



## Sustainable Leather Foundation

### Chemistry Collaboration Hub

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#### Discussion

- Conversations were held about what the definition of hazardous chemistry was:
  - EU Waste Directive (defines hazardous vs non-hazardous waste)
  - GHS definition – if it has a GHS pictogram it is a hazardous chemical.
- The group agreed that the definition was tricky, but that there were good definitions. It was felt that the concentration of the chemical was important.
- The group was introduced to the SLF chemical supplier dashboard:
  - What do chemical suppliers want to show?
- Wet-end and finishing chemical difficulty, polymeric often so cannot necessarily provide a CAS number to them or characterise and risk assess the full range of chemistry in a formulation.
- It was felt that the Hub's role is to build **trust** in the types of chemistry that the leather industry uses. Clear definitions, communication, and reliable trustworthy chemistry. It was felt that the group should communicate the good, sustainable work that the industry has achieved in recent history.
- Really simple chemistry explanations should be sourced (permission required) or written to communicate simple.
- Creation of two types of communication – deep technical information and consumer friendly information to better understand the basic principles.

#### Next steps

- Consider good definitions of hazardous chemicals and hazardous waste (links to good definitions that you have access to, docs, or hyperlinks)
- Send ideas of really good articles (and their priority) of what needs to be covered and their priority.