

HIGH TECHNOLOGY FINISHING FOR HIGH TECHNOLOGY LEATHER

HTF – High Technology Finishing is a young company, but one with a highly valuable technical background in leather finishing, thanks also to the decades of experience of one of its founding partners.

HTF has a dynamic outlook and pays close attention to market trends, always respecting the environment without compromising the required technical performance. In fact, by relying on a qualified research and development laboratory, HTF studies and proposes solutions to reduce all hazardous substances such as solvents, cross-linkers, preservatives, and metals. HTF's main objective is to design and produce low-impact, high-quality products for its customers.

In 2023, HTF joined the ZDHC Roadmap to Zero program, a global initiative promoted by the textile and chemical sectors to eliminate hazardous chemicals from production supply chains, including the definition of a Manufacturing Restricted Substances List (MRSL) in the leather goods manufacturing process. Through this commitment, we aim to achieve our goals of reducing hazardous chemicals in our products and pursuing sustainable design.

The first step toward achieving these objectives was the integration of our quality management system with the requirements of UNI EN ISO 14001:2015. The integrated management system implemented and maintained by HTF is based on the following principles:

- Continuous improvement: We are committed to continuously improving our quality and environmental performance through a process of periodic review and updating of the Management System.
- Prevention: We promote a preventive approach to pollution by identifying and controlling the significant environmental aspects of our activities.
- Compliance: We are committed to complying with all applicable environmental laws and regulations.
- Awareness: We promote staff awareness and training on the importance of environmental protection. ISO 14001 is the internationally recognized standard for environmental management systems, and it provides a framework for continual improvement of environmental performance.

Through the integrated quality and environmental management system, we are committed to:

- Develop and provide legally compliant, safe, and sustainable chemical products that are beneficial to society and the environment;
- Design and, upon request, guarantee products that comply with the limits set by ZDHC MRSL (mrsl.roadmaptozero.com), and in any case maintain an active research process, also inspired by BAT (Best Available Technologies), aimed at risk reduction by choosing chemical substances that ensure worker health and environmental protection, such as the bio-derived products of the new ZenZero project;
- Reduce the environmental impact of our activities, with particular attention to resource consumption, emissions, and waste;

- Promote the responsible management of hazardous chemicals, including by identifying the hazards associated with chemical substances in order to reduce or limit them as much as possible;
- Collaborate with our suppliers and customers to improve environmental performance throughout the entire production chain;
- Promptly provide customers with all information on the chemical substances contained in the products (sending Technical and Safety Data Sheets with dedicated support) and check purchased materials with the same level of care;
- Keep the assessment of the technical and economic aspects of existing and newly introduced chemical substances up to date, as well as the safety and environmental aspects in light of new discoveries through sustainable chemical product management practices.

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