



HAPPY MAY DAY

Dear Readers, Abhilash Chemicals wishes you a happy May Day. It is celebrated all over the world as the day for workers. The day is not only meant for workers but for all of us. Whatever the work let's do it with sincerity, hard work and passion and definitely will reap the fruits of labor. We thank all of you for your valuable support. Have a great month ahead. Happy Reading.



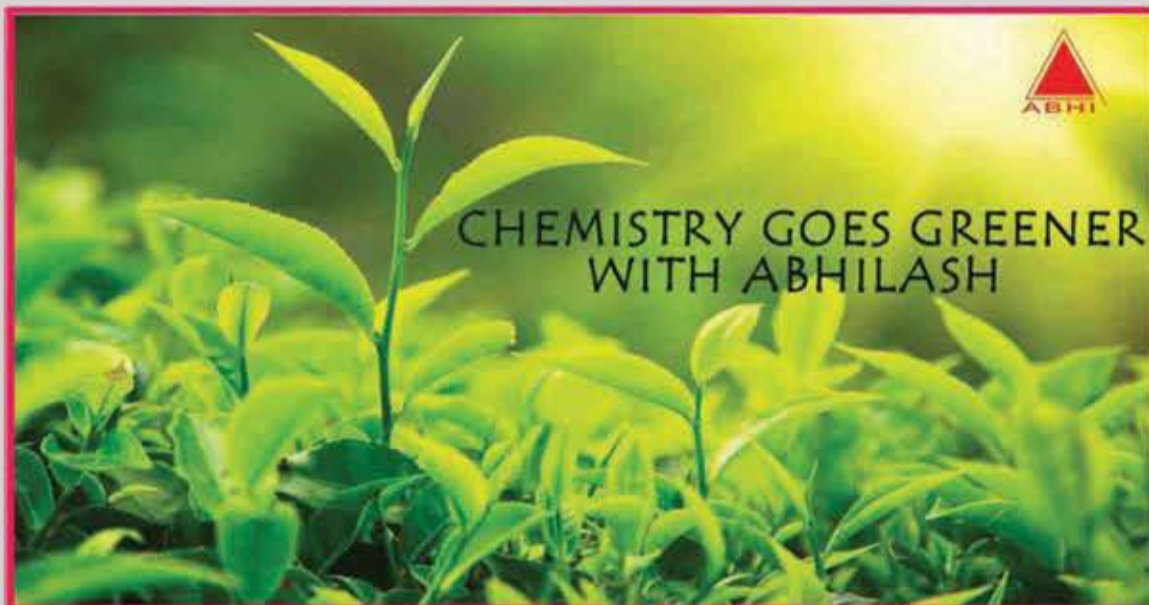
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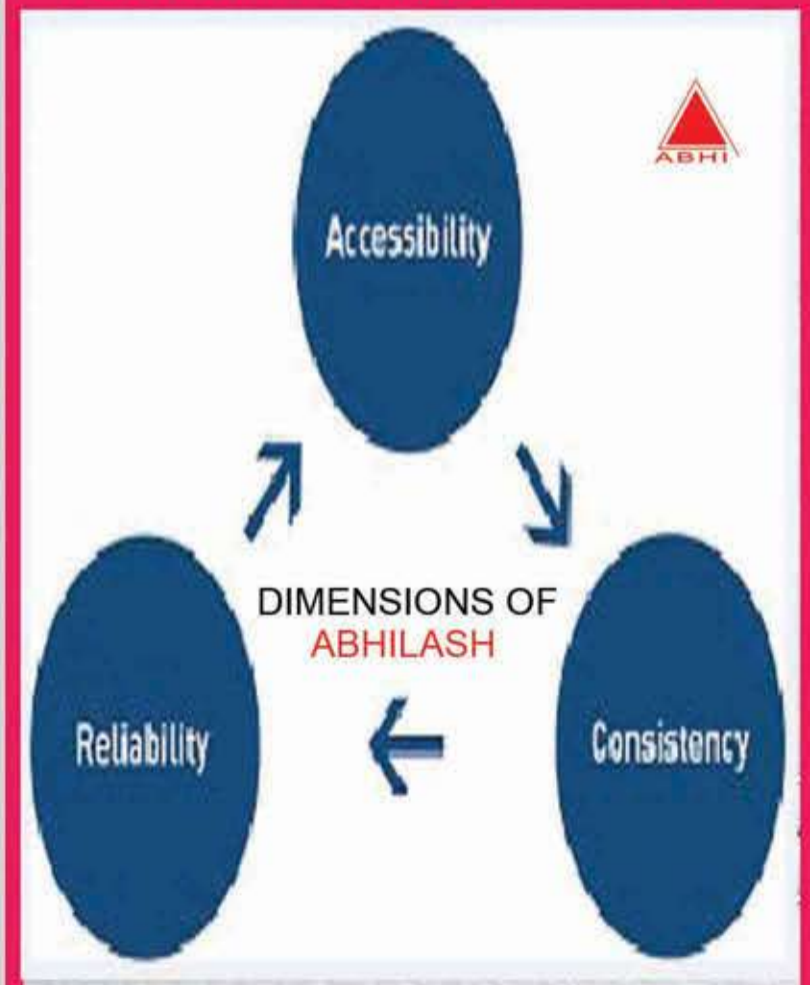
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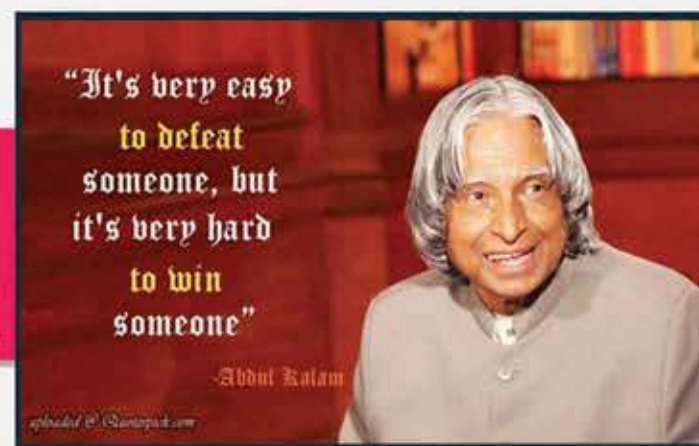
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LWG AUDIT PROTOCOL

