

INITIAL FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT

KC Apparels Limited

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Plot# B 424, 425, 426 &427. Road# 1, BSCIC Industrial Estate, Shashongaon, Anayetnagar, Fatullah, Narayanganj -1420 Bangladesh

Other Factory : None



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Date: 11-Jun-2024

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Introduction:

KC Apparels Limited. complex was surveyed for fire safety on **11-Jun-2024** by The RSC Inspection Team. The purpose of the survey was to identify significant fire safety issues and to provide recommendations for remediation based on applicable standards specified by the RSC. 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.

Limitations

The information in this fire safety inspection report was obtained during a visit to the facility and during interviews with local factory management. It has not been possible to provide independent verification for all the information and data collected, and, therefore, The RSC cannot accept general responsibility for omissions or errors arising from inaccuracies in this report from the information obtained.

The findings and recommendations in this report are not intended to imply, guarantee, ensure or warrant compliance with any government regulations. Additionally, the results do not imply in any way that compliance with the findings or recommendations as stated in this report will eliminate all hazards, risks or exposures or that hazards, risks or exposures not referred to in this report do not exist. Compliance with the findings and recommendations stated in this report does not relieve the factory owner from obligation to comply with specific project requirements, industry standards, or the provisions of any local government regulations.

General Factory Information

Factory Building name(s):

SI	Building Name & Type of Structure	Year of Construction, Occupying & Approval	Floor Area
01	<i>Name: RCC Building-1 Type: Seven Storied RCC Structure with occupied steel roof shed Period: Existing Building</i>	<i>Construction year : Aug-2006 to Sep-2007. Occupied year by KC Apparels Limited: Jan-2015 Approval Date: Nov-2014 Approval Authority: BSCIC, Narayananj. As Built Machine Layout Approval Date: Feb-2021 Fire License of Previous rented factory: 2010</i>	<i>Per Floor: 7800 sft Total Area: 49000 sft</i>

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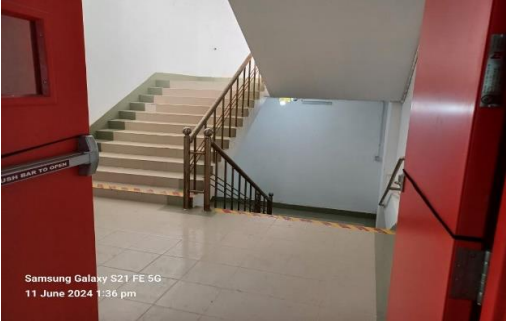

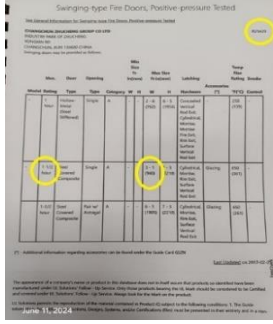







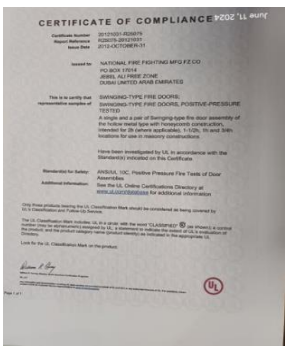
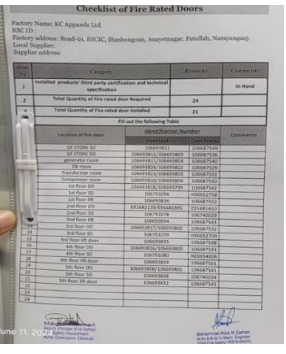

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Findings & Recommendations :

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 RSC for approval.

