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1. Upstream Supply Chain Management – FOOTS & GOODS

Credibility and quality matter across the whole supply chain, and they start in the factory. SGS Footwear Operational Optimization Technical Service (FOOTS) and Garments Operational Optimization Diligence Services (GOODS) provide a suite of analytical tools. These clearly define any issues from factory capability and production capacity, to technical competence, production processes and quality control. They are designed specifically for the footwear and apparel industries.

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2. Solution-based Assessment

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