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EDITOR'S NOTE

It gives me a great pleasure to present to you the PLGMEA NewsLetter; the initiative of Pakistan Leather Garments Manufacturers & Exporters Association in continuance of the legacy and traditions of adding innovative value-added services for its members.

At Pakistan Leather Garments Manufacturers & Exporters Association, we are committed to provide you with updated information, to help you manage your businesses at par and also provide you with sufficient tools so that you can truly optimize yourself with the globalized world as an entrepreneur. PLGMEA NewsLetter is the result of same commitment and dedication towards you as our primary focus and our number one priority.



Sheikh Zohaib Sethi
Convener: PLGMEA Magazine &
R & D Committee

I am delighted to share with you this NewsLetter. It has been an over whelming experience for us to provide you the latest information through this NewsLetter which is now being continued again. We are striving to keep up with our reader's expectations.

Therefore, in this 'Edition' we have some interesting things coming to you including informative articles, Reports, Tips for Improvement and other productive information/data for our business community. We firmly believe that this publication would become an essential tool for anyone related to the Industry.

We assure you that Pakistan Leather Garments Manufacturers & Exporters Association would keep on taking similar initiatives for the betterment of the Industry and we would be honored to get your support in making this venture better in future through your valuable feedback and inputs

Profound Regards,
Sheikh Zohaib Sethi

CHAIRMAN MESSAGE

I, on behalf of the Pakistan Leather Garments Manufacturers & Exporters Association (PLGMEA) , present best compliments to the Business Community of Sialkot. This esteemed Association is always devoted to serving the Sialkot Industry as an Apex Body and is always striving to grow this Industry with all possible efforts & treasures.

As per the legacy of this prestigious organization, I am delighted to announce the publishing of PLGMEA E-Magazine, "PLGMEA NEWSLETTER" for the Business Community of Sialkot. With the utmost pleasure, I would like to share with all of you that the E-Magazine will definitely prove as a hallmark of quality reading material on the business and industry related knowledge.

This initiative is a tradition that should be continued with the aim to spread new & innovative ideas, information, and exposure to the reader/our business community.



Mr. Syed Ahtesham Mazhar
Chairman (Central)

It has been an exciting experience to provide information on different international markets, potential trade destinations, innovative ideas, skills & system development, business improvements & enhancement, etc. through this E-Magazine.

I believe that the step towards knowledge sharing through this medium will become the source of information & inspiration for all our readers/members. Pakistan Leather Garments Manufacturers & Exporters Association (PLGMEA) assures that we would keep on doing such efforts for the growth of our Industry by nourishing this plant with the water of knowledge. And we are always looking forward to the support & valuable feedback of our readers/members to make sure this treasure as a success.

Profound Regards,
SYED AHTESHAM MAZHAR
CHAIRMAN

The Pakistan Leather Garments Manufacturers & Exporters Association (PLGMEA) meeting with National Compliance Center (NCC) Team held on 09 September 2025..



The 5th meeting of 22nd Executive Board of Pakistan Leather Garments Manufacturers & Exporters Association (PLGMEA) Northern Zone Held on September 11, 2025 at PLGMEA Northern Zone Conference Hall, Sialkot.



The Last (5th) meeting of 22nd Central Executive Committee of Pakistan Leather Garments Manufacturers & Exporters Association (PLGMEA) Held on September 26, 2025 at PLGMEA Office, Karachi & PLGMEA Northern Zone Office, Sialkot through ZOOM.



The Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of 22nd PLGMEA Central Executive Committee Held on September 26, 2025 at PLGMEA Office, Karachi & PLGMEA Northern Zone Office, Sialkot through ZOOM.



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Leather Garments Exports Overview (July–August 2025)

In the first two months of the fiscal year 2025–26 (July–August), Pakistan's leather garments exports amounted to \$49.7 million, marking a 30.92% increase compared to \$37.9 million during the same period in FY2024–25. In August 2025 alone, exports of leather garments were valued at \$24.8 million, up from \$23 million in August 2024, reflecting a 7.43% year-on-year growth.



