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Press release

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**CTC USA OFFERS QUALITY ASSURANCE, TESTING OF FOOTWEAR AND  
LEATHER GOODS IN COMPLIANCE WITH U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL  
STANDARDS**

**CTC, a global leather, footwear and leather goods expert, recently established CTC USA in Atlanta, GA to closely and conveniently manage customer service for current and future U.S. retailers, manufacturers and importers. In an international environment where logistics and supply chain management are becoming increasingly intricate, inspection and technical audits, as well as laboratory testing are highly needed to secure worldwide manufacturing, retailing and distribution competencies. With over 100 years of experience, CTC now offers locally quality assurance services as well as testing of footwear, gloves luggage and leather goods that meet U.S. and international standards.**

CTC inspectors check the conformity of leather products at each production stage: pre-run and raw material, inline, final and shipping inspection. The company's auditors secure purchases and provide evaluations of suppliers in terms of logistics management, quality systems, production processes and tools, product safety and compliance policy. CTC guarantees short production cycles, efficient customer relationship management and qualified inspection teams that follow strict confidentiality policies.

Located close to clients' production centers in Hong-Kong, China, and in Lyon, France, CTC international laboratories meet their clients' testing needs according to all standards including those of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), the American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists (AATCC), the American National Standard Institute (ANSI), the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), the European Standard (CEN), the French National Standard (NF) and the German National Standard (DIN).

Additionally, CTC offers an exhaustive range of testing services. Physical testing evaluates performance, comfort, safety and quality features, while chemical testing ensures the safety of materials when in contact with human body, and biomechanical testing defines the interactions between the user and the final product. Finally, field trials ensure good fit and feel in real performance situations. CTC guarantees technical expertise from accredited laboratories, fast and controlled turnaround, and technical assistance.

## About CTC

Headquartered in Lyon, CTC is a global leather, footwear and leather goods expert. The group is also located in Africa, Asia and the U.S. in order to appropriately assist companies who both wish to increase the quality and to improve the monitoring of their fabrication and supply chain processes. CTC expertise is constantly updated with its economic intelligence system and its annual research and development program (twenty full-time researchers). Aware of its clients' concrete needs, CTC offers a network of 120 specialists in a wide range of fields including consulting, training, R&D, technicians and inspectors. This unique organization allows CTC to be one of the premier experts in the world.

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