



# JLIA Sustainable Certification



JAPAN LEATHER AND LEATHER GOODS INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION

# Providing sustainability to global standards

## What is the JLIA Sustainable Certification?

### A Certification in Global Demand

The global leather industry is increasingly expected to address environmental considerations, social responsibility, animal welfare, product quality and safety, and transparency.



### Do you have these concerns?

- Demonstrating your SDGs initiatives objectively
- Gaining recognition for environmentally and socially responsible practices
- Strengthening your credibility and brand image
- Meeting clients' demands for SDGs, ESG, and CSR compliance/certification

### Benefits of certification

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#### Enhance international credibility



Demonstrates your commitment to SDGs, ESG, and CSR standards, enhancing brand value

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#### New Business Opportunities



Positions your company as an active SDGs-focused enterprise through certification

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#### Improvements in environment and workplace safety



Strengthens internal systems and raises employee awareness.

### Key Related SDGs

The JLIA Sustainable Certification is based on the 17 SDGs.



### Key Point!



The JLIA Sustainable Certification is a global standard developed with reference to:

- ESG ratings
- EU Taxonomy
- EU Ecolabel
- over 15 Japanese and international laws and standards.

## What Kind of Certification Is It?

The Japan Leather and Leather Goods Industries Association (JLIA) operates a certification system to recognize companies that actively contribute to the realization of a sustainable society, economy, and environment by respecting the principles of the SDGs throughout the entire leather industry supply chain.

※Selected from 407 entries, the logo combines cherry blossoms with the letter 'S' to symbolize sustainability.



## What is JLIA?

The Japan Leather and Leather Goods Industries Association (JLIA) is a comprehensive non-profit organization that promotes the growth and cooperation of the entire leather industry, supporting its overall development and collaboration across the sector.

We are engaged in activities that connect people, things, and the environment through leather.



## Who Can Apply?

Open to all participants in the leather supply chain, including:

- Rawhide traders
- Tanners
- Leather wholesalers
- Leather product manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers



## Main Evaluation Criteria

We assess companies' initiatives based on the following areas.

 <b>Corporate Governance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Compliance with laws</li><li>• Respect for International Standards</li></ul>
 <b>Human Rights &amp; Labor</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No forced or child labor</li><li>• Fair wages and working hours</li><li>• Fair treatment and no discrimination</li><li>• Freedom of association</li></ul>
 <b>Occupational Health &amp; Safety</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Workplace safety and health</li><li>• Emergency preparedness</li><li>• Prevention of occupational accidents and diseases</li><li>• Industrial hygiene</li></ul>
 <b>Environmental Issues</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Environmental management</li><li>• Reduction of greenhouse gases and energy use</li><li>• Water and waste management</li><li>• Chemical substance management</li><li>• Biodiversity conservation</li></ul>
 <b>Fair Trade &amp; Ethics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Anti-corruption</li><li>• Fair business practices</li><li>• Respect for intellectual property rights</li></ul>
 <b>Quality &amp; Safety</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Product safety</li><li>• Quality control</li><li>• Accurate information on products and services</li></ul>

# Certification Procedure Flow

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## Prepare Documents



### Download the required documents from the JLIA Sustainable Certification website.

Complete them following the "Application Guide" and submit them along with the necessary attachments.

【Form No.1】 Application Form

【Form No.2】 Overview of Business Sites

【Form No.3】 Declaration of Application

【Form No.4】 Checklist

For Form 2: Overview of Business Sites, please also attach the following:

- Organization chart
- Factory layout map (including site map) and manufacturing equipment layout
- Copy of documents showing the source of raw materials
- Manufacturing process flowchart
- Copy of documents certifying proper wastewater treatment
- Copy of documents certifying proper waste disposal
- Copy of documents for quality inspection of leather/leather products
- Raw material acceptance inspection records
- Complaint handling records
- Copy of document certifying that the main leather has tested for chemicals as specified in the Japan Eco Leather Gold certification.

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## Application Submission and Payment

※ Currently free of charge.

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## Assessment

### Document Review by the Secretariat



The Japan Leather and Leather Goods Industries Association (JLIA) receives and reviews the submitted application documents.

### On-site Audit of Applicant Companies



In addition to document review, on-site inspections are conducted at the applicant's facilities.

### Review Meeting by the Third-Party Committee



A third-party committee conducts the final assessment.

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## Upon Approval - Certificate Issuance



Certificate Issued Available in Japanese and English



Validity Duration 3 years

### Certification Levels Based on Achievement

#### Gold

Meets the highest standards of sustainability



#### Silver

Meets the standards while actively pursuing further improvements



#### Bronze

Clears the minimum required criteria



〈Application & Contact Information〉

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