These Regulations are issued by the Council of Ministers pursuant to Article 5 of the Definition of Powers and Duties of the Executive Organs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia Proclamation No. 471/2005.

1. Short Title
These Regulations may be cited as the "Textile and Leather Industry Development Center Establishment Council of Ministers Regulations No. 125/2006"

2. Definitions
In this Regulations;
1) "Ministry" or "Minister" means the Ministry or Minister of Trade and Industry respectively.
2) "Textile and Leather Industry" or "Sector" means Textile and apparel or leather and leather products industry or both.
1) There is hereby established the Textile and Leather Industry Development Center (herein after "Center") as an autonomous Federal Government Organ having its own legal personality.

2) The Center shall be accountable to the Ministry of Trade and Industry.

3. **Establishment**

   1) Conduct studies which enhance the development of the industry and create conducive situations for the support providers and support seekers in the textile and leather industry, in order to make them successful;
   
   2) Establish information linkage systems among the stakeholders who are involved through upstream and downstream linkages and interdependence, in the manufacturing process of the sector, starting from the supply of inputs to the market end.
   
   3) "Supply Chain" means the network of organizations that are involved through upstream and downstream linkages and interdependence, in the manufacturing process of the sector, starting from the supply of inputs to the market end.
   
   4) "One Stop Shop Service" means the rendering of supports and services to users or causing to be rendered, at a central point, by strengthening and enhancing the integration of supply chain activities in order to enable the industry to be competitive and successful.

4. **Head Office**

   The Center shall have its Head Office in Addis Ababa and may have branch offices in other places, as deemed necessary.

5. **Objective of the Center**

   The objective of the Center shall be to provide or cause to be provided the necessary supports and services of the basis of one stop shop service and enhance the competitiveness of the Textile and Leather Industry Sector.

6. **Powers and Duties of the Center**

   1) Provide those technical supports and consultancy services for existing as well as potential investors in the textile and leather industry, in order to make them successful;
   
   2) Create and coordinate conducive atmosphere for developing production and marketing linkages among the stakeholders who are involved in the supply chain framework of the sector and strengthen the linkages;
   
   3) Conduct studies which enhance the development of the Textile and Leather Industry, draw up short, medium and long term development plans and implementation schedules;
   
   4) Undertake market research in the industry, develop strategies and systems to implement the market study and disseminate the results to users and make policy proposals;
   
   5) Collect, analyze, and compile information which is relevant to the development of the industry and disseminate the same to users;
   
   6) Establish information linkage systems among support providers and support seekers in the industry and create conducive situations for the smooth flow of such information:
7. **Organization of the Center**

The Center shall have:

1. A Director General to be appointed by the Government and;
2. The necessary staff.

8. **Powers and Duties of the General Director**

1. The Director General shall be the chief executive officer of the Center and based on general directions given by the Ministry shall direct and administer the activities of the Center.

2. Without limiting the generality of Sub-Article 1 of this Article, the Director General shall:

   a) Implement the powers and duties of the Center specified in Article 6 of these Regulations;
   b) Employ and administer personnel of the Center in accordance with the Federal Civil service laws and directives of salary scale and other benefits to be approved by the Government;
   c) Prepare and submit to the Ministry the work program and budget of the Center and implement and effect payment upon approval;
   d) Represent the Centre in its dealings with third parties;
   e) Submit to the Ministry the performance and financial reports of the Center;

3. The Director General may delegate part of his/her powers and duties to other officers and employees of the Center to the extent necessary for the effective performance of the activities of the Center.

7. Receive relevant service seekers applications in order to directly handle the matter or cause to be handled by others, depending on the nature of the application;

8. Extend supports to those public and private development forces which are engaged or wish to engage in the industry in order to strengthen their alliance and cooperation;

9. Undertake, coordinate and administer the sector's Public and Private Partnership forum;

10. Undertake plan implementation evaluation, and prepare report of the same;

11. Can Demand payment for various services it renders;

12. Undertake those relevant activities that may be delegated to it from other Government and Non-Government organizations to speed-up the sector's development.
9. Budget
The Center shall carry out its duties with the budget to be allocated by the Federal State.

10. Books of Accounts
1) The Center shall keep complete and accurate books of accounts.
2) The Books of accounts and financial documents of the Center shall be audited annually by the Office of the Auditor General or by an auditor assigned by it.

11. Effective Date
These Regulations shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Federal Negarit Gazette.

Done At Addis Ababa this 16 day of June, 2006

Meles Zenawi
Prime Minister of
The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia