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## EDITOR'S NOTE

Mr. Zohaib Gul, Vice Chairman (Northern Zone)

Welcome to the November 2025 edition of the PLGMEA Newsletter. This month, we bring together the most important updates from both the domestic leather garment sector and global markets. As regulatory environments evolve, technological innovation accelerates, and sustainability becomes more than a buzzword, PLGMEA continues to actively support its members by facilitating compliance, knowledge-sharing, and international trade. In this issue, we cover key developments such as the EU's Digital Product Passport regulation, AI in leather manufacturing, government reforms, and much more.

## Chairman's Message

Dear Members,

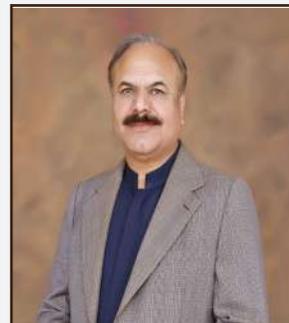
The leather garments industry is at a turning point. Global buyers are demanding greater transparency, sustainability, and traceability. At PLGMEA, we recognize these shifts and are committed to helping our industry adapt. We are launching initiatives to support compliance with upcoming international regulations, encourage technology adoption, and improve our competitiveness in global markets. Together, we will build a more resilient, modern, and sustainable leather products export ecosystem.



Syed Nadeem Abbas  
Vice Chairman (Central)



Mr. Abrar Hussain  
Chairman (Northern Zone)



Mr. Abrar Hussain  
Chairman (Southern Zone)



A delegation from the Pakistan Leather Garments Manufacturers & Exporters Association (PLGMEA) Southern Zone, comprising Mr. Farooq Ahmed, Chairman Southern Zone, Mr. Muhammad Nasim, Sr. Vice Chairman, Mr. Jamal Ahmed Alvi, Ex-Chairman Southern Zone, Mr. Raheel Hanif, Vice Chairman, and the undersigned, met with Dr. Maqbool Ahmed, Director of the Animal Quarantine Department, Ministry of National Food Security and Research, on Tuesday, October 14th, 2025. The meeting aimed to discuss the requirement for Health Quarantine Certificates for leather garment and leather goods shipments exported by PLGMEA member manufacturers.

On 14 October 2025, Mr. Abrar Hussain, Chairman (Northern Zone), and Mr. Zohaib Gul, Vice Chairman (Northern Zone), met Mr. Ahtisham Mazhar, the newly elected President of the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI), to congratulate him on his election to this prestigious position.





A Delegation of PLGMEA, headed by Mr. Farooq Ahmed, Chairman (South Zone), Mr. Raheel Hanif, Vice Chairman, Syed Shujaat Ali, Convenor, TDAP Exhibition Committee, and Mr. M. Iqbal Awan, Secretary General, met with Mr. Basit Rauf, DG, TDAP Karachi, on October 23, 2025, to discuss PLGMEA issues.

**The Meeting of Leather, Leather made-ups and Footwear Council - Pakistan for the year 2025-2026 held on November 06, 2025 at PLGMEA Northern Zone Office, Sialkot through Zoom.**



The first meeting of the 22nd Central Executive Committee of the Pakistan Leather Garments Manufacturers & Exporters Association held on November 16, 2025, at the PLGMEA Central Office in Karachi and the PLGMEA (Northern Zone) Office Meeting Hall in Sialkot via Zoom, and Syed Nadeem Abbas was elected as the Central Chairman for the year 2025–26



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The 1st meeting of 22nd Executive Board of Pakistan Leather Garments Manufacturers & Exporters Association (PLGMEA) Northern Zone for the year 2025-26 Held on November 17, 2025 at PLGMEA Northern Zone Conference Hall, Sialkot.



## Meetings of the PLGMEA Building/Project Implementation Committee (Northern Zone) for the year 2024–26 were held at the PLGMEA Conference Hall, Sialkot..



