

FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT

LIBERTY KNITWEAR LTD. UNIT 2
HOLDING # G-88/1, CHANDRA (POLLI BIDDUT),
KALIAKOIR



May 18, 2014

SUMMARY

Liberty Knitwear Ltd. Unit 2 was surveyed for fire safety on 18-05-2014 by Hughes Associates, Inc. This summary identifies the major deficiencies that were identified during the inspection.

The purpose of this survey was to identify significant fire safety issues and to provide recommendations for remediation based on applicable standards specified by the Accord. The scope of this initial fire safety inspection was limited to the review and identification of major fire safety issues. The inspection did not include identification of minor deficiencies, which will be further addressed as part of follow-up inspections.

Table 1 summarizes the major fire safety issues identified during the inspection. Recommendations have been provided to address each issue.

An implementation schedule shall be developed by the factory to remediate each of the findings. The specific timing of improvements, including any requested extensions due to design / installation constraints, shall be submitted to the Accord for approval.

Table 1. Findings And Recommendations

No.	Category	Finding	Recommendation	Remediation Timeframe
F-1	Fire Rated Construction	Areas used for storage on the ground floor and second floor are not separated by fire-rated construction.	Provide dedicated storage rooms separated by minimum 1-hr fire-rated construction on the ground floor including fire rated doors and a corridor at the exit access. On the second floor where separate storage rooms may not be feasible, provide defined storage areas and limit the storage arrangement as follows: - Maximum height of 2.4m and maximum area of 23m² - If sprinkler protected: maximum height of 3.66m and maximum area of 93m².	Within 3 months





F-2	Fire Rated Construction	The exit stairs are not separated from work areas, other spaces on each floor by fire-rated construction.	Provide minimum 1.5-hr fire rated doors and seal all unprotected openings to separate the exit stairs from work areas and other building spaces on all floor levels. Ensure that the fire doors are self-closing and positive latching and that they are provided with fire exit (panic) hardware where serving production floors.	Within 3 months
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F-3	Fire Rated Construction	Unsealed penetrations and openings are located in exit stair enclosures. The east exit has these openings on all floors.	Seal all penetrations and openings in exit stair enclosure walls to maintain the fire separation.	Within 3 months
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F-4	Egress	Egress doors / gates with locking features are provided at building exits, exit stairs, along egress routes, exit discharge. These locking features can be found on all exits, on all floors throughout the factory.	Remove locking features from all egress doors / gates. If locks are required for security reasons, utilize special door locking features complying with NFPA 101.	Immediate
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F-5	Egress	The width of egress aisles is less than 36-in. There is a knitting machine in the egress path of the west exit making it less than the required 36 inches.	Relocate the equipment and provide minimum aisle widths of 36-in.	Immediate
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F-6	Egress	Storage was located in the exit stair in all three exit discharges on the ground floor.	Remove all storage from exit stairs and egress paths.	Immediate
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F-7	Egress	Collapsible gates are provided at building exits, exit stairs, along egress routes, exit discharge. These were at exit access on all floors for all four exit stairwells as well as all three exit discharges	Replace all gates / sliding doors along the means of egress with side-hinged, swinging egress doors. If locks are required for security reasons, utilize special door locking features complying with NFPA 101.	Within 1 month
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F-8	Egress	Exit stairs discharge inside the building on the ground floor in the west exit stairwell..	Modify stair to discharge directly outside.	Within 6 months
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F-9	Fire Protection	The fire alarm system is antiquated, not a listed system, and does not provide alarm and notification features consistent with acceptable standards.	Replace the fire alarm system with a new, listed addressable fire alarm system in accordance with NFPA 72.	Design within 4 months, install within 9 months
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F-10	Fire Protection	The high-rise building has an occupied floor greater than 23m (75 ft) and is not provided with automatic sprinkler protection. The large occupant loads, heavy fuel loading, and anticipated extended egress times warrant sprinkler protection.	Provide automatic sprinkler protection throughout the building in accordance with NFPA 13.	Design within 6 months, install within 12 months
F-11	Fire Protection	Inspection, testing, and maintenance of the fire alarm system is not in accordance with NFPA 72.	Inspect, test and maintain the fire alarm system, and keep written records on-site, in accordance with NFPA 72.	Within 3 months

F-12	Fire Protection	The building is equipped with single-station smoke alarms. Smoke alarm activation sounds only a local alarm and does not provide automatic fire alarm notification of occupants.	Remove single-station smoke alarms. Provide automatic smoke detection throughout the building, tied into the fire alarm system, in accordance with NFPA 72.	Within 6 months
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F-13	Fire Protection	The building is equipped with single-station smoke alarms. Smoke alarm activation sounds only a local alarm and does not provide automatic fire alarm notification of occupants.	Remove single-station smoke alarms. Provide automatic smoke detection throughout the building, tied into the fire alarm system, in accordance with NFPA 72.	Within 6 months
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F-14	Egress Lighting	Inspection, testing, and maintenance records for the emergency lighting system were not available.	Inspect, test and maintain the emergency lighting system in accordance with The ACCORD standard. Keep written records on-site.	Within 3 months
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