In this issue, we continue to guide you with key factors of LWG auditing protocol.

OPERATING PERMITS

This section to be completed by all categories A, B, C, D, E and F – the maximum score for this section is 50, with a weighing of 1 this becomes 50. A negative score results in automatic failure.

The tanner will be required to supply an assurance to the auditor, in advance of the audit, that all necessary permits are available for assessment (photocopies could be supplied in advance). The tanner should also supply the auditor with the contact names and contact details, as requested by the auditor, of the responsible authorities so that the auditor can determine in advance and independently the types of permit that are required.

Operating permits are legally enforceable documents that permit authorities issue to organizations that enable them to abstract from the environment, use or discharge to the environment a variety of substances. Permits are required in certain countries, depending upon the hazardous nature of the processes carried out or quantities of dangerous goods/chemicals stored and handled on the site. Details of Environmental, Health & Safety operating permits are being summarized.

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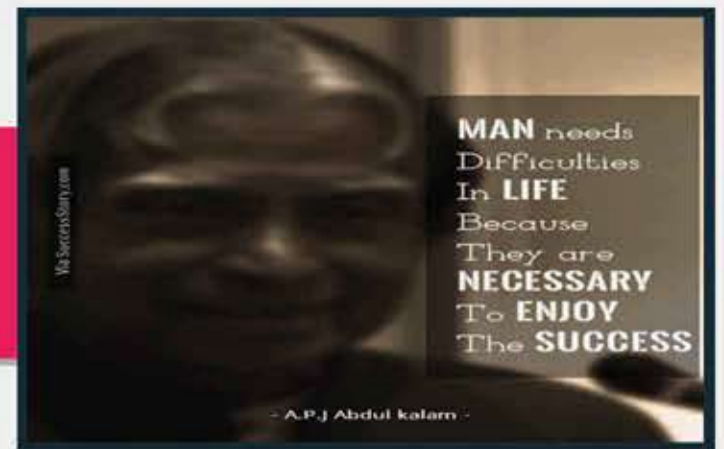
KNOW YOUR LEATHER CHEMISTRY

MECHANISM OF FATLIQUORING

Charged aminos can react with several anionic groups in collagen glueing the fibers together and avoiding the fibers from sliding over each other. Any relatively long hydrophobic molecule which reacts with charged aminos (sulphonic groupings do, to form a salt adduct, further stabilized by three H-bonds) will inhibit H-bonds and salt bonds glueing fibers together, because of its dielectric properties and hence will "lubricate" them. Anionic acrylates will react similarly with cationic aminos with the advantage that they will also displace water groups in the chrome coordination sphere which also can be involved in H-bonded structures that can harden leather.



