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## Press release

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### **CTC USA NEW MEMBER OF THE AAFA, TO EXHIBIT AT THE WSA SHOW IN LAS VEGAS, AUG 4-7, 2005**

**CTC Groupe**, the international leader in quality control for the shoe and leather industries, is celebrating its North American subsidiary's first anniversary. **CTC USA**, based in Enfield, CT, offers its North American clients (including distributors, importers, and designers) all the services already available in Asia, Europe, and Africa. **CTC USA** provides laboratory testing for leather shoes, accessories, gloves and bags, as well as chemical analysis for textiles, plastics, and leather, finished-product inspections, and performance analyses. These services assure the greatest quality and have come to be trusted all over the world.

**CTC USA** staffs world-recognized experts in the fields of finished product analysis, product material research, and production methodology and strategy consulting. The U.S. office places CTC in closer contact with its North American clients, in turn placing its North American clients in closer proximity to markets in Shanghai, Hong Kong, Guangzhou and Ho Chi Minh City, thanks to its subsidiaries in those leather sourcing locations.

To become better acquainted with potential U.S. clients, **CTC USA** will be introduced as a new member at the American Apparel & Footwear Association (AAFA) Global Sourcing Pavilion at the WSA tradeshow in Las Vegas, August 4-7, 2005.

For further information, please visit :

[www.ctcusa-lab.com](http://www.ctcusa-lab.com)

et meet **CTC USA** at WSA : **Hall Sands, Level 2, Stand 3536**

#### **About CTC Groupe:**

*CTC is the world's leader in footwear and leather-goods quality assurance. It has 100 years of experience in design, consulting, training, and quality assurance, perfecting quality in footwear, leather and leather products. It has independent laboratories to perform chemical analyses, physical tests and biomechanical studies. CTC is headquartered in Lyon, France, and has over 150 staff members in offices all over the world, including Paris, Cholet, and Dijon, as well as subsidiaries in the US, Hong Kong, China, Vietnam, Spain, Portugal and Tunisia.*

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