

FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT

ESSENTIAL CLOTHING LTD.

ACCORD ID: 12289

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KALIAKOIR, GAZIPUR.**

OTHER FACTORIES: NONE



ACCORD
on Fire and Building Safety in Bangladesh

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SUMMARY

Essential Clothing Ltd. was surveyed for fire safety on 10/13/2015 by Jensen Hughes. 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

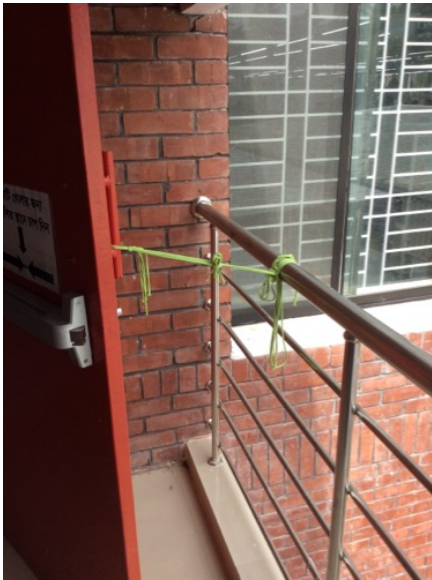
No.	Category	Finding	Recommendation	Remediation Timeframe
F-1	Fire Rated Construction	Proper certification was not available for fire rated doors installed in the factory.	Submit proper certifications for installed fire doors to the ACCORD for approval. If not available, or certification is not approved, install new, properly certified fire rated doors in accordance with ACCORD direction.	Immediately



F-2	Fire Rated Construction	Rooms used for combustible storage on the ground floor are not separated by a minimum 1-hr fire-rated construction.	Provide dedicated storage rooms separated by minimum 1-hr fire-rated construction. Where separate storage rooms are not feasible, provide defined storage areas and limit the storage arrangement as follows: - Maximum height of 2.45m (8 ft) and maximum area of 23m² (250 ft²) - If sprinkler protected: maximum height of 3.66m (12 ft) and maximum area of 93m² (1000 ft²) Separate areas of unenclosed combustible storage by a minimum clear distance of 3m (10ft).	Within 3 months
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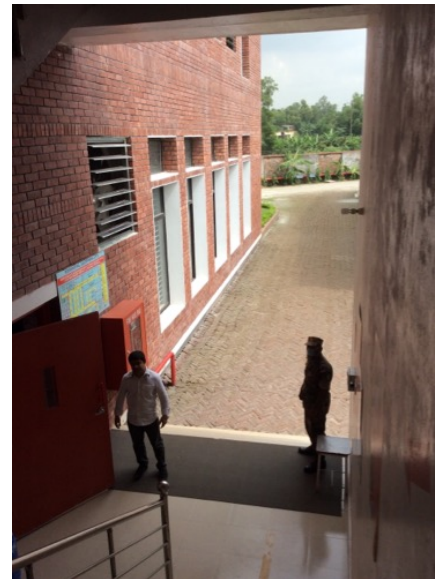
F-3	Fire Rated Construction	Fire-rated doors with panic hardware have been provided for all exit stairs. However, self-closing device has not been provided for all fire-rated doors.	Provide a self-closing device for all exit stair doors. If fire doors are required to be held open for functional reasons, provide automatic-closing devices tied to the fire alarm system.	Within 3 months
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F-4 Fire Rated Construction The east exit stair enclosures are not separated from work areas on each floor by fire-rated construction.

The exit stair enclosure shall be provided with a minimum 1-hr fire resistance rating for building.