Key Export Markets:

Pakistan's leather garments are predominantly exported to the following countries:

Germany: Around \$104 million

Italy: Estimated \$90 million

Canada: Approximately \$47.4 million

Netherlands: Approximately \$41 million

United Kingdom: Approximately \$35 million

France: Approximately \$30 million

Spain: Approximately \$25 million

Australia: Approximately \$20 million

These markets represent the largest share of Pakistan's leather garments exports, underscoring the sector's strong presence in North America and Europe.

Export Performance by Product Category:\

The leather garments export data for July–August 2025 is as follows:

Leather Garments: \$49.7 million (30.92% increase YoY)

Leather Gloves: \$52.4 million (12.81% increase YoY)

Other Leather Manufactures: \$2.3 million (9.56% increase YoY)

August 2025 Textile Exports Overview

In August 2025, Pakistan's textile exports experienced a 7.3% year-on-year decline, totaling \$1.52 billion, compared to \$1.64 billion in August 2024. This downturn followed a strong performance in July 2025, where exports surged to \$1.69 billion, reflecting a 33.7% year-on-year increase.



Despite the monthly decline in August, the cumulative textile exports for the first two months of the fiscal year (July–August 2025) amounted to \$3.2

billion, marking a 10% year-on-year increase from \$2.91 billion during the same period in 2024.

Key Export Categories in August 2025:

The August 2025 export data revealed a broad-based decline across key textile categories:

Knitwear:

Exports stood at \$445.7 million, down 3.7% from the previous year.

Readymade Garments:

Exports decreased by 9.6%, totaling \$328.1 million.

Cotton Cloth:

Exports declined by 13.7%, reaching \$157.5 million.

Over the past few years, Pakistan's textile exports have experienced fluctuations:

FY 2020–21: \$15.4 billion

FY 2021–22: \$16.2 billion

FY 2022–23: \$16.7 billion

FY 2023–24: \$16.9 billion

FY 2024–25: \$17.88 billion (7.39% increase year-on-year)



DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE ?

All members are cordially invited to share their personal experiences tips, useful websites, articles or anything beneficial to our members.

Any such information should be sent to PLGMEA NZ office which shall be scrutinized and the published in the next bulletin.

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Advanced Manufacturing Technologies

- **Stretch Elastic Waistband Sewing Machine:**
Automated machines for sewing elastic waistbands significantly improve production speed and precision. They reduce manual labor and increase output while maintaining consistent quality. Production time has decreased by approximately 73%, and sewing errors are minimized. ([Link: arxiv.org](#))
- **Automated Sewing for Plated Pants:**
Specialized machines automatically fold and sew plated pants, cutting the production time from 117 seconds per unit to just 33 seconds. This innovation reduces labor costs and increases manufacturing efficiency. ([Link: arxiv.org](#))

Sustainable and Eco-Friendly Innovations

- **Cactus Leather (Vegan Leather):**
The industry is exploring plant-based alternatives such as cactus leather as a sustainable substitute for traditional animal leather. These materials are eco-friendly, cruelty-free, and increasingly popular in global markets. ([Link: ijsse.salmaedusociety.com](#))
- **Cleaner Production & Circular Economy:**
Leather manufacturers are adopting cleaner production techniques and circular economy principles to minimize waste, optimize resource use, and reduce environmental impact. ([Link: smepprogramme.org](#))

