



SMETA Corrective Action Plan Report (CAPR)

Version 6.1



Audit Content:

- (1) A SMETA audit was conducted which included some or all of Labour Standards, Health & Safety, Environment and Business Ethics. The SMETA Best Practice Version 6.1 (March 2019) was applied. The scope of workers included all types at the site e.g. direct employees, agency workers, workers employed by service providers and workers provided by other contractors. Any deviations from the SMETA Methodology are stated (with reasons for deviation) in the SMETA Declaration.
- (2) The audit scope was against the following reference documents
2-Pillar SMETA Audit
 - ETI Base Code
 - SMETA Additions
 - Universal rights covering UNGP
 - Management systems and code implementation,
 - Responsible Recruitment
 - Entitlement to Work & Immigration,
 - Sub-Contracting and Home working,**4-Pillar SMETA**
 - 2-Pillar requirements plus
 - Additional Pillar assessment of Environment
 - Additional Pillar assessment of Business Ethics
 - The Customer's Supplier Code (Appendix 1)
- (3) Where appropriate non-compliances were raised against the ETI code / SMETA Additions & local law and recorded as non-compliances on both the audit report, CAPR and on Sedex.
- (4) Any Non-Compliance against customer code shall not be uploaded to Sedex. However, in the CAPR these 'Variances in compliance between ETI code / SMETA Additions/ local law and customer code' shall be noted in the observations section of the CAPR.

Guidance

The Corrective Action Plan Report summarises the site audit findings and a corrective, and preventative action plan that both the auditor and the site manager believe is reasonable to ensure conformity with the ETI Base Code, Local Laws and additional audited requirements. After the initial audit, the form is used to record actions taken and to categorise the status of the non-compliances.

N.B. observations and good practice examples should be pointed out at the closing meeting as well as discussing non-compliances and corrective actions.

To ensure that good practice examples are highlighted to the supplier and to give a more 'balanced' audit a section to record these has been provided on the CAPR document (see following pages) which will remain with the supplier. They will be further confirmed on receipt of the audit report.

Root cause (see column 4)

Root cause refers to the specific procedure or lack of procedure which caused the issue to arise. Before a corrective action can sustainably rectify the situation, it is important to find out the real cause of the non-compliance and whether a system change is necessary to ensure the issue will not arise again in the future.

See SMETA BPG Chapter 7 'Audit Execution' for more explanation of "root cause".

Next Steps:

1. The site shall request, via Sedex, that the audit body upload the audit report, non-compliances, observations and good examples. If you have not already received instructions on how to do this then please visit the web site www.sedexglobal.com.
2. Sites shall action its non-compliances and document its progress via Sedex.
3. Once the site has effectively progressed through its actions then it shall request via Sedex that the audit body verify its actions. Please visit www.sedexglobal.com web site for information on how to do this.
4. The audit body shall verify corrective actions taken by the site by either a "Desk-Top" review process via Sedex or by Follow-up Audit (see point 5).
5. Some non-compliances that cannot be closed off by "Desk-Top" review may need to be closed off via a "1 Day Follow Up Audit" charged at normal fee rates. If this is the case, then the site will be notified after its submission of documentary evidence relating to that non-compliance. Any follow-up audit must take place within twelve months of the initial audit and the information from the initial audit must be available for sign off of corrective action.
6. For changes to wages and hours to be correctly verified it will normally require a follow up site visit. Auditors will generally require to see a minimum of two months wages and hours records, showing new rates in order to confirm changes (note some clients may ask for a longer period, if in doubt please check with the client).

| Audit Details | | | | |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| Sedex Company Reference: <i>(only available on Sedex System)</i> | ZC5000018304 | Sedex Site Reference: <i>(only available on Sedex System)</i> | ZS1000020687 | |
| Business name (Company name): | Arams Textiles Pvt. Ltd. | | | |
| Site name: | Arams Textiles Private Limited | | | |
| Site address: | E-277, 278, 291, 292 , Industrial Area Road, Growth Centre, Hamrgarh, Ricco, Bhilwara, Rajasthan 311025 IN | Country: | IN | |
| Site contact and job title: | Mr.Sampat Singh / Senior Manager - HR | | | |
| Site phone: | 9004022326 | Site e-mail: | vivek@saamtex.com | |
| SMETA Audit Pillars: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Labour Standards | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health and Safety (plus Environment 2-Pillar) | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment 4-pillar | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Ethics |
| Date of Audit: | 2024-01-27 | | | |

