



LWG statement on illegal deforestation

As an organisation representing various leather stakeholders from across the supply chain, we are clearly concerned about the information presented in the recent Greenpeace report focused on illegal deforestation in the Amazon.

Our group seeks to improve the footwear tanning industry by creating alignment on environmental priorities, bringing visibility to best practices and providing suggested guidelines for continual improvement.

Following a meeting held in March 2009, the group was keen to open dialogue with Greenpeace and invited them to send a representative to participate in a discussion on this issue with our member companies. It is our hope that they will accept this offer to present their findings and perspective at the next LWG meeting to be held in Lawrence, MA, USA on 9 and 10 September 2009.

The Leather Working Group is actively engaged in reducing the environmental impacts of the footwear leather supply chain in a collective and collaborative manner, and the group is interested in the contributions of Greenpeace towards that goal.

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FURTHER INFORMATION

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