International Collaboration & Exhibitions

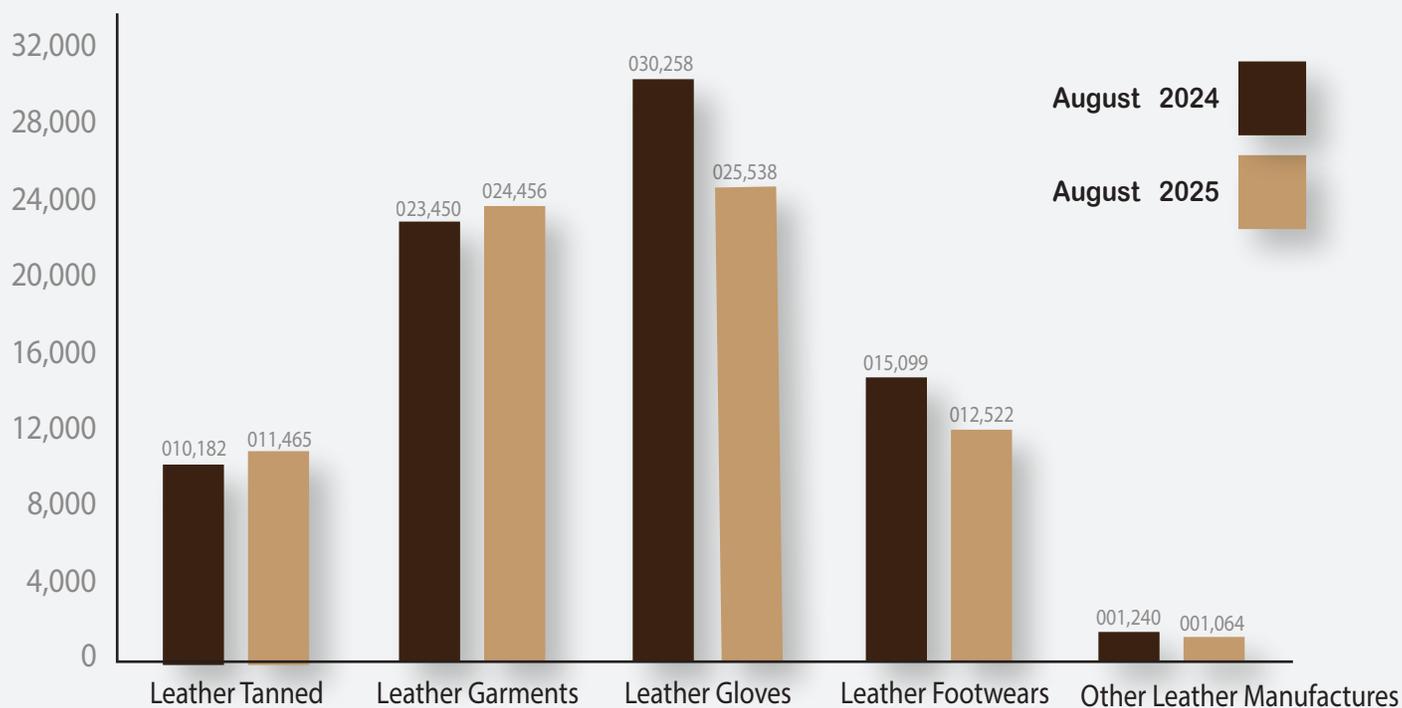
- **Pakistan Mega Leather Show 2025**
Held in January 2025 in Lahore, this exhibition showcased the latest trends, innovations, and technologies in the leather sector. Local and international companies displayed new products and manufacturing techniques. ([Link: fibre2fashion.com](#))
- **Pakistan-China Joint Ventures**
Collaborative projects with Chinese firms aim to introduce advanced manufacturing technologies and improve productivity in the leather industry. This will help the sector modernize and remain globally competitive. ([Link: tribune.com.pk](#))

Leather Sector Exports

During the Month of Aug. 2024 & Aug. 2025

Value = (US Dollars in Thousands)

	Aug. 2024	Aug. 2025	% Change
Leather Tanned	010,182	011,465	11.19 %
Leather Garments	023,450	024,456	04.89 %
Leather Gloves	030,258	025,538	- 18.48 %
Leather Footwear	015,099	012,522	- 20.57 %
Leather Manufactures	001,240	001,064	- 16.54 %
Total Leather Products	080,229	075,045	- 06.90 %





IPO

What is Intellectual Property

Intellectual property refers to creations of the mind: inventions; literary and artistic works; and symbols, names and images used in commerce. Intellectual property is divided into two categories:

1. Industrial Property

Industrial Property includes patents for inventions, trademarks, industrial designs and geographical indications.

A patent for an invention is grant of exclusive rights to make, use and sell the invention for a limited period of 20 years. The

patent grant excludes others from making, using, or selling the invention. Patent protection does not start until the actual grant of a patent.

