

FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT

**ABONI KNITWEAR LTD.
169-171, TATULZHORA HEMAYETPUR**

**OTHER FACTORIES: ABONI TEXTILE LTD.; JUNIPER
EMBROIDERY LTD.; BABYLON WASHING LTD.**



ACCORD
on Fire and Building Safety in Bangladesh



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SUMMARY

Aboni Knitwear Ltd. was surveyed for fire safety on 9/6/2014 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
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F-1	Fire Rated Construction	The boiler and generator rooms are not separated by fire-rated construction that is openings, non-rated doors and penetrations on ground and 2nd floors	Separate the boiler and generator room by a minimum 2-hr fire-rated construction. Seal and/or protected all openings to maintain the required fire separations	Within 3 months
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F-2	Fire Rated Construction	Rooms used for combustible storage are not separated by fire-rated construction on ground, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th floors.	Provide dedicated storage rooms separated by minimum 1-hr fire-rated construction.	Within 3 months
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F-3	Fire Rated Construction	The exit stairs are not separated from work areas and 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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If fire doors are required to be held open for functional reasons, provide automatic-closing devices tied to the fire alarm system.





F-4	Fire Rated Construction	Unsealed penetrations and openings are located in exit stair enclosures.	Seal all penetrations and openings in exit stair enclosure walls to maintain the fire separation.	Within 3 months
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F-5	Fire Rated Construction	Areas used for combustible storage are not separated by fire-rated construction on ground 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th floors.	<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
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F-6	Fire Rated Construction	Unsealed penetrations and openings are located in the fire-rated floor/ceiling assemblies.	Seal all penetrations and openings in floor/ceiling assemblies to maintain the fire separation.	Within 3 months
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F-7 Egress

Egress doors / gates with locking features are provided at building exits, exit stairs, along egress route and exit discharge on all floors. All gates/doors were open and unlocked during the inspection.

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





F-8	Egress	Storage was located in the egress path on ground, 1st, 2nd, 3rd 4th, 5th and 6th floors.	Keep egress paths and stairs clear of storage.	Immediate
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F-9	Egress	Storage was located in the exit stair on ground floor.	Remove all storage from exit stairs and egress paths.	Immediate
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F-10	Egress	Collapsible gates / sliding doors are provided at building exits, exit stairs, along egress routes and exit discharge on all floors.	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-11 Egress

The width of egress aisles is less than 36-in. on ground, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th floors.

Provide minimum aisle widths of 36-in.

Within 3 months



F-12 Egress

The southwest exits are not remotely located from each other such that a single fire event could compromise both exits on ground floor.

Modify exit arrangement.

Within 6 months

F-13	Egress	Exit stairs discharge inside the building on 7th floor discharge to roof of 6th floor and on 8th floor discharge to 7th floor.	Provide 2-hr fire-rated exit passageway leading directly outside (vestibules to separate any storage areas).	Within 6 months
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F-14	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-15	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
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F-16	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-17	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-18	Egress Lighting	Exit sign not provided at exit path leading to exit doors on all floors.	Provide exit signs above all exits to the exterior and all doors to the exit stairs.	Within 1 month
F-19	Egress Lighting	Emergency lighting did not function in test mode burned out or broken in some locations of factory floor on all floors.	Regularly test the emergency lighting system on each floor and replace/repair lights as needed.	Within 1 month

F-20	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
F-21	Egress Lighting	Based on the number and location of emergency lights observed, adequate illumination levels are not anticipated along egress routes 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