Table-1:

SI No.	Category	Findings	Required Action	Remediation Time Frame
F-1	Fire Rated Construction	<p>The exit stairs are not separated from production and storage areas and other spaces on each floor by fire rated construction due to incomplete installation of fire doors, unsealed penetrations and openings.</p> <p>Moreover, credible documents or certificates are also not found for fire doors installed in south staircase during the visit. certificate tags were missing in a few fire door leafs of south exit. A few door accessories are also missing.</p> <p>Non-functional fire doors are found in both the north and south exits. Fire doors are not interfaced with FACP and doors are found held open manually by external sources.</p> <p>Above fire door, slab thickness is found 3.5 in and does not provide required fire resistance rating.</p> <p>Location: Main Building: North & South Exit Stairs.</p>	<p>The exit stair enclosure shall be provided with a minimum 1-hr fire resistance rating for buildings with 3 or fewer stories and a minimum of 2- hr. fire resistance rating for buildings 4 or more stories. Provide 0.75 hr. fire rated door and seal all penetrations and openings by 1 hr. fire rated fire rated barrier construction for building with 3 or fewer stories. Provide 1.5 hr. fire rated door and seal all penetrations and openings by 2 hr. fire rated fire rated barrier construction for building with 4 or more stories.</p> <p>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 interfaced to the fire alarm system.</p>	Within 3 Months

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		 <p>Samsung Galaxy S21 FE 5G 11 June 2024 1:36 pm</p>		
		 <p>Samsung Galaxy S21 FE 5G 11 June 2024 2:24 pm</p>		
			 <p>Samsung Galaxy S21 FE 5G 11 June 2024</p>	
			 <p>Mismatch in Document Certification number, width, fire resistance rating.</p>	
		 <p>Samsung Galaxy S21 FE 5G 11 June 2024 1:40 pm</p>		
		 <p>Opening in South Staircase confined space serving as storage</p> <p>June 11, 2024</p>		
			 <p>Penetration from fire door to adjacent room</p> <p>Samsung Galaxy S21 FE 5G 11 June 2024 1:43 pm</p>	
			 <p>Samsung Galaxy S21 FE 5G 11 June 2024 2:04 pm</p>	
		 <p>Missing Listing Marks in Door Leaf</p> <p>June 11, 2024</p>		
		 <p>Glass Panel Missing</p> <p>June 11, 2024</p>		
				
				
			 <p>Samsung Galaxy S21 FE 5G 11 June 2024 2:13 pm</p>	

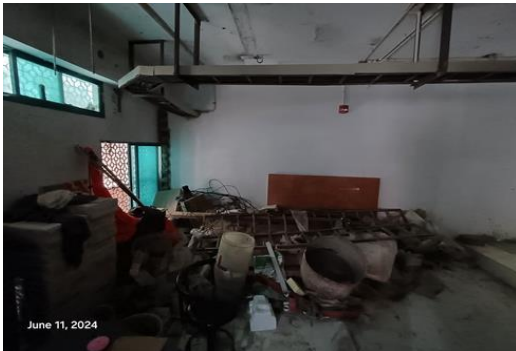
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F-2	Fire Rated Construction	Water pump was located in the south exit stair enclosure. Storage is found beneath stair landing at ground floor discharge North Stair and South Stair.	Remove and re-locate water pumps from exit stair enclosures or provide 2.0 hour fire rated construction and 1.5 hour opening protective. Remove storage beneath stair landing.	Within 1 Month





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F-3	Fire Rated Construction	<p>At ground floor, high hazard occupancies like storage room, generator room etc. directly discharge to exit stair enclosure without vestibules.</p> <p>Location: North and South Stair Enclosure at Ground floor of main building-1</p>	<p>Openings from exit enclosure to storage and machine room spaces shall be provided with a vestibule with fire rated construction and openings. Provide a 1.5- hr. fire rated door on the exit stair side and a 0.75- hr. fire rated door on the storage and machine room side. Ensure that the fire rating of the vestibule construction matches that of the exit stair enclosure. The minimum width for vestibules shall not be less than 1.1m and length 1.8m.</p>	Within 3 Months



