# New & Updated Footwear Resources



"In a world of change, the learners shall inherit the earth, while the learned shall find themselves perfectly suited for a world that no longer exists."

- Eric Hoffer

# Our job is to identify industry wide **Challenges** and develop

# **Products** Services Education

to provide professionals with **Solutions** and increased **agility**.



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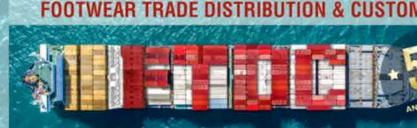
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**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & EVENTS** 

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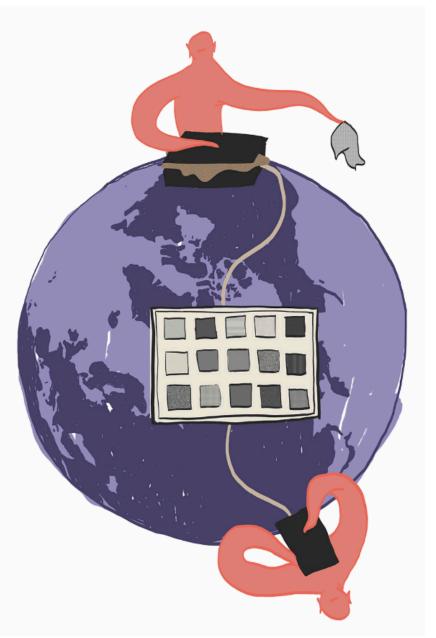
The start of every shoe design and development cycle is unnecessarily slow and painfully administrative because critical knowledge is not centralized or standardized. 1. It is a time suck to ensure the material suppliers your teams currently work with have their certifications up-todate and are keeping up with new standards and requirements.

2. It can take up to 3 weeks to research and vet new material suppliers.

#### Ultimate Goal - A global digital profile



- Define an industry standard profile for identifying and working with footwear and apparel vendors
- Provide a central location for vendors to manage and communicate all their capabilities
- Provide a central database of required reports and certificates
- Increase awareness and membership to important organisations and initiatives
- Provide a knowledge base to educate vendors on the needs of brands



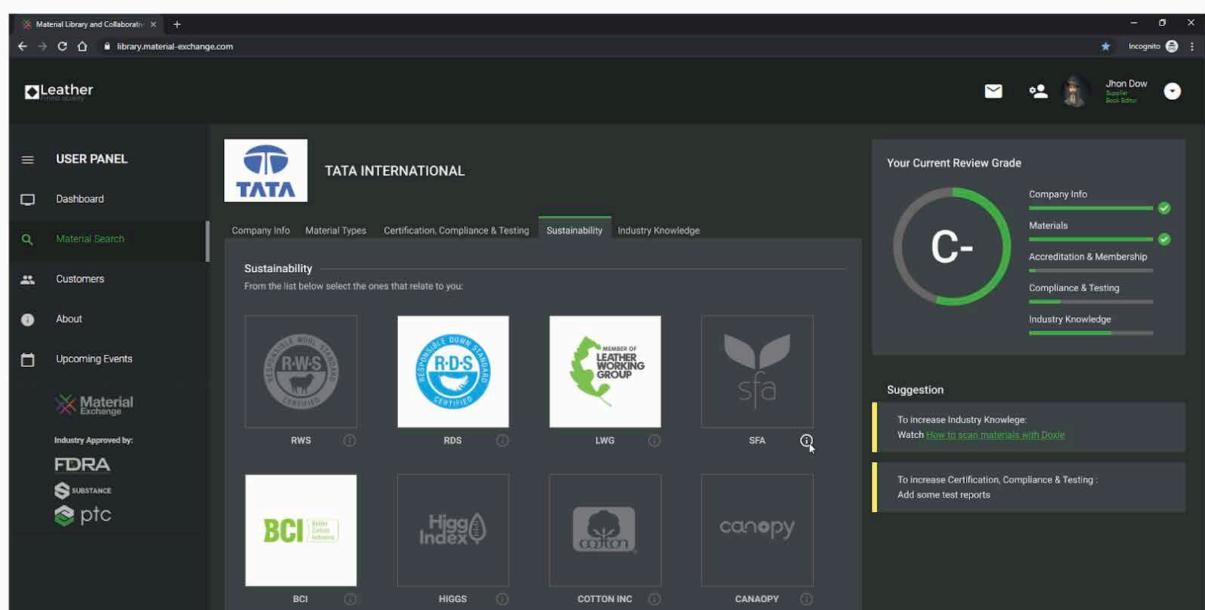
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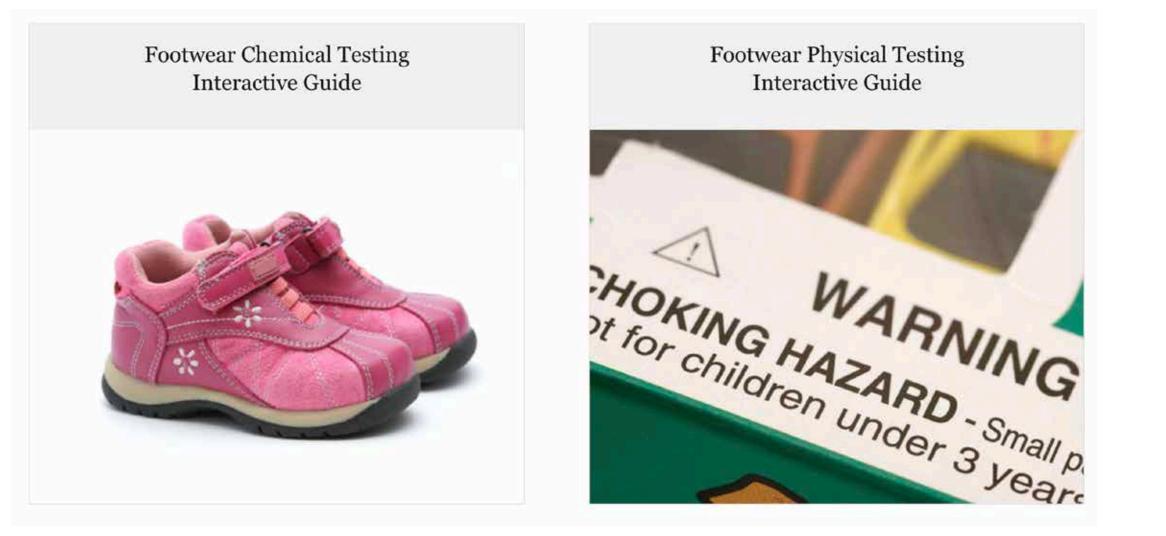


