Submitting Country, Organization, Company: AQC

If Organization or Company, please indicate the approximate number of employees: 4

Title of the action: Act for a responsible global supply chain

Upload an image:

Relevant Website: https://www.aqc-asso.ch/index.php/en/

Partners: 5 Members: Brasport, Camille Fournet, Hirsch, Interstrap, Multicuir

Type of initiative: Foundation / association initiative

Description of action:
The leather suppliers working with the 5 AQC Members are known and are all subject to regular checks to verify the correct application of the AQC strictest specifications.

Type of action: Traceability, Transparency

Please select the specific area/s of the action:
- Norms and standards
- Awareness and Education
- Collaborative initiatives
- Business management systems or instruments
Scope of the action, including a description of the value chain processes that are covered

Objective
Provide a center of competencies to facilitate traceability.

Commitments
AQC Members communicate 100% of their alligator leather suppliers. They also communicate their common bovine leather suppliers and 88.3% of their countries of slaughtering (the goal is 100%). Moreover, AQC Members communicate all AQC certified tanners.

Value chain scope
From farms to leather bracelets.

Timeframe and/or milestones for the action
- The AQC was founded in 2014 by five leather bracelets manufacturers, representing more than 70% of the world’s production of luxury leather bracelets.
- Since its foundation, the AQC acts in favour of sustainable development by engaging the entire supply chain of leather bracelets.

Reference instruments and sources used
- AQC certifications
- LWG certifications
- LVMH certification
- ICFA certification
- Hcp audits
- FH Suisse
- CTC
- CNC
- COTANCE
- UNECE
- SDGs

Expected benefits and impact for the stakeholders involved
- Enhanced visibility of compliance with sustainability requirements by industry actors/partners along the entire value chain
- Enhanced traceability of the social/environmental/ethical attributes of product(s)/materials along the value chain; for example, for origin, quality, sustainability performance, and compliance with health and safety requirements for consumers and workers
- A measurable impact on sustainability in value chains over time, eventually verified through life-cycle assessments and/or sustainability certifications
- Enhanced environmental and socially responsible consumption and production, and circularity of the value chain, that may be relevant to and inspire other countries and industry actors/partners
- Management of reputational risk for manufacturers,
Brands and retailers who are selling the products concerned

Stakeholders involved
- Business and industry associations
- Intergovernmental organizations
- Scientific and technological community

How has this UNECE-UN/CEFACT Call to Action contributed to strategic engagement and/or public awareness in support of your commitment?

Bringing together leather stakeholders to collaborate towards the same mission than the AQC: a responsible global supply chain!

Link to relevant goal(s) and specific target(s) of the United Nations

6. Clean water and sanitation
12. Responsible consumption and production
13. Climate action
14. Life below water
15. Life on land
17. Partnerships for the goals