

FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT

SONIA SWEATERS LTD.

604 KONDOLBAGH TAIBPUR, ASHULIA ROAD, SAVAR

OTHER FACTORIES: NONE



ACCORD
on Fire and Building Safety in Bangladesh



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SUMMARY

Sonia Sweaters Ltd. was surveyed for fire safety on 5/3/2014 by Hughes Associates, Inc. This summary identifies the major deficiencies that were identified during the inspection.

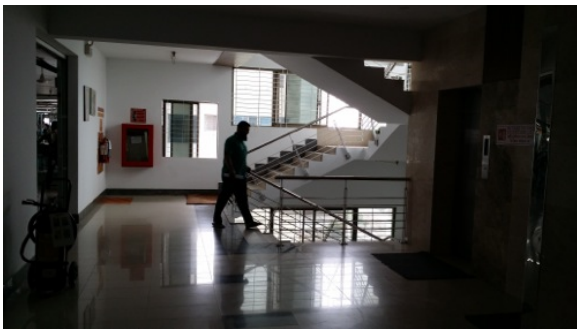
The purpose of this survey was to identify significant fire safety issues and to provide recommendations for remediation based on applicable standards specified by the Accord. The scope of this initial fire safety inspection was limited to the review and identification of major fire safety issues. The 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

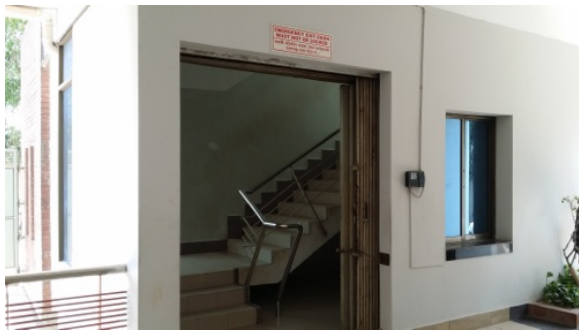
No.	Category	Finding	Recommendation	Remediation Timeframe
F-1	Fire Rated Construction	The exit stairs are not separated from work areas, and other spaces on each floor by fire-rated construction. This was reflected throughout the building on all floors.	<p>Provide minimum 1.5-hr fire rated doors and 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.</p> <p>If fire doors are required to be held open for functional reasons, provide automatic-closing devices tied to the fire alarm system.</p>	Within 3 months



F-2	Egress	<p>While most doors in the Sonia Sweaters building were adequate fire rated doors with the proper locking system. However some egress doors (West stairwell) were of sliding/rolling type gates and were lockable by pad lock, located at building exits, exit stairs, along egress routes, and exit discharge</p>	<p>Remove locking features from all egress doors / gates.</p> <p>If locks are required for security reasons, utilize special door locking features complying with NFPA 101.</p>	Immediate
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F-3	Egress	<p>Most egress doors within in the Sonia Sweaters LTD building were proper fire rated doors, however egress doors in the West stairwell were of collapsible gates / sliding doors, located at building exits, exit stairs, along egress routes, and exit discharge. This was reflected on all floors preceding it.</p>	<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>	<p>Within 1 month</p>
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F-4	Fire Protection	<p>Inspection, testing, and maintenance for the fire alarm system was not in accordance with NFPA 72.</p>	<p>Inspect, test and maintain the fire alarm system, and keep written records on-site, in accordance with NFPA 72.</p>	<p>Within 3 months</p>
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F-5	Egress Lighting	Manual on-off switch is provided for emergency lighting units. This was reflected throughout the building in various locations.	Remove manual on/off switches from emergency lighting units to prevent them from being switched off.	Within 1 month
F-6	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-7	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