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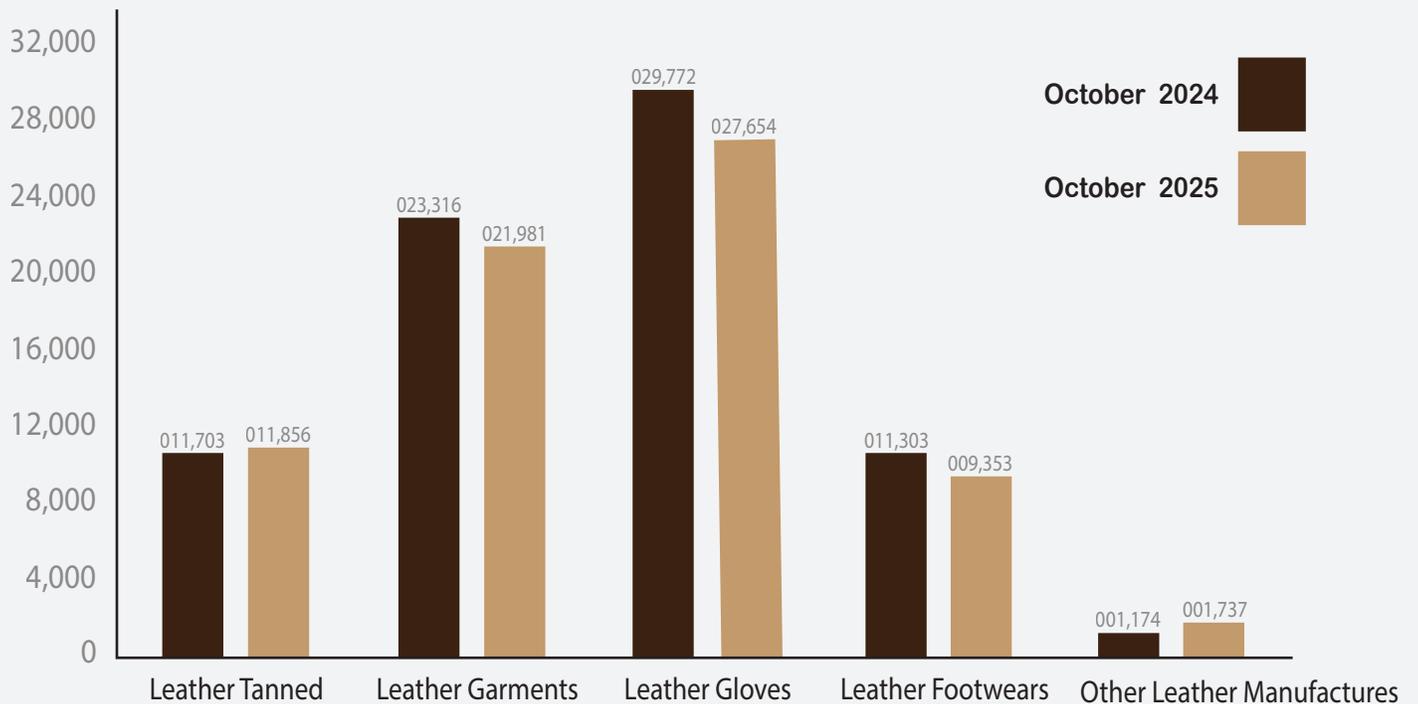
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# Leather Sector Exports

During the Month of Oct. 2024 & Oct. 2025

Value = (US Dollars in Thousands)

	Oct. 2024	Oct. 2025	% Change
Leather Tanned	011,703	011,856	01.31 %
Leather Garments	023,316	021,981	- 05.73 %
Leather Gloves	029,772	027,654	- 07.11 %
Leather Footwear	011,303	009,353	- 17.25 %
Leather Manufactures	001,174	001,737	47.96 %
Total Leather Products	065,565	060,725	- 06.97 %



## Pakistan Leather Garments Export Overview – October 2025

Pakistan's leather-garment sector recorded stable and resilient performance in October 2025. During the July–October 2025 period, exports increased from 754,000 dozen to 832,000 dozen, reflecting a solid growth rate of around 10 percent. Export earnings also improved slightly from USD 91.888 million to USD 92.177 million, while receipts in local currency rose from Rs 25.592 billion to Rs 26.039 billion. These indicators highlight consistent international demand for Pakistan's leather-garment products despite challenging global market conditions.

The estimated contribution for October 2025 stands at approximately 205,000–215,000 dozen in quantity and USD 23–24 million in export value. Germany, Italy, Spain, the United States, and the Netherlands remained the leading destinations for Pakistani leather garments, particularly in categories such as leather jackets, fashion apparel, and riding wear. While volume growth remained strong, the relatively flat increase in export value suggests stable or competitive pricing in international markets.



Given these dynamics, the market environment offers favourable opportunities for exporters focusing on premium and value-added leather products. Companies specialising in high-quality riding gear, technical leather wear, and niche leather apparel are well-positioned to secure higher margins and face reduced competitive pressure compared to mass-market producers. Overall, the sector maintains a positive outlook with sustained demand from key international markets.

# SWOT Analysis of Pakistan's Leather Industry

## Strengths:

Pakistan has a strong raw material base due to its large livestock population, giving the industry easy access to hides and skins. The country has an established leather manufacturing sector with skilled craftsmanship, competitive labor costs, and a long-standing global presence in leather apparel, gloves, and footwear.

## Weaknesses:

The industry faces outdated technology, limited product innovation, and inconsistent quality control. Environmental compliance is a major challenge due to inadequate wastewater treatment and tanning processes. Energy shortages and high production costs also reduce competitiveness.

## Opportunities:

There is strong demand for high-quality leather garments, gloves, and footwear in Europe, the US, and emerging markets. Pakistan can expand exports by adopting modern tanning technologies, focusing on value-added finished goods, and meeting global sustainability standards. E-commerce and brand development offer additional growth potential.

## Threats:

International competition from China, India, Vietnam, and Bangladesh is increasing. Stricter environmental regulations and global shifts toward synthetic and vegan alternatives pose long-term challenges. Economic instability and currency volatility also affect export performance.

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# Upcoming Trade Shows related to Leather & Textile

## PREMIÈRE VISION NEW YORK 2026

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

## PREMIÈRE VISION NEW YORK DESIGNS 2026

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

## FASHN ROOMS DUSSELDORF 2026

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

## TFT EXPO KIRGHIZISTAN 2026

Date: Oct. 14 - 16, 2025  
Country: Jan. 25 - 27, 2026  
Sector: Leather & Fur, Fashion - Clothing, Fabrics - Clothing Textiles

## TFT EXPO UZBEKISTAN 2026

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

## ANPIC 2026

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

## CIFF - COPENHAGEN INTERNATIONAL FASHION FAIR 2026

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

## CHICAGO COLLECTIVE - MEN'S EDITION 2026

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

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