

FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT

GEEBEE GARMENTS INDUSTRIES LTD

**DHAKA EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE (DEPZ),
GANAKBARI, SAVAR, DHAKA, BANGLADESH**

OTHER FACTORIES: NONE



ACCORD
on Fire and Building Safety in Bangladesh

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SUMMARY

Geebee Garments industries Ltd was surveyed for fire safety on 16-08-2014 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	Rooms used for combustible storage are not separated by fire-rated construction on all floors of the factory building.	Provide dedicated storage rooms separated by minimum 1-hr fire-rated construction.	Within 3 months



F-2	Fire Rated Construction	The exit stairs are not separated from work areas on each floor by fire-rated construction throughout the factory building.	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. If fire doors are required to be held open for functional reasons, provide automatic-closing devices tied to the fire alarm system.	Within 3 months
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F-3	Fire Rated Construction	Areas used for combustible storage are not separated by fire-rated construction on the ground, first and second floors of the factory building.	Where separate storage rooms are not feasible, provide defined storage areas and limit the storage arrangement as follows: - Maximum height of 2.4m and maximum area of 23m ² - If sprinkler protected: maximum height of 3.66m and maximum area of 93m ²	Within 3 months
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F-4	Egress	Egress doors and gates with locking features are provided at building exits, exit stairs, along egress routes and main exit discharge. All gates and doors were open and unlocked during the inspection.	Remove locking features from all egress doors and 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	Storage was located in the South facing exit ramp from the second to ground floor level.	Remove all storage from exit stairs and egress paths.	Immediate
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F-6	Egress	The reported exit occupant load of the roof dinning space of 400 is not adequate for the calculated occupant load of 297.	Reduce occupant load to not more than available exit capacity of 297. Or Provide additional exits.	Immediate
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F-7	Egress	Collapsible gates and sliding doors are provided at building exits, exit stairs, along egress routes and main exit discharge throughout the factory building.	Replace all gates and 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	
					
F-8	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	



F-9	Fire Protection	Inspection, testing, and maintenance of the automatic sprinkler system is not in accordance with NFPA 25.	Inspect, test and maintain the automatic sprinkler system, and keep written records on-site, in accordance with NFPA 25.	Within 3 months
F-10	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



F-11	Egress Lighting	Manual on-off switch is provided for all emergency lighting and exit signage units throughout the factory building.	Remove manual on/off switches from emergency lighting / exit signage units to prevent them from being switched off.	Within 1 month
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F-12	Egress Lighting	Inspection, testing, and maintenance for the emergency lighting system was not in accordance with The ACCORD standard.	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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