



DEVELOPMENT OF THE LEATHER FOOTWEAR INDUSTRY AND ITS OWN CHARACTERISTICS

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Abstract. *This article analyzes the production process of the leather footwear industry, the factors influencing the management and development of the quality management system of leather footwear enterprises in a market economy.*

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The footwear industry is one of the most important sectors of light industry and plays an important role in the development of the country's economy. This sector not only satisfies the daily needs of the population, but also makes a significant contribution to economic growth, employment, increasing export potential and industrialization of regions. In today's globalization environment, the level of competitiveness of footwear enterprises, the use of innovative technologies and production efficiency are important factors of economic stability. The leather footwear industry is one of the oldest and most developed sectors of light industry, which has not lost its relevance today. This sector plays an important role in satisfying the daily needs of the population, ensuring economic stability, creating employment and increasing export potential. In an era of rapid development of modern technologies, modernization of technological processes, implementation of innovative approaches and compliance with quality standards in leather footwear enterprises are of great importance.

Leather shoe production is a complex technological process, from raw leather materials to the creation of the final shoe product. This process has a significant impact on the economy in the following areas:

1. Provides quality footwear products to the public.
 - Develops cross-sectoral cooperation (chemical industry, textile, metal products industry).
 - It creates hundreds of thousands of jobs.
 - It increases export volumes and increases the country's foreign exchange earnings.



2. Stages of leather shoe manufacturing technology

The production of leather shoes consists of several main technological stages:

- Model creation and construction.
- Preparation of materials.
- Preparing the upper part (sewing the upper detail).
- Base preparation and attachment.
- Packaging and quality control.

3. Raw materials used in the leather shoe industry

- natural charm
- Sun'iy charm
- Synthetic materials
- Rubber, polyurethane, PVC
- Textile materials

4. Quality management and international standards

Quality management is based on ISO 9001, UzDSt requirements, environmental standards and safety standards. Raw materials, technological processes and finished products are controlled step by step at the enterprises.

5. Innovation and automation

Modern technologies:

- laser cutting;
- 3D modeling;
- automated sewing machines;
- environmentally friendly materials;
- energy-saving equipment.

This development increases product quality, reduces costs, and enhances competitiveness.

6. The role of the leather footwear industry in the economy

- Leather footwear industry:
- increases industrial capacity;
- expands exports;
- increases employment;
- effectively uses the local raw material base.

The footwear industry, as a component of the country's economy, is important in several areas:

- "Employment" Shoe production is a labor-intensive process. This allows for the creation of thousands of jobs. The activities of local enterprises create new opportunities not only for manufacturers, but also for designers, technologists, and marketing specialists.



• "Increased economic activity." The footwear industry's activities contribute to the development of supporting sectors such as leather production, the chemical industry, logistics, trade, and services. This creates a multiplicative economic effect.

"Meeting the needs of the population."

Shoes are one of the basic consumer goods necessary in everyday life.

The development of local production leads to a decrease in the volume of imports, price stability and an expansion of consumer choice. Footwear enterprises are a factor accelerating the industrialization of regions. The establishment of large enterprises activates processes such as the use of local raw materials, improvement of regional infrastructure, and development of transport networks. In recent years, international demand for footwear products has been increasing. High-quality products made using modern technologies are becoming highly competitive in foreign markets. The increase in export volumes:

- increases foreign exchange earnings;
- increases the investment attractiveness of enterprises;
- strengthens the country's international economic image.

The use of modern technologies, automated equipment, and environmentally friendly materials is important for competitive shoe production. Innovations allow for:

- creates:
- An increase in the share of output has a positive impact on economic security.
- Reducing imports will support domestic producers and ensure domestic market stability. At the same time, the footwear industry will increase its independence in the market for strategic goods.

The network affects the country's economy in the following main areas:

- The share that Yal is adding to M;
- Tax revenues to the budget;
- Increased investment attractiveness;
- Increased economic activity in the regions.

The leather footwear industry, as an important sector of light industry in Uzbekistan, plays a significant role in ensuring sustainable economic growth.

To provide the domestic market with quality products, increase export potential, and produce products that are internationally competitive, it is necessary to introduce modern quality management systems at enterprises.

The leather and footwear industry is an important sector in the national economy of the country, providing a standard range of leather and products from the processing of protein waste to many industries that produce a wide



range of consumer goods and industrial products. The efficiency of all links of the commodity-raw material chain, namely livestock farming - chemistry - leather - footwear production, depends on the level of development of the leather industry, the range and quality of products, and its price. It is important that the state's withdrawal from regulating economic processes in the country in the process of implementing reforms leads to the fragmentation of these production and economic ties, a sharp decline in all stages of production and a negative impact on most industries, including the leather industry.

Leather footwear production today is one of the most important sectors of the global industry, while maintaining its high practical and economic importance. This industry is distinguished not only by modern technologies and design approaches, but also by its focus on environmental issues. The following are some of the important aspects of the current role and importance of leather footwear production:

Market Demand and Economic Importance - Leather footwear is still in high demand among consumers due to its durable quality and aesthetics. Leather footwear is always in demand, especially for business wear, special work shoes and everyday wear. **Production Volume -** The leather footwear industry is one of the major revenue generating industries on an international scale, accounting for a significant portion of exports for many countries. China, India, Countries like Italy are among the major producers. The following are some important aspects of the current role and importance of leather shoe production:

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2. Introduction of modern technologies:

- **Automation and innovation:** Automated technologies in leather processing and shoemaking speed up the process and increase product quality. Computer-aided design (CAD) and 3D printing technologies are taking the industry to a new level.

- **Economically clean production** Environmental protection issues are of great importance to the leather industry today. There is an increasing demand for recycled raw materials and environmentally friendly processes.

3. Special features of leather shoes:



-taste and durability - leather shoes are purchased because of their long-lasting durability, comfort for the feet, and breathable material.

-Aesthetically, leather products can combine a classic look with a modern design, which is highly valued in the fashion industry.

4. Analytical and international competition:

-opportunities for the industry - local manufacturers have the opportunity to develop their own brands and become an alternative to imports through quality leather products.

-cake and international market - the production of high-quality leather shoes, entering the international market, creates great opportunities for development.

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-The footwear industry creates many jobs at various stages (raw material supply, processing, production and trade), which increases its socio-economic importance.

Leather footwear production today is one of the most important sectors of the global industry, while maintaining its high practical and economic importance. This industry is distinguished not only by modern technologies and design approaches, but also by its focus on environmental issues. The "Uzcharmsanoat" association and enterprises of the leather footwear and fur industry have adopted the new Uzbekistan Development Strategy for 2022-2026 as part of the state program included. Uzbekistan's leather industry is experiencing significant growth. In 2023, the leather footwear production sector worldwide experienced significant development. This sector received special attention in Uzbekistan, with 280 million pairs of shoes produced by enterprises within the Uzcharmsanoat association during the year. This figure indicates that the country is striving to take a leading position in the industry. In the first half of 2024, production and export potential increased, and more than 100 thousand pairs of leather shoes were produced by enterprises belonging to the Uzcharmsanoat association. New technologies are being introduced in Uzbekistan to develop the leather footwear industry, and a cluster system has been established in the industry. These enterprises pay special attention to the production of products that meet international standards.

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