Tools for assessing quality and suitability for use of a leather include product technical specifications, documents that define the most important characteristics for the various end-use sectors of leather products (footwear, leather goods, clothing, furniture, car interior, etc.). Whilst their application is voluntary, they represent a valid benchmark when dealing with a supplier.

The course aims to provide a detailed description of the standards developed for the leather sector, analysing the performance requirements of the various types of leather they cover.

The concluding part describes the most important tests carried out on leather in order to assess conformity with the requirements of standards and therefore quantify performance during manufacture and use of the item.

Pictures and video footage illustrate laboratory quality control apparatus and procedures.

PROGRAMME

THE CONCEPT OF QUALITY AS APPLIED TO LEATHER

TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR THE LEATHER SECTOR: which ones apply and how they can be used when dealing with a international supplier

LABORATORY QUALITY CONTROL:

- test methods for assessing resistance to mechanical stress
- measuring colour fastness to external agents
- determining chemical parameters linked to consumer health and safety requirements

Duration: 4-6 hours