



Sustainable Leather Foundation

Transparency Just Got Visible



Creating Transparency

Why the Need?

- With a rising recognition of the need to address sustainability risks that include environmental, social and governance concerns, it was clear that there was no existing organisation that was addressing all these elements collectively and comprehensively.
- Industry was becoming jaded by the increasing need to duplicate effort and resource in order to meet the demands of different value chain partners or different standards.
- There was no efficient or effective method of externalising the work being done inside the industry with consumers who, in recent years, have been subjected to a vast amount of conflicting, misleading or confusing messages.
- Work inside the industry was too heavily focused on the distinguishing factors of those tanneries in the top 20% and not enough was being done to support the basic improvement needs of the other 80% of tanneries around the world.

SLF's Solution

The keystone of our solution for the industry is our **SLF Transparency Dashboard™**. This innovative tool provides a way of addressing all of the above areas in an accessible, inclusive and modular way. By giving visibility to the areas of risk to be addressed within each of the ESG modules, the Dashboard offers an easy visual of where a value chain compliance partner currently is, in terms of meeting industry standards of risk assessment and performance. Some organisations will be right at the start of their journey and their Dashboard will reflect that, other organisations will be able to meet all the requirements and their Dashboard will reflect that for them. This is achieved using a simple traffic light system of progress (see figure 1).

This gives the mechanism for displaying information in a way that is consistent and transparent and allows organisations to participate at their own pace, to suit resources and priorities.

The information shown in Figure 1 is open-source and accessible to all. However, the added layer of transparency as shown in Figure 2 below is available exclusively for Partners of SLF, and this additional information will enhance the ability of brands and retailers to have a full understanding of their value chain suppliers, enabling metrics and other data to be understood. This provides the ability to make claims and also to work more closely to support value chain partners for any areas of improvement or concern



Figure 1

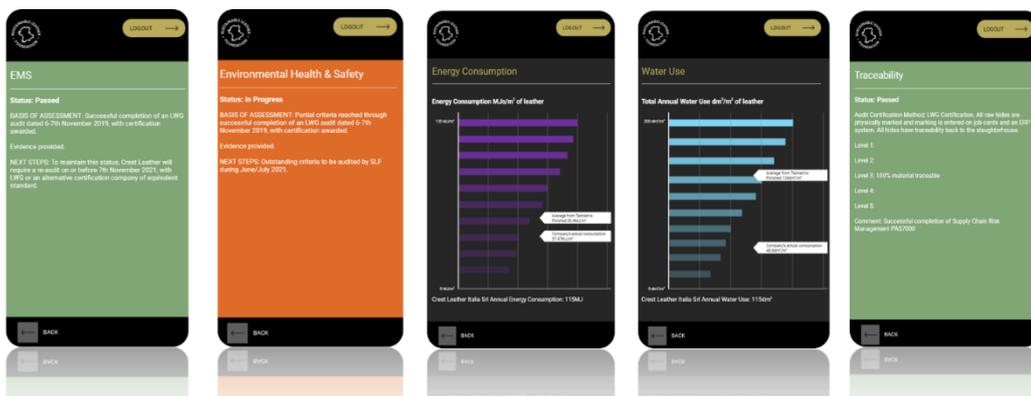


Figure 2

- No barrier to access
- Existing certification recognised
- No duplication of effort