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Leather — Bovine wet blue — Specification

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National foreword

This British Standard is the UK implementation of ISO 5433:2013. It supersedes BS ISO 5433:1999 which is withdrawn.

It is considered the view of the UK committee that the application of this standard to bovine wet blue can be limiting on three counts:

1. The requirement for a water extract pH value of greater than 3.5 is considered restrictive as tanners are producing high quality bovine wet blue with water extract values of less than 3.5, such as a pH value 3.2.
2. It states that a 3.5 % chrome content is required to achieve a 100 °C shrinkage temperature. However, this shrinkage temperature is being commercially achieved at a chrome content of 3 %.
3. At the request of their customers, tanners are not placing trade names or names and addresses of the manufacturer on their packaging. The labelling requirements of the standard do not reflect the commercial realities that tanners operate within and would require the tanner and customer to disclose this information without any perceived benefit.

It is acknowledged by the UK committee that this standard can be applied for UK commercial transactions and aspects can be used in case of dispute between parties but all parties should be aware of the limitations detailed above for bovine wet blue production.

The UK participation in its preparation was entrusted to Technical Committee TCI/69, Footwear, leather and coated fabrics.

A list of organizations represented on this committee can be obtained on request to its secretary.

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