# A site to educate, empower and activate the footwear industry



https://www.shoesustainability.com/

# Updated FDRA's Digital Product Safety Website





# Footwear Product Safety Compliance Center

Featuring the Interactive Guide to Chemical & Physical Testing for Footwear

> Footwear Chemical Testing Interactive Guide

Footwear Physical Testing Interactive Guide

http://globalfootweartesting.com/







This special webpage is both a sourcing report as well as a resource center to FDRA members. It explores current global shoe production issues from "shoe snapshot" data and analysis by key countries to video and audio discussions with industry leaders and experts on factory compliance to supply chain issues.

#### A Deep Analysis of Global Shoe Production



https://fdra.org/shoe-sourcing-report-2019/

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# FDRA Footwear Tariff Filter Tool

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This tool provides an introduction to the classification of footwear in Chapter 64 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). It is not legal advice and is not a substitute for reasonable care. FDRA believes that the outline is a good starting point to learning how the HTS is structured when it comes to footwear. However, it is important to keep in mind that many of these terms are subjective and open to interpretation by CBP. Note in particular that many of the definitions have been interpreted by CBP in a manner that narrows or expands the apparent meaning. If you are unsure as to any point you should consult an expert or consider submitting a ruling request.

This tool should be used along with a copy of Chapter 64.

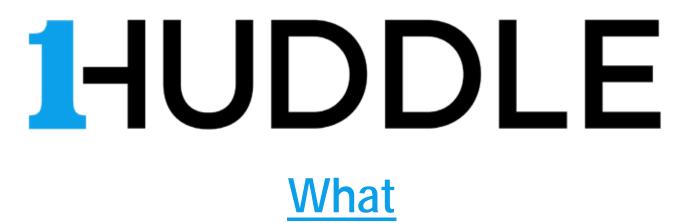
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#### Use The Tool

BETA Test Mode

# 2020 FDRA Initiatives

- New Digital Video Working Group Meetings increasing brand participating.
  - Sustainability Roundtable Event getting people on the same page and sharing tips
- Digital Transformation Event and Video Series helping brands better understand tools they can use to lower design and development costs and speed up processes.
- Monthly video update to factory members translated into Chinese helping better inform and connect factories back to FDRA.
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- **Classification Filter** Help brands better classify shoes through filtering chapter 64
- **New Innovation Thought Leadership Series** Building a innovation culture, as a business practice, how to be open to ideas, C-Suite leadership on innovation.
- Material Management Series helping brands better understand emerging materials, and how to improve their management programs from specs to execution.



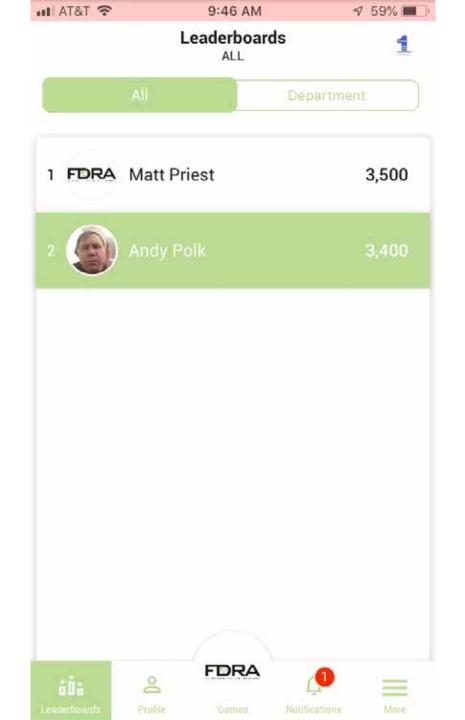
### 21<sup>st</sup> Century Shoe Training and Knowledge Reinforcement Through Games.

# <u>How</u>

Professionals Play Various 'Games' On Their Phone (App) or Online About Current Shoe Data and Trends to Games Focused on Addressing Skills and Knowledge Gaps.

# **Benefits**

We will use it to get more professionals to engage with FDRA, increase education on key data and trends, and reinforce knowledge during and after events. The platform allows us to track usage and identify questions with high fail rates to see if we need to put resources to helping the industry address common challenges.





Zoom Digital Conference Call December 11 Members Only. Cost: \$0

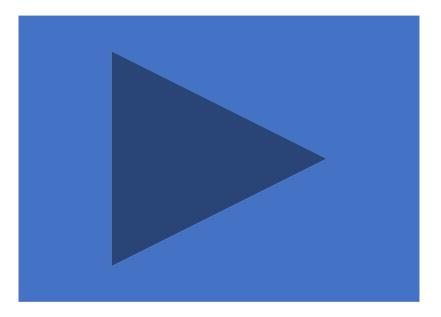
Zoom Digital Meeting January 30<sup>th</sup> Members Only. Cost: \$99





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