

Tanning Industry

Introduction

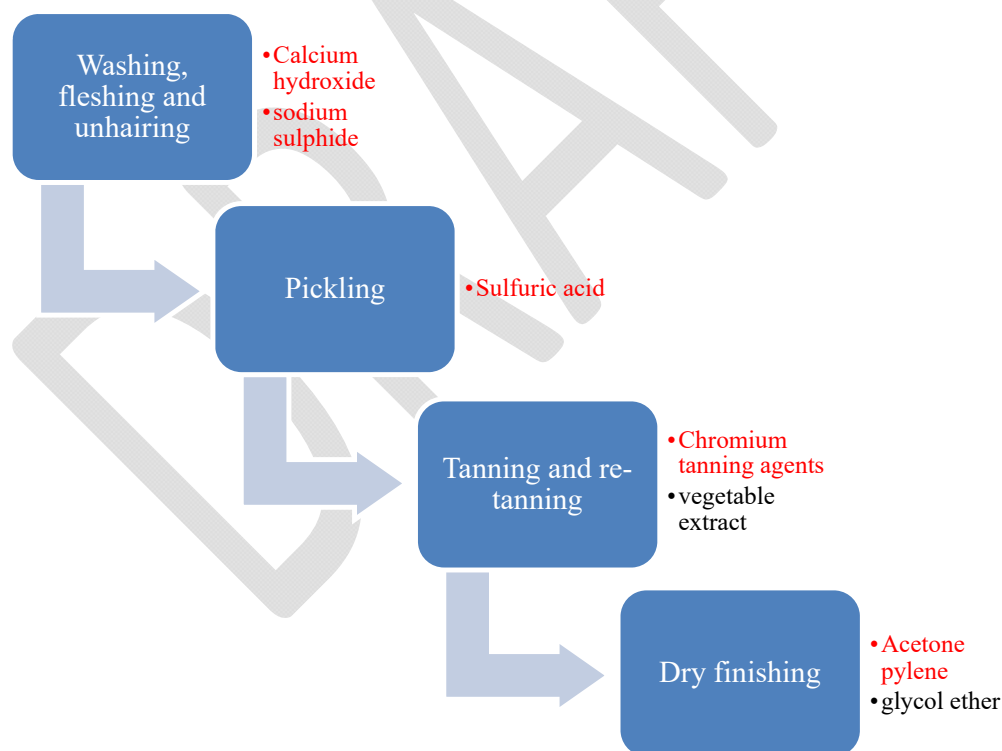
Tanneries are classified as industrial establishments as per decree 5243/2001. This factsheet intends on identifying the main resulting hazardous wastes and develops ways for its management.

Process description

The steps below show the main steps of the tanneries process:

1. *Washing, fleshing and un-hairing*: Hides are soaked and rinsed with fresh water.
2. *Pickling*: hides are neutralised in preparation for the tanning process.
3. *Tanning and re-tanning*: The leather is tanned with chrome dioxide in water.
4. *Finishing*: the tanned hides can be treated mechanically to enhance their quality.

The common activities at tanning industry are outlined in the following chart.



References: UNIDO, MSCIPP, ERM studies.

Tanning Industry Hazardous Waste Description and Management

Description of the waste	Waste Code (EWC)	Waste Classification (Dangerous Goods Classification)	Basel Class.	Storage	Transport (UN-Code)	Treatment	HS-Code
Degreasing wastes containing solvents without a liquid phase	040103* (040104)	3	A3150	3	1169	D10	3814
Acids	110105*	8	A1060	8B	3264	D9	3204
inorganic chemicals consisting of or containing dangerous substances	160507*	various	A4140	various	various	D10	2846

European Waste Code (EWC) 040103*: Degreasing wastes containing solvents without a liquid phase

European Waste Code (EWC) 040104: Chromium containing tanning agents. Not classified as hazardous waste for most of the generated waste qualities as the Cr concentration is low.

European Waste Code (EWC) 110105*: Acids

European Waste Code (EWC) 160507*: Inorganic chemicals consisting of or containing dangerous substances

Waste Classification (Dangerous Goods Classification) 3: Flammable Liquids

Waste Classification (Dangerous Goods Classification) 8: Corrosives

Basel Classification A1060: Waste liquors from the pickling of metals

Basel Classification A3150: Waste halogenated organic solvents

Basel Classification A4140: Waste consisting of hazardous chemicals

Transport Code (UN) 1169: Extracts, aromatic, liquid

Transport Code (UN) 3264: Corrosive liquid, acidic, inorganic, n.o.s.

D9: Physico chemical treatment facility (for example: evaporation, drying, calcination, neutralization, precipitation).

D10: Disposal on land (for example: incineration in a licensed rotary kiln with >1,050C)

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