A trademark is a sign that individualizes the goods of a given enterprise and distinguishes them from the goods of others. It can be in the form of words, designs, letters, numerals or packaging, slogans, devices, symbols, etc.

An industrial design is the ornamental or aesthetic aspect of an article, in other words, that part which makes the article attractive & appealing. It may consist of three-dimensional features, such as the shape or

surface of an article or two-dimensional features, such as patterns, lines or colors.

Geographical Indication in relation to goods, means, an indication which identifies such goods, as originating or manufactured or produced in a territory of a qualifying country or a region or a locality of a qualifying country, where a given quality, reputation or other characteristic of such goods, is essentially attributable to its geographical origin.

2. Copyrights

Copyright covers literary works (such as novels, poems and plays), films, music, artistic works (e.g., drawings, paintings,

photographs and sculptures) and architectural design. Rights related to copyright include those of performing artists in their performances, producers of phonograms in their recordings, and broadcasters in their radio and television programs.

Intellectual Property is critical for competitive economy in the back drop of ongoing globalization. Sustainable economic growth now depends largely on Hi-tech R&D base and efficient knowledge input. The new concept of IP based nation is gaining ground because it is Intellectual Property which enables technology creation and technology transfer by providing the necessary enabling environment.

What are intellectual property rights?

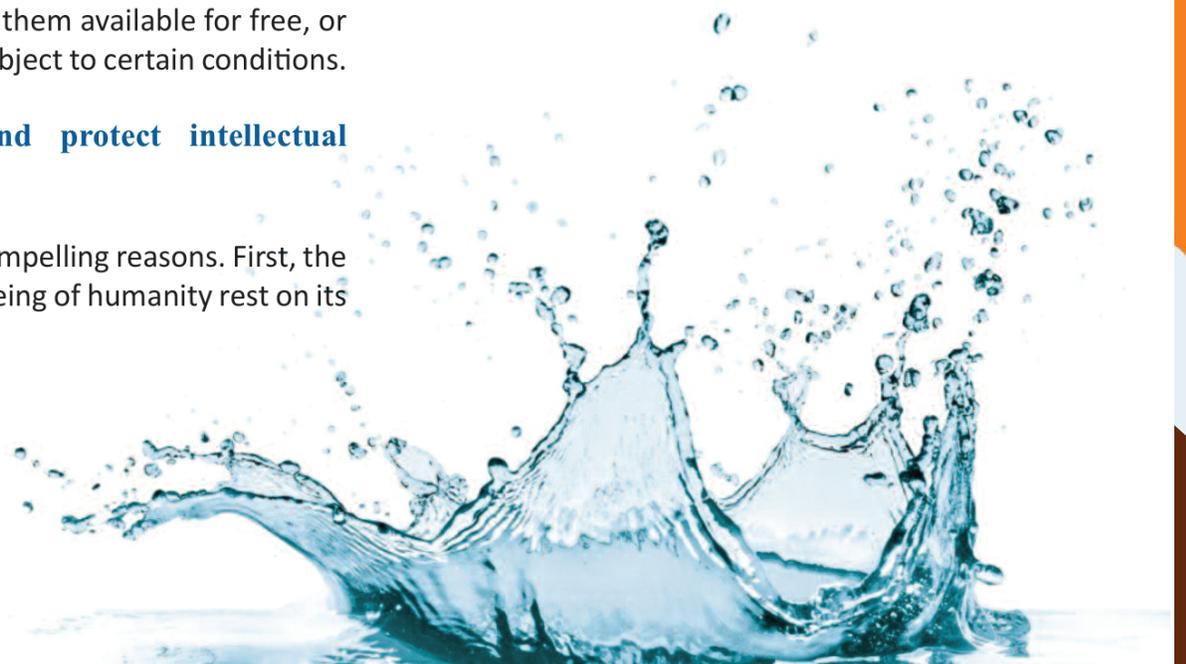
Intellectual property rights are the rights given to persons over the creations of their minds. They usually give the creator an exclusive right over the use of his/her creation for a certain period of time. IPR rights are like any other property right. They allow creators, or owners, of patents, trademarks or copyrighted works to benefit from their own work or investment in a creation. These rights allow innovators and creators to choose the terms on which they distribute their work. They can choose, for example, to license and sell their works or inventions, to make them available for free, or to allow their use subject to certain conditions.

