OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Domestic PPE Coverall for COVID-19 manufacturing under BIS licensing - reg

The undersigned is directed to refer to D.O. Letter No. FTS1799220/MoHFW/2020-HPE dated 2.7.2020 on the subject cited above and to say that vide this Ministry's OM of even number dated 25.6.2020 (copy enclosed) out of the Ten laboratories approved for conducting tests of PPE Coveralls for COVID-19, Five laboratories were designated for performing tests in respect of samples to be sent by BIS, required in connection with the licensing procedure. These are The South India Textile Research Association (SITRA) (Coimbatore), Northern India Textile Research Association (NITRA) (Ghaziabad), Textiles Committee (Mumbai), Metal and Steel Factory (Ishapore), Ordnance Factory, Kanpur.

2. The other five laboratories namely Institute of Nuclear Medical & Allied Sciences (INMAS) (New Delhi), Heavy Vehicles Factory (Avadi), Small Arms Factory (Kanpur), Ordnance Factory (Muradnagar), Ordnance Factory (Ambarnath) will conduct pre-despatch testing of samples received from HLL.

3. MoHFW has requested to designate more/ additional Labs for PDI testing to enable completion of Pre-Dispatch Inspection (PDI) testing by end of August 2020.

4. In view of this, it has now been decided that in addition of 5 Laboratories already designated to HLL, Three more Laboratories viz (i) South India Textile Research Association (SITRA) (Coimbatore), (ii) Metal and Steel Factory (Ishapore), and (iii) Ordnance Factory, Kanpur shall conduct pre-despatch testing of samples received from HLL until further order. Two Labs viz. (i) Northern India Textile Research Association (NITRA) (Ghaziabad) and (ii) Textiles Committee (Mumbai) shall do testing for BIS only.

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