WORLD LEATHER NEWS



LEATHER PARK RE-SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 2017

Works for construction of new Leather Park were initially planned to commence in April 2016 and completed in September 2017, but have now been scheduled to start in April 2017, with full-scale commercial production planned for January 2019, due to some preliminary preparations for the project. At full capacity, Botswana's leather industry could earn the country around US\$150 million in export revenue. It is estimated that, at full capacity, the leather park is to produce about 9,300 square metres of finished leather daily, of which around 80% would be exported as finished leather.

EXPORTS DECLINE IN PAKISTAN LEATHER INDUSTRY

Exports of tanned leather dropped 27.15% in July-March 2015-16 compared to the same period of last year. Leather products' exports declined 14.66% during the period under review. Footwear exports dipped by 19.79% mainly driven by a 23.51% dip in exports of leather footwear. This will be an area of concern for the policymakers as the sector witnessed a robust growth in 2014 because of preferential market access to the European market under GSP+ preferential tariff scheme.

SUCCESSFUL EU FOOTWEAR TRADE MISSION

Aimed at supporting the internationalisation of footwear companies manufacturing in Europe, the trade mission to Almaty, Kazakhstan, was part of a European Commission funded campaign named "European Footwear: More than Fashion". European footwear exports to Kazakhstan almost quadrupled from 2010 to 2014, but they still only represented 11.5% of the total imports into Kazakhstan in 2014, meaning that European companies can still do more to increase their share of the Kazakh market. As a part of this campaign, 36 European footwear brands from Austria, France, Greece, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Spain and the Netherlands set out to reach new consumers in Kazakhstan.

CHINA LEATHER INDUSTRY IS EXPECTED TO KEEP RUNNING SMOOTHLY IN 2016

China Leather Industry Association (CLIA) has said it is worth to mention that slowdown of export was accelerated in the second half of 2015, and overall export value in 2015 recorded a 3.1% decline to \$86.13 billion, exports for footwear accounting for 59.4% of exported value dropped by 5.1%. The growth rate in top 5 provinces dropped to 0.8% from 4.9% in the first half of 2015. However, the export figures in the first two months do not look good, the total exports value declined by 21.1% year-on-year to \$12.29 billion.

MARKET NEWS

INDIA'S EXPORTS CONTINUE TO CONTRACT

Overall exports have contracted for the 16th consecutive month, with an overall trade deficit for 2015-16 declining 21.4%, and negative growth recorded yet again for the leather sector. Exports were down 5.47% in March 2016 to US\$22.71 billion in the month, representing a decline for 16th straight month. For the 2015-16 financial year ending March 31, exports dropped 15.8% to five-year low of US\$261.13 billion; a fall attributed to fragile global demand and low commodity prices.

XXXIV IULTCS OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED

Focusing on the sustainable development of the leather sector worldwide, the XXXIV IULTCS congress was officially launched on April 22, coinciding with Earth Day, during a ceremony at the Central Leather Research Institute (CLRI) in Chennai. The XXXIV congress will take place in Chennai, India, on February 5-8, 2017. The deadline for abstract submission is October 31, 2016. The congress expects around 500 participants, of which 200 are expected to be international. Early bird registrations are available until November 2016.

CLRI TO SET UP AN INCUBATION CENTRE

The Central Leather Research Institute (CLRI) is undergoing a makeover to meet the \$27 million revenue target in the next three years. The 68-year-old laboratory in Chennai is expanding by setting up an incubation centre for startups, strengthening artisan networks and sharing expertise with African countries. This move, says CLRI Director, B.Chandrasekaran in an interview, will create jobs and bring more revenue to the country.

US CONTINUES AS A TOP IMPORTER

US continue to be the top importer of leather and leather products from India with a share of 14.36% in the total export. UK, Germany and Italy follows US with a share of 12.30%, 11.51% and 6.91% respectively, in the total export. Out these four countries only US saw a positive growth in import for the period of Apr-Jan 2015-16 when compared to the same period last year. Out of the top importing countries, Hong Kong records -26.82% decline in import for the same period.

TIP OF THE MONTH

How to avoid "orange peel effect" in finishing ?

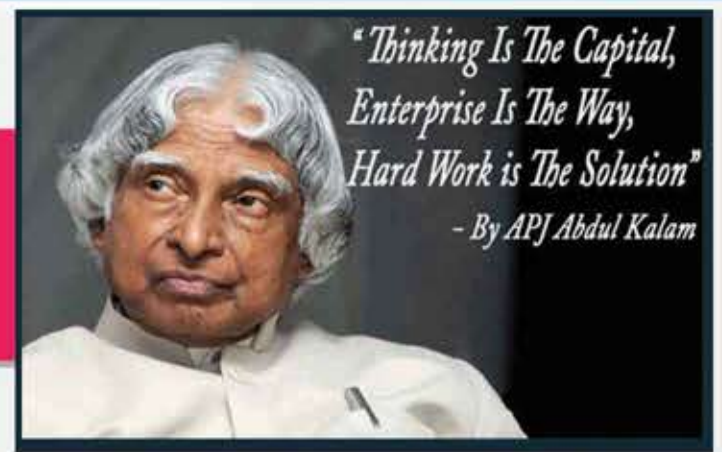
Causes:

Produced by insufficient compactness of the film in splits and corrected grain side leathers through bending and stretching of the finished leather the fibres which have not been completely covered by the binders will press through the finish coat and give a slightly rough surface or "orange peel effect".