Why promote and protect intellectual property?

There are several compelling reasons. First, the progress and well-being of humanity rest on its



capacity to create and invent new works in the areas of technology and culture. Second, the legal protection of new creations encourages the commitment of additional resources for further innovation. Third, the promotion and protection of intellectual property spurs economic growth, creates new jobs and industries, and enhances the quality and enjoyment of life. An efficient and equitable intellectual property system can help all countries to realize intellectual property's potential as a catalyst for economic development and social and cultural well-being. The intellectual property system helps strike a balance between the interests of innovators and the public interest, providing an environment in which creativity and invention can flourish, for the benefit of all.



Intellectual property rights, is necessary to provide incentives and financing for innovation and creation, which in turn lead to economic, cultural and social progress. Protection for intellectual property also encourages the production and dissemination of knowledge and a wide range of quality goods and services. Intellectual property rights add value for consumers and can provide a guarantee of source and quality. Intellectual property protection contributes to economic growth in both developed and developing countries by stimulating innovation, cultural diversity and technical development as part of a larger policy framework. Properly used, intellectual property rights can also be key tools for the alleviation of poverty through trade. The immense adverse economic and social impact of intellectual property theft requires that combating counterfeiting and piracy become a priority for society, and not just right holders. Unless governments, businesses and citizens make a coordinated effort to uphold the intellectual property system, society will not reap its benefits.

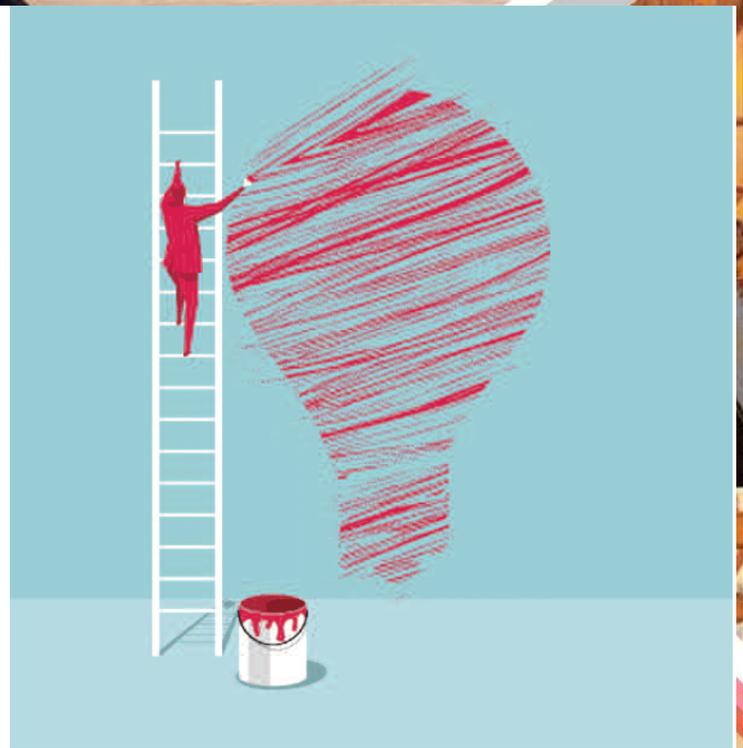
How does the average person benefit?

Intellectual property rights reward creativity and human endeavor, which fuel the progress of humankind. Some examples:

The film, recording, publishing and software industries – which bring pleasure to millions of people worldwide – would not exist without copyright protection.

Without the rewards provided by the patent system, researchers and inventors would have little incentive to continue producing better and more efficient products for consumers.

Consumers would have no means to confidently buy products or services without reliable, international trademark protection and enforcement mechanisms to discourage counterfeiting and piracy.