Within 3 months





F-5	Fire Rated Construction	South exit stair is not separated from training room on the ground floor by fire-rated construction due to unprotected openings.	Separate the exit stairs from work areas and other building spaces on all floor levels by minimum 1-hr fire-rated construction. Provide minimum 1-hr fire rated doors and seal all unprotected openings and penetrations to maintain the fire separation. Ensure that all fire doors are self-closing and positive latching, and are provided with fire exit (panic) hardware where serving production floors or assembly occupancies. 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-6	Fire Rated Construction	The exit discharge path serving the south exit stair is less than 10 ft wide and is not separated from the building interior.	Seal all penetrations and openings to the interior of the building along the discharge path, up to a height of 10 ft, to provide a minimum 1-hr fire separation. Alternatively, provide a second remote discharge path to the public way (only include this if feasible).	Within 6 months
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F-7	Egress	Building did not have stair designation signs and occupant load signs at required locations.	Provide stair designation signs and occupant load signs at required locations.	Immediately
F-8	Egress	Egress doors with locking features are provided at building exits, exit stairs, along egress routes and exit discharge.	Remove locking features from all egress doors. If locks are required for security reasons, utilize special door locking features complying with ACCORD standard 6.8.2.	Immediately





F-9	Egress	Storage was located in the east exit stair on the ground floor.	Remove all storage from exit stairs.	Immediately
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F-10	Egress	Sliding doors are provided at building exits and along egress routes.	Replace all sliding doors along the means of egress with side-hinged, swinging egress doors in accordance with ACCORD standard 6.8.1.	Within 1 month
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F-11	Egress	Handrails are not provided on both sides of the exit stair.	Provide handrails on both sides of the exit stair. New handrails shall have a minimum height of 865 mm (34 in.) and a maximum height of 965 mm (38 in.) as measured from the leading edge of the tread. Intermediate handrails shall be provided when the stair width exceeds 2.2 m (87 in.) .	Within 3 months
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F-12	Fire Protection	Fire alarm system installation requires detailed review to confirm compliance with NFPA 72 and ACCORD standards.	Submit as-built drawings, testing records, equipment certification and other relevant documentation to the ACCORD for review and approval.	Within 1 month
F-13	Fire Protection	Fire pump installation requires detailed review to confirm compliance with NFPA 20 and ACCORD standards.	Submit as-built drawings, testing records, equipment certification and other relevant documentation to the ACCORD for review and approval.	Within 1 month
F-14	Fire Protection	Standpipe system installation requires detailed review to confirm compliance with NFPA 14 and ACCORD standards.	Submit as-built drawings, testing records, equipment certification and other relevant documentation to the ACCORD for review and approval.	Within 1 month

F-15	Fire Protection	The required no smoking signs are not present in the factory.	Smoking is prohibited in any garment factory building or separate storage building. Signs shall be posted in Bengali and English at all building entrances. If the factory creates a designated smoking area outside the building, information of these areas will be posted on the signs.	Within 1 months
F-16	Fire Protection	Inspection, testing and maintenance for 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 and ACCORD standards.	Within 3 months
F-17	Fire Protection	Fire department connection is not provided.	Provide fire department connection in accordance with ACCORD standard 5.5.4.	Within 3 months
F-18	Fire Protection	Inspection, testing and maintenance of portable fire extinguishers is not in accordance with NFPA 10.	Inspect, test and maintain the portable fire extinguishers and keep written records on-site, in accordance with NFPA 10 and ACCORD standards.	Within 3 months
F-19	Fire Protection	Inspection, testing and maintenance of the fire pump system is not in accordance with NFPA 20.	Inspect, test and maintain the fire pump system and keep written records on-site, in accordance with NFPA 20 and ACCORD standards.	Within 3 months
F-20	Fire Protection	Inspection, testing and maintenance of the standpipe system is not in accordance with NFPA 14.	Inspect, test and maintain the standpipe system and keep written records on-site, in accordance with NFPA 14 and ACCORD standards.	Within 3 months

F-21	Fire Protection	Smoke detector was not provided in the inspection rooms on the ground floor.	Provide fire detection system throughout the building.	Within 3 months
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F-22	Fire Protection	Visible notification was not provided for the work areas and dining room (building #1, 2) in accordance with NFPA 72.	Provide visible notification for the building in accordance with NFPA 72.	Within 9 months
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