Remedy:

Use highly filling binding agents in the base coating float and apply an adequate amount of substance.

€ EVENT PLANNER



Exhibition Name	Cycle	City (Country) / Location	Date (2016)
FASHION & STYLE <i>Specialized Fair and Sale. Clothes and footwear for adults and children. Leather and fur goods. Textile and leather accessories</i>	3 times a year	Kazan (Russia) / Kazanskaya Yarmarka Exhibition Centre	03.05 - 07.05
CHINA INTERNATIONAL FASHION FAIR (FASHION GUANGZHOU) <i>International Fashion Trade show</i>	Twice a year	Guangzhou (China) / China Import and Export Fair Pazhou Complex	07.05 - 09.05
GUANGZHOU CHINA LEATHER & ARTIFICIAL LEATHER FAIR <i>International Leather & Artificial Leather Fair in China</i>	Once a year	Guangzhou (China) / China Import and Export Fair Pazhou Complex	07.05 - 09.05
GUANGZHOU CHINA SHOE & CHINA LEATHER FAIR (CANTON SHOE FAIR) <i>International footwear & Leather & Bags fair</i>	Twice a year	Guangzhou (China) / China Import and Export Fair Pazhou Complex	07.05 - 09.05
INTERNATIONAL FOOTWEAR & LEATHER SHOW <i>Leather Articles, Shoes and Supplies Exhibition</i>	Twice a year	Bogotá (Colombia) / Corferias - Centro de Convenciones	10.05 - 13.05
INDO LEATHER & FOOTWEAR <i>International Exhibition on Leather & Footwear Machinery, Manufacturing Technology, Materials and Services</i>	Once a year	Jakarta (Indonesia) / Jakarta International Expo (JIExpo)	12.05 - 14.05
AYSAF <i>Istanbul International Exhibition for Footwear Materials, Components, Leather and Technologies</i>	Twice a year	Istanbul (Turkey) / Istanbul Expo Center	25.05 - 27.05
RWANDA FASHIONEXPO <i>International Fashion, Textile & Shoes Exhibition in Rwanda</i>	Unknown	Kigali (Rwanda) / Gikondo Expo Ground, Kigali	26.05 - 28.05

EXPORT OF LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS FROM INDIA DURING APRIL-JANUARY 2014-15 VIS-A-VIS APRIL-JANUARY 2015-16

(Value in Million Rs)

CATEGORY	APR-JAN 2014-15	APR-JAN 2015-16	VARIATION (%)
FINISHED LEATHER	69500.48	57350.93	-17.48
LEATHER FOOTWEAR	118074.34	117104.54	-0.82
FOOTWEAR COMPONENTS	19246.59	15838.13	-17.71
LEATHER GARMENTS	32172.99	31232.45	-2.92
LEATHER GOODS	74908.01	75642.21	0.98
SADDLERY AND HARNESS	8465.9	7914.8	-6.51
TOTAL	322368	305083	-5.36

Source : DGCI &S

FIND THE WORD

FIND THE TEN HIDDEN SYNTAN TYPES.

WORDS CAN BE HORIZONTAL, DIAGONAL & VERTICAL

AWARDS :
10/10 - EXCELLENT UPPER
7/10 - ACCEPTABLE RANGE
4/10 - LOSENESS IN LEATHER

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ABHITAN DZ9
(DICYANDIAMIDE RESIN SYNTAN)

ABHITAN DZ9 IS AN OFF-WHITE BEIGE COLOR, DICYANDIAMIDE SYNTAN. IT IS EASILY SOLUBLE IN WATER AND VERY MUCH COMPATIBLE WITH VEGETABLE AND OTHER SYNTHETIC TANNING AGENTS. IT GIVES VERY GOOD BODY WITHOUT LOOSE. BECAUSE OF ITS INNER TIGHTENING EFFECT GRAIN COARSENESS AND GRAIN CRACKING EFFECTS ARE AVOIDED, WHICH ULTIMATELY GIVES VERY GOOD GRAIN SMOOTHNESS.

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