SI No.	Category	Findings	Required Action	Remediation Time Frame
F-4	Fire Rated Construction	Temporary storage are kept room adjacent to south staircase and room adjacent FACP room located at ground floor.	<p>Either remove temporary storage from room adjacent to south staircase and FACP.</p> <p>Or,</p> <p>Separate the dedicated storage rooms by minimum 1-hr fire-rated construction. Provide 0.75 hr. fire rated door.</p> <p>Seal all penetrations and openings by 0.75 hr. (45 Minutes) fire rated fire rated barrier construction.</p>	Within 3 Months



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F-5	Fire Rated Construction	<p>The fire pump room is not provided with adequate fire separation as the fire door is not installed yet and penetrations. Penetration with electric cables, water lines for lavatories purpose and feed mains of hydrant system are found in walls, penetration of plumbing pipes are found in ceilings and other penetrations are also not provided with required fire resistance rating.</p> <p>Fire pump rooms construction work is ongoing during the visit. Ventilation is also not provided yet.</p>	<p>Provide fire pump room with 2 hr rated fire separation when not sprinklered and 1 hr rated fire separation when provided with automatic sprinklers, in accordance with NFPA 20.</p> <p>Provide 3.0 hour fire resistance rating for ceiling penetration, 2.0 hour fire resistance rating for wall penetration.</p> <p>Provide 1.5 hour fire resistance rating for opening protectives.</p>	Within 3 Months

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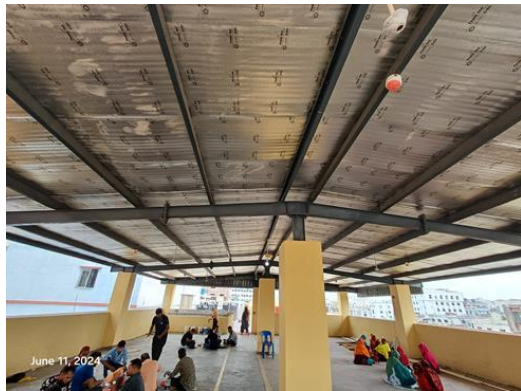
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F-6	Fire Rated Construction	<p>Unsealed penetrations and openings are located in the fire-rated 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th floor/ceiling assemblies in several locations of production building -1.</p> <p>In toilet zones of south and north portion of building located at 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th floor of the main building, floor to floor penetrations are found for PVC plumbing pipes without fire rated floors/ceiling assemblies. Other than toilet zone, one accessories store and FACP room are also penetrated with PVC plumbing pipes.</p> <p>In north portion beside the lift shaft area located at 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th floor of the main building-1, floor to floor penetrations are found for electrical cables vertical runway without fire rated floors/ceiling assemblies.</p>	<p>Provide a minimum 2-hr fire-rated shaft to separate the utility risers from each floor level.</p> <p>Or, Seal all penetrations and openings in floors/ceiling assemblies by 3-hr fire-rated listed/certified materials. The installation of such fire-rated materials shall be following certified design and manufacturer's guidelines.</p>	Within 3 Months

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	 <p>June 11, 2024</p>	 <p>June 11, 2024</p>	 <p>June 11, 2024</p>	
	 <p>June 11, 2024</p>	 <p>Samsung Galaxy S21 FE 5G 11 June 2024 3:27 pm</p>	 <p>June 11, 2024</p>	 <p>June 11, 2024</p>

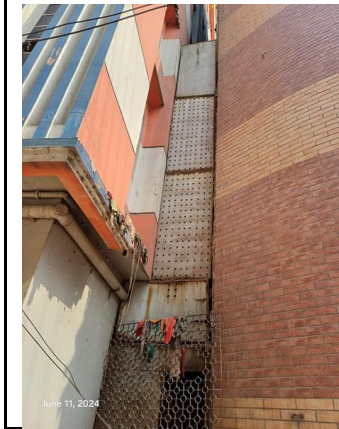
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F-7	Fire Rated Construction	<p>The compressor room is not separated by fire rated construction due to penetrations in wall by electrical cable trays from temporary storage room located at ground floor.</p> <p>The generator room is not separated by fire rated construction due to penetrations in wall by electrical cable trays from egress corridor located at ground floor.</p>	<p>Seal all penetrations and openings in wall assemblies by 1-hr and 2-hr fire-rated listed/certified materials in compressor room and generator room respectively. The installation of such fire-rated materials shall be following certified design and manufacturer's guidelines.</p>	<p>Within 3 Months</p>



