The Leather Value Chain
Traceability and Due Diligence

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Who we are

Established in 1917

Represents, Hides and Skins, Tanners and Leather Manufactures

Supports Leather Industry with 35-50% of the World's Trade in Hides and Wet Blue

Sponsors Consumer Education through the Real Leather. Stay Different. Campaign

[see https://www.choosereallleather.com]

Supports Industry Sustainability Objectives

• Leather is Renewable, Recyclable and Biodegradable

• Leather production diverts over 4 million metric tons of CO₂ equivalents annually from the supply chain
Leather Supply Chain Risk

Where your leather comes from matters...

- Protecting the environmental matters
- Basic human rights matter
- Business reputation is on the line

Due diligence principles dictate that managing supply chain depends on mitigating the hazards that matter.

- Land Use
- Environmental stewardship
- Animal Welfare
- Human Rights
Traceability Program

- Provides independently certified traceability to leather industry for all U.S. Hides/Skins back to a point of origin.
- Certifies traceability of hides/skin to either Meatpacking Plant or Processing Plant of Origin in U.S.
- All U.S. hides and skins are eligible for traceability under the program.
- Flexible: does not mandate a specific traceability system or technology be utilized.
- Independently audited and certified by the U.S. Department of Agriculture
Protocol Flow: General

Meatpacker Protocol
Traceable to the packer

Processor Protocol
Traceable to the processor
Protocol Flow: Hybrid

Hybrid Protocol
- Traceable to the processor for unidentified hides from multiple packers
- Traceable to the meatpacker for hides isolated through the supply chain
Certificate of Traceability

- After traceability system is approved to meet one of the three protocols, a Certificate of Traceability will be issued to the company.

- The Certificate of Traceability will show the Approved Protocol; Approval #; Effective Date and Expiration date – as certified by USDA.

- Certificate of Traceability may be included in hide/skin shipment documents delivered to Leather Tannery and supply chain partners (Manufacturer/Brand/Retail). May include additional product information.

- Company will be Listed as Approved on USDA and USHSLA Website.
Thank you

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