

**U Sankar (2007) Trade and Environment- A study of India's Leather Exports, Oxford University Press, New Delhi.**

**Abstract**

The leather industry has been identified as a thrust sector for exports promotion in India, but it is perceived to be highly polluting as well. This book explores the linkages between trade and environment and the problems developing countries face in coping with the challenges of trade liberalization and environmental protection.

This book is the first to examine in detail the impact of environmental requirements at home and abroad on Indian leather exports. The study identified the constraints and opportunities in the supply chain of the Indian leather industry, from production of hides and skin to the exports of leather and leather products. The process they evaluate the preparedness of the industry, particularly the tanning segment, to comply with global and domestic environmental requirements.

The volume assess the exporters awareness of environmental requirements. It review the trends, composition, and direction of India's leather exports and suggests policy option for achieving this target. Further, it outlines the actions required to sustain India's comparative advantage in terms of factor endowments- a strong raw material base and cheap labour- while promoting sustainable development.

This study of environmental issues relating to a key exports industry in India will be useful for researchers in trade and environmental policies, policymakers, environmentalists, Indian leather industry, Chambers of commerce, and trade associations. It will also be of value to students of foreign trade, economics, and leather technology.