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F-8	Fire Rated Construction	The main structural element (column, Bracing, rafter etc.) of Dining shed located at occupied roof of Main production building (High rise building) are constructed by steel without providing any fire resistance rating assemblies. Exterior wall is also not fully constructed with required fire resistance rating where other occupancies/ building very close to shed.	<p>The High-rise building shall be type-I construction as per RSC Technical Guidelines (Standard) 3.5.2 & 3.6.2. Provide required rating in the structural elements of the building. Proximity between group of occupancies and exterior wall rating shall be ensured according to BNBC 2006 Part 3 Table 3.2.2. Consult with a qualified fire protection engineer.</p> <p>Submit the proposed drawing/design to RSC for review. Once reviewed, install passive fire protection as per reviewed design.</p>	Within 6 Months



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F-9	Fire Rated Construction	<p>Another RMG building of different owner is located at approximately 3'-6" feet distance from RCC building-1 in south side. There are non-rated openings (windows/ high windows/ exhaust fan) at all floor level for both the buildings. Openings of building-1 which are within 10 ft distance from openings of other owners building are not provided with required fire resistance rating.</p>	<p>Exterior wall rating shall be ensured according to BNBC 2006 Part 3 Table 3.2.2 and Table 3.3.1. Consult with a qualified fire protection engineer. Either, seal the non-rated openings of building-1 which are within 10 ft distance from openings of other owner building by 3 hour rated construction assemblies.</p> <p>Or, Replace non-rated openings of building-1 by 3-hr fire-rated listed/certified assemblies glass assemblies/ louvers/dampers etc. The installation of such fire-rated assemblies shall be following certified design and manufacturer's guidelines.</p>	Within 6 Months






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F-10	Means of Egress	<p>RCC Building# 01 did not have stair designation signs and occupant load signs at each floor level of both the staircase.</p> <p>NB: Operation was not found in 3rd and 4th floor. Equipment setup is partial in rest of floors.</p>	<p>Provide stair designation signs and occupant load signs at required locations.</p>	<p>Within 1 Months</p>



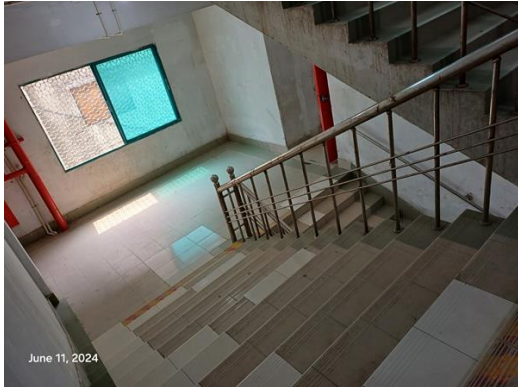
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F-11	Means of Egress	<p>As-built drawings are posted near exits from ground floor to 5th floor but evacuation maps are not provided in all required locations. Moreover, as-built drawing does not match with current evacuation routes and occupancies etc.</p> <p>NB: Operation was not found in 3rd and 4th floor. Equipment setup is partial in rest of floors.</p>	<p>Fire evacuation maps shall be posted at the entrance to each exit stair as per RSC Technical Guidelines (Standard) Art# 13.3 and BNBC 2006 Part 4 Appendix A Section A 4.</p>	<p>Within 1 Months</p>



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F-12	Means of Egress	Both the doors are inward side-swinging type in the north and south staircase located at 6th floor of RCC building # 01. Occupant load of dining and accessories store is 130.	Doors serving an occupant load of more than 50 shall swing in the direction of egress travel.	Within 2 Months
				

