Rs.200 Cr.
Super Tannery Group	First Place	Finished Leather	Above Rs.50 Cr. &Upto Rs.100 Cr.
Karamat Tanning Industries	Second place	Finished Leather	Above Rs.50 Cr. &Upto Rs.100 Cr.
Pacific Leather Group	First Place	Finished Leather	Above Rs.25 Cr. &Upto Rs.50 Cr.
Penza Exports	First Place	Finished Leather	Upto Rs.25 Crore
Abdullah Tannery Pvt. Ltd.	First Place	Footwear Components	Above Rs.50 Cr. &Upto Rs.100 Cr.
AFPL Global Private Limited	First Place	Footwear Components (Shoe Upper)	Upto Rs.25 Crore
Homera Tanning Industries Pvt. Ltd.	Second place	Footwear Components (Shoe Upper)	Upto Rs.25 Crore

Company Name	Place	Product Category	Export Slab
Tarun Textiles	First Place	Saddlery & Harness (Leather)	Above Rs.50 Cr. &Upto Rs.100 Cr.
Global Export	Second place	Saddlery & Harness (Leather)	Above Rs.50 Cr. &Upto Rs.100 Cr.
S.K. Exports	First Place	Saddlery & Harness (Leather)	Above Rs.25 Cr. &Upto Rs.50 Cr.
Lex International Pvt. Ltd.	Second place	Saddlery & Harness (Leather)	Above Rs.25 Cr. &Upto Rs.50 Cr.
Zeeta International	First Place	Saddlery & Harness (Leather)	Upto Rs.25 Crore
India Bridle Works Pvt. Ltd.	Second place	Saddlery & Harness (Leather)	Upto Rs.25 Crore
Rahman Industries Group	First Place	Leather Gloves (Industrial Gloves)	Upto Rs.25 Crore
Competence Exports Pvt. Ltd.	Second place	Leather Gloves (Industrial Gloves)	Upto Rs.25 Crore
Competence Exports Pvt. Ltd.	First Place	Leather Gloves (Fashion and Sports Gloves)	Upto Rs.25 Crore
Khemchand Handicrafts	First Place	leather Goods	Above Rs.200 Cr. &Upto Rs.300 Cr.
Karenn International Pvt. Ltd.	First Place	leather Goods	Above Rs.50 Cr. &Upto Rs.100 Cr.
Superhouse Group	Second place	leather Goods	Above Rs.50 Cr. &Upto Rs.100 Cr.
Habib Fashion	First Place	leather Goods	Above Rs.25 Cr. &Upto Rs.50 Cr.
Everest Tannery (P) Ltd.	Second place	leather Goods	Above Rs.25 Cr. &Upto Rs.50 Cr.
Galactic International	First Place	leather Goods	Upto Rs.25 Crore
RNG Exports India	Second place	Leather Goods	Upto Rs.25 Crore
Malik Tanning Industries	First Place	Leather Garments	Above Rs.25 Cr. &Upto Rs.50 Cr.
Shamimsons International	First Place	Leather Garments	Upto Rs.25 Crore
Prachi Leathers Pvt. Ltd.	Second place	Leather Garments	Upto Rs.25 Crore
Jama Corporation Pvt. Ltd.	First Place	Non Leather Footwear	Above Rs.25 Cr. &Upto Rs.50 Cr.
AFPL Global Pvt Ltd	First Place	Non Leather Footwear	Upto Rs.25 Crore
S.K. Shoes And Boots Pvt. Ltd.	Second place	Non Leather Footwear	Upto Rs.25 Crore
Superhouse Group	First Place	Saddlery & Harness (Non Leather)	Above Rs.100 Cr. &Upto Rs.200 Cr.
Lord Shiva International	First Place	Saddlery & Harness (Non Leather)	Above Rs.50 Cr. &Upto Rs.100 Cr.
Kartikeya International	Second place	Saddlery & Harness (Non Leather)	Above Rs.50 Cr. &Upto Rs.100 Cr.
Ibrahim International Pvt. Ltd.	First Place	Saddlery & Harness (Non Leather)	Above Rs.25 Cr. &Upto Rs.50 Cr.
Text Horse	Second place	Saddlery & Harness (Non Leather)	Above Rs.25 Cr. &Upto Rs.50 Cr.
TarunThermowarePvt. Ltd.	First Place	Saddlery & Harness (Non Leather)	Upto Rs.25 Crore
Galaxy Equestrian	Second place	Saddlery & Harness (Non Leather)	Upto Rs.25 Crore

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