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Declaration REACH

The European Union's new chemicals legislation known as REACH (Registration, Evaluation and Authorization of Chemicals) has come into force on June 1st, 2007. From this day on, new substances have to be registered according to the new requirements uniform for all of Europe.

Initial advise /information from the majority of our chemical suppliers, indicates that they are planning to pre-register all current substances supplied to Hulshof Royal Dutch Tanneries, and will make final decisions regarding registration after pre-registration.

Hulshof Royal Dutch Tanneries uses substances and preparations for the production of different leathers. Leather is under REACH an article, which during production receives a special shape, surface and design which determines its function. Considering that leather is not made to release any chemicals, the article leather does not fall under the REACH regulations.

Regarding the substances of very high concern (SVHC), we declare that Hulshof Royal Dutch Tannieries do not use any substances listed u ECHA (28-10-2008)

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Best regards,

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CEO









CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

This is to certify that the Quality Management System of:

Hulshof Royal Dutch Tanneries Lichtenvoorde, The Netherlands

has been approved by Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance to the following Quality Management System Standards:

ISO 9001: 2008

The Quality Management System is applicable to:

Development and processing of green hides into upholstery for furniture, automotive and aviation industry.

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Original Approval

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Hulshof Royal Dutch Tanneries has been a tannery in Lichtenvoorde since 1876 and, at maximum capacity, processes around 300,000 local bull and heavy calf hides every year into high quality leather for seating, cars, planes and the very top of the leather industry.

Hulshof was one of the first to understand the importance of minimising damage to the environment and the optimisation of working conditions. As well as the constant focus for careful business policy (good housekeeping), over the course of the years this has also lead to countless (award winning) process innovations that have resulted in significant environmental benefit.

Sustainability.

In today's society products are subject to increasingly higher standards. The quality of a product is no longer measured by its lifespan in the user phase only, but also by the influence of the product on the environment and the living conditions during the entire lifecycle, from 'cradle to grave.' An increasing consumer demand for sustainable products forms an even greater role and contributes more focus on integral sustainability.

The product.

One product instinctively considered by consumers to be sustainable and natural is leather. After all, leather is made from hide, a by-product of the slaughter of animals.

Leather also often has a natural character and lasts for years. Leather is simply cured animal skin, for which formulas and processes have been developed so successfully over thousands of years that leather can be stored in the ground, for example, for hundreds of years.

Although in leather production the focus is still on the curing of animals skins for the user phase, Hulshof pays more and more attention to the environmental effects of the process.

A strong emphasis on the effects of its processes on the environment has in the past lead to a number of improvements in the quality of its leather. **Hulshof is therefore able to proudly stake its claim as the world's most environmentally friendly tannery with the highest leather quality.**



As the first tannery in the world, Hulshof has managed to develop a fully green product, a basic concept for biodegradable leather.

Through the replacement of chemicals with biodegradable products, and through the application of formulas, they are able to produce organic leather suitable for many purposes – a leather that is biodegradable during the waste phase and therefore does its part toward the environment by serving as a raw material once again or once more. Consequently this goes further than 'from cradle to grave', with the description 'from cradle to cradle' (C2C) being more appropriate.

To demonstrate the pure nature of the product, the chosen name is **PURO**.

Under composting situations, **PURO** is turned into compost within a foreseeable period of time. Recent tests have shown that Hulshof's organic leather meets these standards.