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F-13	Means of Egress	Machine layout is not finalized in 1st, 3rd and 4th floor of RCC building # 01. Aisles are missing on sewing section located at 3rd and 4th floor and finishing section located at 1st floor.	Provide minimum aisle widths of 36-in throughout the factory. Aisles mark shall be clearly visible.	Within 1 Month
				
F-14	Means of Egress	Exit stairs serve more than 5 stories and do not have required reentry provisions on all floors.	Every door in a stair enclosure serving more than 5 stories shall be provided with re-entry unless it meets RSC standard 6.8.3.1.	Within 1 Month

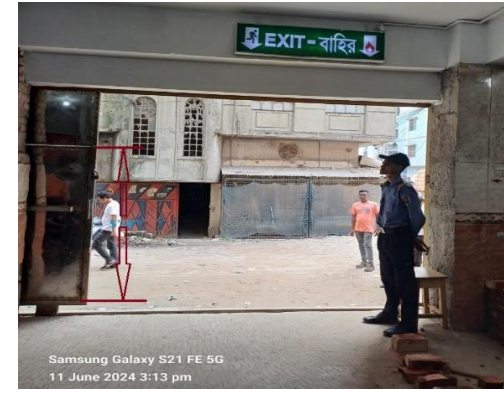
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F-15	Means of Egress	In each floor one flight out of two flight of stair, handrails are not provided on both sides of the north and south exit stair.	Provide handrails on both sides of the exit stair throughout all flights on all floors. Intermediate handrails shall be provided when the stair width exceeds 2.2 m (87 in.)	Within 1 Month



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F-16	Means of Egress	Handrails are not provided as per standard as maximum height less than the limit. (30") Location: RCC Building- 01 Production Building	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.	Within 1 Month



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F-17	Means of Egress	Height of south final exit is 4'-7" as it is obstructed at bottom. Height of north final exit is 5'-4". Both the final exit height is less than the minimum height requirement of door in a means egress	Provide doors in a means of egress having a minimum height of 2.0 m (79 in.).	Immediate



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F-18	Means of Egress	Headroom measured less than the 80 inch (2.03 m) in egress path located in FACP room located at ground floor of RCC building-1.	All means of egress shall have a minimum ceiling height of 2.3 m (7 ft 6 in.) with projections from the ceiling not less than 2.03 m (6 ft 8 in.). The minimum ceiling height shall be maintained for at least 2/3 of the space or room as long as the remaining area shall be not less than 2.03 m (6 ft 8 in.).	Within 3 Months



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F-19	Means of Egress	<p>In south stair final exit abrupt change in elevation has been observed. Neither stair nor ramp is provided along with handrail.</p> <p>In 2nd floor of RCC building-1, changes in elevation in walking surface have been observed in several location because of electrical wire concealed in tiles and movable cutting table.</p>	<p>Provide beveled slope of 1 in 2 when the changes in elevation is greater than 1/4 in and is less than 1/2 in.</p> <p>Either, provide ramps shall not have a running slope greater than 1 in 12 (8 percent) or, provide aisles shall not exceed a slope of 1 in 20 in the direction of travel, when the changes in elevation exceed 1/2 in.</p> <p>Provide stairs as per section 6.9 or ramps as per section 6.10 when changes in level exceeding 535 mm (21 in.) in elevation .</p> <p>The change in level shall be readily apparent and if not, marked with additional signage or floor markings.</p>	Within 3 Months



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F-20	Fire Protection System	At 3rd, 4th and 6th floor level, machine layout and dining table chairs are not placed yet. Fire extinguishers are also not installed in these floors yet.	Portable Fire Extinguishers shall install as per RSC Technical Guidelines 5.6. Extinguishers shall be placed so that maximum travel distance to the nearest unit shall not exceed 30 m (100 ft). Mounting height shall meet RSC Technical Guidelines 5.6.2.1 & 5.6.2.2.	Within 3 Months