Intellectual Property Rights Encourage Innovation and Creativity

One purpose of the intellectual property rights system is to provide incentives to innovators to produce new inventions and creations. This in turn provides society with a steady stream of innovations that fuel economic, cultural and social progress, help to alleviate poverty and disease, and enrich our cultural heritage. Intellectual property rights enable people to benefit from their innovations and creative work, and to prevent others from copying or unfairly gaining from the inventor's creativity and investment. By according these rights, society provides an incentive for people and organizations to invest time, resources and original thinking to develop innovative products and technologies and expand knowledge and culture. This encourages the production of a wide range of quality goods and services, and helps maintain fair competition. New creations and inventions benefit everyone. Technologies and creations that have touched and changed millions of lives would probably not exist today without the incentives provided by intellectual property rights.

Financing innovation and creation through the market

Innovation and creation have to be financed; like everyone else, the people innovating and creating



It ensures that rewards flow to those who improve upon previous works and inventions, and that these new ideas, in turn, can be used by still others. This process lies at the heart of long-term economic growth.

Small and medium sized enterprises are among the greatest beneficiaries

Many small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs), in both developed and developing countries, rely heavily on intellectual property rights. Design rights, copyrights, patents and trademarks are essential for numerous industries composed mainly of SMEs such as

have to make a living. Large amounts of time and money can be spent on researching and developing new technologies and products without any guarantee that these will be rewarded, as there is always a risk that a product will not be successful. Intellectual property rights are a mechanism that allows innovators, creators and producers to finance their work through the market place. Other models of financing exist, such as government funding or private patronage, but intellectual property rights (IPRs) remain the basis most frequently used by individuals and organizations to fund and disseminate their work. Intellectual property rights allow creative freedom and encourage innovators and creators to be responsive to consumer needs.

Innovation – key to competitiveness

Innovation has become one of the most important vectors of sustainable growth for businesses, and of economic prosperity for society as a whole. Businesses must constantly improve or renew their products and services if they wish to keep or capture market shares and remain competitive. Businesses often invest large amounts of money in research and development and in the advertising and marketing of their products. These investments will not be undertaken unless businesses are in a position to recoup their expenditures. Appropriate and effective protection of intellectual property gives innovative businesses a powerful incentive to invest, and contributes to economic progress. Innovations build upon each other, and every inventor and creator is indebted to those who came before. Intellectual property protection fosters this virtuous cycle of innovation and creation.

the textile, toy, publishing, and retail industries, to name just a few. In developing countries, intellectual property rights have spurred the development of huge industries (e.g. the software and film industry in India) as well as allowed small businesses to develop innovative business models (e.g. the franchising of fast food stands).



Pakistan's Intellectual Property Issues

The country is not being able to improve the environment to protect the Intellectual Property Rights (IPR). Pakistan is showing substantial deterioration on the indicators to improve the IPR, An enabling framework required to create intellectual asset in the system continues to perform poor. The capacity of research institutions and private sector spending on scientific research and development has been stagnant for the past few years. This is causing the country to lose its competitiveness by not being able to create implementation mechanism for the citizens to protect their intellectual property.

The University-Industry Collaboration is also a matter of concern in Pakistan as more emphasis is being put on non-research initiatives or research in isolation from the industry. This also indicates that the businesses in Pakistan are not benefiting from the R&D being done in academic and research institutions across the country, resulting in lack of indigenous solutions for the local and international challenges.

Although over the past few years, a little over a dozen Pakistani brands were launched in the global marketplace and inspired by their success other

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brands are also aspiring to explore new possibilities overseas. But still securing a place in a crowded global marketplace is difficult as the lack of respect for intellectual property rights (IPR) in the country makes the task more daunting. Pakistan's perception as a violator of IPR does not help local firms in not so conducive international environment.

Unfortunately IPO has not been

able to evolve a vibrant mechanism to measure the challenges it faces in corruption-prone environment. Only companies that have gathered critical mass and aspire to gain a footprint in the global market engage law firms to handle IPR affairs. Others get their work done through agents at the trademark registry to save time and avoid tension

The concerned agencies that

deals with the IPR violations are not properly equipped to do the needful. There is a crucial need for coordinated efforts for enforcing intellectual property rights to check counterfeiting and piracy. The situation is chaotic. The violation of IPR is rampant. It works against citizens by exposing them to the danger of substandard products. And it harms the country as foreign companies turn away because of weak IPR enforcement.

