

Deeper understanding of leather as a material

- **LANXESS organized fourth leather seminar for experts**
- **New legal requirements for leather production**
- **Use of chemicals and its risk assessment**
- **Handling of odour and emissions of leather**

Cologne – Specialty chemicals company LANXESS has hosted its fourth seminar for the leather and apparel industry at its headquarters in Cologne. In addition to the multifaceted aspects of leather as a material, this year's event on January 10 and 11, 2019, presented the handling of emissions and odors as well as the current legal requirements.

According to the company's commitment to better engage manufacturers, brands and other stakeholders in the industry to support leather as a valued material, the overall objective of this conference was to provide a deeper understanding of the leather material – especially with regard to the use of chemicals.

After an introduction by Dr. Dietrich Tegtmeier, who is responsible for Leather Industry Relations at LANXESS, Dr. Martin Kleban, HSEQ representative in the LANXESS Leather business unit, gave an update on the regulatory requirements for the production of leather. The agenda also included numerous topics from external speakers such as "Reconditioning of leather to pass Cr VI limits" (Peter Erren, Erren Recondition/Netherlands) and "Biodegradability of Leather" (Karl Flowers, Authenticae/United Kingdom). Furthermore, Dr. Volker Rabe, Head of Technical Product Management for Tanning Technology at LANXESS, described the possibilities of influencing the odor of leather and how the emission of VOCs (volatile organic compounds) can be kept low or avoided.

The conference was attended by more than 60 representatives of leading brand manufacturers from the apparel industry and certification institutes.

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News Release

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Dr. Volker Rabe from LANXESS explained the possibilities for influencing the odor of leather. Another focus of his presentation showed how the emission of VOCs (volatile organic compounds) can be kept low or avoided.

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Dr. Martin Kleban explained the current regulatory requirements relevant to the manufacture of leather.

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Peter Erren from the Dutch company Erren Recondition gave a lecture on “Reconditioning of leather to pass Cr VI limits”.
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Karl Flowers from the Authenticae Institute, UK, presented the topic “Biodegradability of Leather”.
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