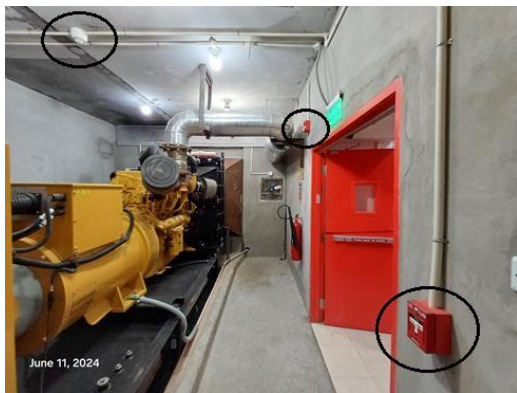
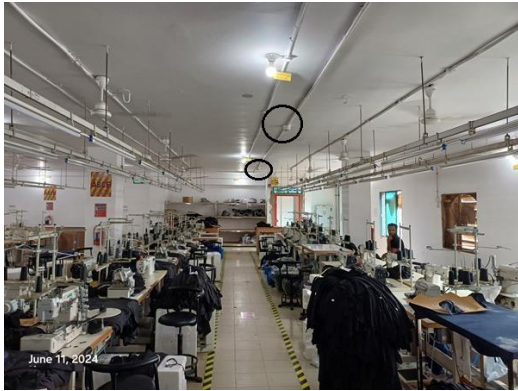


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F-21	Fire Protection System	Fire extinguishers were found in floors rather than hanging in wall at 3rd and 4th floor of RCC building-1.	In no case shall the clearance between the bottom of the fire extinguisher and the floor be less than 4 in.(102 mm). As per NFPA 10 section 6.1.3.8.3	Within 1 Month



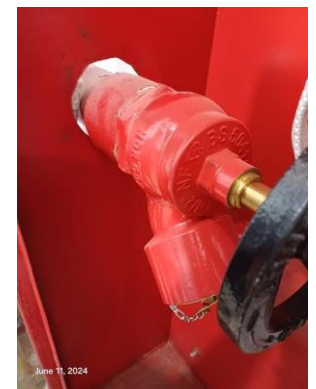
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F-23	Fire Alarm & Detection System (FADS)	<p>Fire alarm and detection system installation work is on-going. At 3rd and 4th floor, without defining the occupancy installation work is ongoing. Proposed design is not found during the inspection. After completion of installation as-built FADS system requires detailed review to confirm compliance with NFPA 72 and RSC Technical Guidelines (Standard).</p> <p>Location: All floors of RCC building-1</p>	<p>Install the fire detection and alarm system throughout the building in accordance with RSC Technical Guidelines (Standard) and NFPA 72. Complete the fire alarm installation as per NFPA 72.</p> <p>After installation the owner shall conduct internal testing and commissioning and then contact the RSC for witness of final acceptance testing. Submit as-built drawings, testing records, equipment certification and other relevant documentation to the RSC for review and approval. Modification (if required) shall have to done as per the reviewed design and NFPA- 72. Upon approval & modification (if required) the factory shall inform RSC to conduct final testing and commissioning verification of the system for final acceptance.</p>	<p>Design within 2 Months, installation/modification on within 4 Months</p>

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F-24	ITM FADS	Inspection, testing and maintenance for the fire detection and alarm system was not in accordance with standard.	Inspect, test and maintain the fire alarm system and keep written records on-site, in accordance with Table-14.3.1 of NFPA 72.	1 Month after installation
F-25	Fire Protection System	<p>Installation work of the required standpipe system is on-going. Proposed drawing is not found during the visit.</p> <p>Standpipe installation requires detailed review to confirm compliance with NFPA 14, 20 and RSC standards.</p> <p>Location: All floors of RCC building-1</p>	<p>Install a standpipe system in accordance with RSC standard 5.4 and NFPA 14. A class III system shall be installed in buildings with the highest occupiable floor 10 m (33 ft.) above grade or more. A class I system shall be permitted in buildings protected throughout by an approved automatic sprinkler system.</p> <p>Submit the as-built standpipe system drawing to RSC for review. Once reviewed, install or modify the standpipe system throughout the building in accordance with RSC standard and NFPA 14,20,22 and 24. After installation the owner shall contact the RSC for witness of conducting the final acceptance testing of the standpipe system.</p>	Design within 2 Months, installation/modification on within 4 Months