Join the PLGMEA That Supports Your Growth

Are you a leather garment or allied apparel manufacturer looking to grow your business, access exclusive resources, and connect with industry leaders? Become a member of (PLGMEA) and unlock benefits that will help you succeed in a competitive market!

Why Join PLGMEA?

- **Exclusive Industry Insights & Market Data.**
- **Networking Opportunities.**
- **Business Growth Support.**
- **Advocacy & Industry Representation.**
- **Training & Skill Development.**
- **Global Reach Through Trade Delegations and Exhibitions & Export Support.**
- **Special Discounts in Lab Test Charges.**
- **VISA Recommendation Letters for member.**

Join Today and Be Part of a PLGMEA That Supports Your Success!

Upcoming Trade Shows related to Leather & Textile

FFANY MARKET WEEK 2025

Date: Dec. 01 - 05, 2025
Country: New York, NY (USA)
Sector: Leather & Fur, Fashion - Clothing

ASIA FASHION (VIETNAM) SHOW 2025

Date: Dec. 05 - 07, 2025
Country: Ho Chi Minh (Vietnam)
Sector: Fabrics - Clothing, Fashion - Clothing, Leather & Fur

SHOES & BAGS ASIA 2025

Date: Dec. 11 - 14, 2025
Country: Karachi (Pakistan)
Sector: Leather & Fur, Fashion - Clothing

PREMIÈRE VISION NEW YORK 2026

Date: Jan. 13 - 14, 2026
Country: New York, NY (USA)
Sector: Leather & Fur, Fashion - Clothing

PREMIÈRE VISION NEW YORK DESIGNS 2026

Date: Jan. 13 - 14, 2026
Country: New York, NY (USA)
Sector: Leather & Fur, Fashion - Clothing

APPAREL SOURCING NEW YORK CITY 2026

Date: Jan. 20 - 22, 2026
Country: New York, NY (USA)
Sector: Fabrics - Clothing, Fashion - Clothing, Leather & Fur

TEXWORLD NEW YORK CITY 2026

Date: Jan. 20 - 22, 2026
Country: New York, NY (USA)
Sector: Fabrics - Clothing, Fashion - Clothing, Leather & Fur

FASHN ROOMS DUSSELDORF 2026

Date: Jan. 24 - 26, 2026
Country: Dusseldorf (Germany)
Sector: Leather & Fur, Fashion - Clothing

TFT EXPO UZBEKISTAN 2026

Date: Jan. 25 - 27, 2026
Country: Tashkent (Uzbekistan)
Sector: Fabrics - Clothing, Fashion - Clothing, Leather & Fur

ANPIC 2026

Date: Jan. 26 - 27, 2026
Country: León (Mexico)
Sector: Leather & Fur, Fashion - Clothing

CIFF - COPENHAGEN INTERNATIONAL FASHION FAIR

Date: Jan. 27 - 29, 2026
Country: Copenhagen (Denmark)
Sector: Fashion - Clothing, Leather & Fur

CHICAGO COLLECTIVE - MEN'S EDITION 2026

Date: Jan. 31 - Feb. 03, 2026
Country: Chicago, IL (USA)
Sector: Fashion - Clothing, Leather & Fur

PURE LONDON 2026

Date: Feb. 01 - 04, 2026
Country: Birmingham (UK - United Kingdom)
Sector: Fabrics - Clothing, Fashion - Clothing, Leather & Fur

APPAREL SOURCING PARIS 2026

Date: Feb. 02 - 04, 2026
Country: Paris (France)
Sector: Fabrics - Clothing, Fashion - Clothing, Leather & Fur

TEXWORLD EVOLUTION PARIS 2026

Date: Feb. 02 - 04, 2026
Country: Paris (France)
Sector: Fabrics - Clothing, Fashion - Clothing, Leather & Fur



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