

FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT

**APPAREL 21 LTD. NEUE UNIT LITHE
GROUP
SHIRIR CHALA, BAGHER BAZER GAZIPUR SHADAR,
GAZIPUR**

OTHER FACTORIES: NONE



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on Fire and Building Safety in Bangladesh

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SUMMARY

Apparel 21 LTD. Neue Unit Lithe Group was surveyed for fire safety on 5/5/2014 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

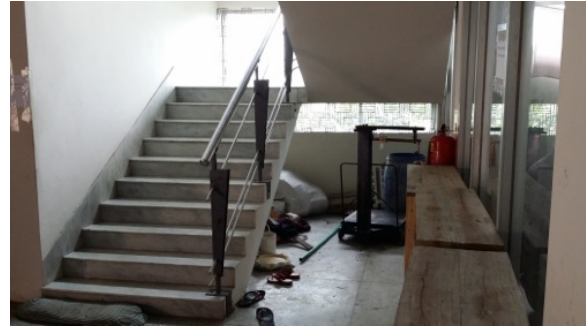
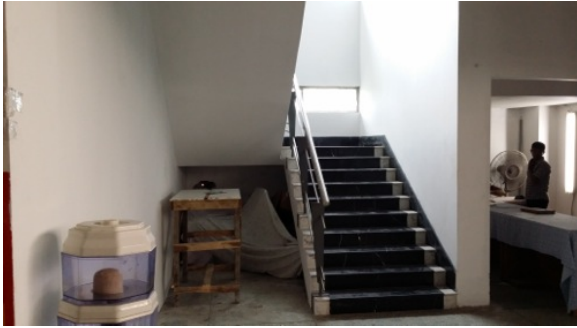
No.	Category	Finding	Recommendation	Remediation Timeframe
F-1	Fire Rated Construction	<p>Areas used for combustible storage are not separated by fire-rated construction.</p> <p>Storage was located in various areas throughout the west wing ground floor. The various storage areas were scattered, around the floor with no dedicated storage rooms or areas.</p>	<p>Provide dedicated storage rooms separated by minimum 1-hr fire-rated construction.</p> <p>Where separate storage rooms are not feasible, provide defined storage areas and limit the storage arrangement as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maximum height of 2.4m and maximum area of 23m² - If sprinkler protected: maximum height of 3.66m and maximum area of 93m² <p>Separate areas of unenclosed combustible storage by a minimum clear distance of 3m.</p>	Within 3 months



F-2	Egress	Egress doors / gates with locking features are provided at building exits, exit stairs, along egress routes, and exit discharge. This was reflected throughout the building on all floors.	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-3	Egress	Storage areas / electrical boxes were located in all exit stairwells on the ground floor, underneath the stairs.	Remove all storage from exit stairs and egress paths.	Immediate
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F-4 Egress

Storage was located in various areas throughout the west wing ground floor. The various storage areas were scattered, around the floor with no dedicated egress path.

Keep egress paths and stairs clear of storage.

Immediate



F-5	Egress	Collapsible gates / sliding doors are provided at building exits, exit stairs, along egress routes, and exit discharge. This was reflected throughout the building on all floors.	<p>Replace all gates / sliding doors along the means of egress with side-hinged, swinging egress doors.</p> <p>If locks are required for security reasons, utilize special door locking features complying with NFPA 101.</p>	Within 1 month
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F-6	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-7	Fire Protection	Inspection, testing, and maintenance for the fire alarm system was 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-8	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.	Replace the single-station smoke alarms. Provide automatic smoke detection throughout the building in accordance with NFPA 72.	Within 6 months



F-9	Egress Lighting	Based on the number and location of emergency lights observed, adequate illumination levels are not anticipated along egress routes. This was reflected throughout the building on all floors.	Test the emergency lighting system on each floor and provide additional emergency fixtures to provide adequate illumination along the means of egress. Provide a minimum illumination of 10 lux at the floor level within exit stairs and exit discharge paths and minimum 2.5 lux along exit access aisles.	Within 3 months
F-10	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