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F-26	Fire Protection System	Installation work of fire pump is on-going. Fire pump installation requires detailed review to confirm compliance with NFPA 20 and RSC standards.	<p>Submit as-built drawings, testing records, equipment certification and other relevant documentation to the RSC for review and approval.</p> <p>Submit the standpipe system drawing to RSC for review. Once reviewed, install or modify the standpipe system throughout the building in accordance with RSC standard and NFPA 14 and 20. The factory management shall contact RSC to conduct the final acceptance testing after the installation, testing & commissioning.</p>	Design within 2 Months, installation/modification on within 4 Months



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F-27	Fire Protection System(ITM of Standpipe)	Inspection, testing, and maintenance for the standpipe system is not in accordance with NFPA 13 and 25 or as per RSC standard.	Inspect, test and maintain the fire pump and standpipe system, and keep written records on-site, in accordance with NFPA 14 and 25 or as per RSC standard.	Within 1 Month after installation.
F-28	Inspection, testing, and maintenance of the Fire Pump (ITM).	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 25.	Within 1 Month after installation.

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F-29	Egress Lighting	<p>Machines along with aisles, chairs and tables are not installed or partially installed at 1st, 3rd, 4th and 6th floor. Based on the number and location of emergency lights observed, adequate illumination levels are not anticipated along egress routes.</p> <p>Location: Ground, 1st, 3rd, 4th and 6th floor of building-1</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Within 3 Months</p>



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F-30	Egress Lighting	<p>Exit signage is not provided at dining section in 6th floor and at storage area, fire pump room and FACP room in ground floor of factory buildings.</p> <p>Location: Ground floor & 6th floor of RCC building-1</p>	<p>Provide exit signs above all building exits to the exterior, all doors to the exit stairs and along all paths of travel where a change of direction is not obvious.</p>	<p>Within 2 Months</p>



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F-31	Egress Lighting	Machines along with aisles, chairs and tables are not installed or partially installed at 1st, 3rd, 4th and 6th floor. Directional Exit signage are not provided along the path of egress where there is a change in the direction for the path of travel and the direction to an exit is not obvious.	Provide directional exit signs above all building exits to the exterior, all doors to the exit stairs and along all paths of travel where a change of direction is not obvious. Lighted directional signs shall be provided with either battery backup or uninterruptable power supply systems and shall be continuously illuminated.	Within 2 Months



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F-32	Egress Lighting	An emergency power system is not provided for Exit signs and means of egress illumination.	An emergency power system shall be provided to supply power to Exit signs and means of egress illumination. Existing battery-operated or uninterruptable power supply systems can be continued to be used to supply exit signs and means of egress illumination where monthly testing of such systems is conducted and properly documented. Emergency power shall be provided for a minimum duration of 60 min.	Within 3 Months
F-33	Emergency Lighting ITM	Inspection, testing, and maintenance for the exit sign and emergency lighting system was not in accordance with The RSC standard. Location: All Buildings	Inspect, test and maintain the exit sign and emergency lighting system in the accordance with The RSC standard. Keep written records on-site.	Within 3 Months
F-34	Human Element Program	The required no smoking signs are not present inside the factory building.	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 Month

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F-35	Human Element Program	Fire drills are not conducted according to section 13.2 of RSC Technical Guidelines (Standard) V1.0.	Fire drills shall be conducted according to section 13.2 of RSC Technical Guidelines (Standard) V1.0.	Within 3 Months
F-36	Human Element Program	No housekeeping policy was provided in the factory premises.	Establish written corporate and plant policies on housekeeping to ensure scheduled cleaning for floor, wall, ceiling, supply and return air ventilation systems. Promptly reschedule skipped cleanings as per RSC Technical standard 13.6.1. Provide a documented line of authority for authorizing a cleaning delay and rescheduling.	Within 1 Month