



on Fire and Building Safety in Bangladesh

## **SAFETY NOTIFICATION TO WORKERS IN COTTON TEXTILE AND APPARELS LTD.**

Address : Plot-1/2,3 & 4(Ground Floor), 1/4(1st to 4th Floor) Road-7, Section-7, Mirpur, Dhaka

Date: 24 August 2017

The Accord is a legal agreement between international garment brands and unions that represent workers. The purpose of the Accord is to protect the safety of garment workers by inspecting factory buildings, identifying risks to worker safety, and making sure that factory owners eliminate these risks by renovating and repairing the buildings.

The Accord has conducted three inspections of Cotton Textile and Apparels Ltd. in the period 29 March – 1 April 2014 and found a number of problems that could cause serious harm to workers. The Accord has asked Cotton Textile and Apparels Ltd. to make changes to eliminate these risks. Unfortunately, Cotton Textile and Apparels Ltd. has failed to:

- Remove locking features or render them inoperable from the egress doors/gates. This could result in workers being locked in the factory during a fire or another emergency.
- Remove collapsible gates/sliding doors/rolling shutters. This could be an obstacle for workers during evacuation in case of fire or another emergency.
- Complete the installation of fire doors. This could result in workers becoming stuck on the higher floors of the building if there is a fire.
- Install a fire alarm system. This could result in workers not being warned that there is a fire.
- Complete fire separation in the relevant areas. This could result in workers becoming stuck on the higher floors of the building if there is a fire.
- Safely install and maintain electrical equipment and fix up electrical wiring. This could create serious electrical hazards in the factory which might lead to fire incidents.

The Accord has made many efforts to get the owners of Cotton Textile and Apparels Ltd. to fix these safety hazards, so that workers will be safe, but the owners have refused to do so.

As a result, Cotton Textile and Apparels Ltd. is unsafe for workers. Because of this, the brands that have signed the Accord will no longer do business with Cotton Textile and Apparels Ltd. and will no longer place any orders at the factory. The Accord wants to make sure that all workers at Cotton Textile and Apparels Ltd. are aware that the building is not safe.

If workers choose not to work at Cotton Textile and Apparels Ltd. because of these safety risks, or if Cotton Textile and Apparels Ltd. closes, the brands that have signed the Accord will make an effort to help workers find jobs at nearby factories that are safe. There is no guarantee that a job will be available, but the brands will try to assist.

For information, workers can contact:

The Accord:

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Also, the government of Bangladesh has established a helpline for RMG workers at: 0800-4455000. There is no charge for calling this number.

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