| Audit Company Name: |
|---|
| Accordia Global Compliance Group Asia Limited |

| Audit Conducted By | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| Affiliate Audit Company | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Purchaser | <input type="checkbox"/> | Retailer | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Brand owner | <input type="checkbox"/> | NGO | <input type="checkbox"/> | Trade Union | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Multi-stakeholder | <input type="checkbox"/> | Combined Audit (select all that apply) | | | |

| Audit Parameters | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Time in and time out | Day 1 | |
| | In | 09:30 |
| | Out | 18:00 |
| Audit type: | FULL_INITIAL | |
| Was the audit announced? | ANNOUNCED | |
| Was the Sedex SAQ available for review? | Yes | |
| Any conflicting information SAQ/Pre-Audit Info to Audit findings? | No | |
| Who signed and agreed CAPR | Mr.Sampat Singh / Senior Manager - HR | |
| Is further information available | No | |

| Audit attendance | Management | Worker Representatives | |
|--|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | Senior management | Worker Committee representatives | Union representatives |
| A: Present at the opening meeting? | Yes | Yes | No |
| B: Present at the audit? | Yes | Yes | No |
| C: Present at the closing meeting? | Yes | Yes | No |
| <i>Reason for absence at the opening meeting</i> | There is no union in this factory | | |
| <i>Reason for absence during the audit</i> | There is no union in this factory | | |
| <i>Reason for absence at the closing meeting</i> | There is no union in this factory | | |

Summary of Findings

| Issue <i>(please click on the issue title to go direct to the appropriate audit results by clause)</i> | Area of Non-Conformity | | Number of issues | | | Findings |
|---|------------------------|-----------|------------------|-----|----|--|
| | ETI | Local Law | NC | Obs | GE | |
| 3 - Working conditions are safe and hygienic | 3.1 3.2 | | 2 | 0 | 0 | NC - cde54521-131a-415a-998d-a968904d92e2 NC - 19fcdced-a5bf-47e3-b95d-b22fd55a11a6 |

Corrective Action Plan - Non Compliances

| Non-Compliance | | Evidence |
|--|--|----------|
| [Back to findings summary] | | |
| Non-Compliance | | |
| Status | OPEN | |
| Reference | cde54521-131a-415a-998d-a968904d92e2 | |
| Clause | 3 - Working conditions are safe and hygienic | |
| Issue Title | 152 - Health and safety risk assessment conducted, but not suitable / sufficient and/or documented | |
| Subcategory | Health & Safety Management | |
| New or carried over? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Carried Over | |
| Root cause | <input type="checkbox"/> Training <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> System <input type="checkbox"/> Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of workers <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |
| Root cause - Other | | |
| ETI code | 3.1 - A safe and hygienic working environment shall be provided, bearing in mind the prevailing knowledge of the industry and of any specific hazards. Adequate steps shall be taken to prevent accidents and injury to health arising out of, associated with, or occurring in the course of work, by minimising, so far as is reasonably practicable, the causes of hazards inherent in the working environment. | |
| Explanation to the non compliance | During health & safety risk assessment dated 20/12/2023 review and interaction with management noted boiler and ETP operational risk assessment not done | |
| Follow up method | <input type="checkbox"/> Follow up audit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Desktop audit | |
| Timescale | <input type="checkbox"/> Immediate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30 days <input type="checkbox"/> 60 days <input type="checkbox"/> 90 days <input type="checkbox"/> 120 days <input type="checkbox"/> 180 days <input type="checkbox"/> 365 days <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |
| Actions | It is recommended review risk assessment for coverage of all process including boiler and ETP operations | |

| Non-Compliance | | Evidence |
|--|---|----------|
| [Back to findings summary] | | |
| Non-Compliance | | |
| Status | OPEN | |
| Reference | 19fcdced-a5bf-47e3-b95d-b22fd55a11a6 | |
| Clause | 3 - Working conditions are safe and hygienic | |
| Issue Title | 175 - Workers are not given appropriate fire safety, fire prevention and/or evacuation training | |
| Subcategory | Fire Safety - Licenses, Inspections & Training | |
| New or carried over? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Carried Over | |
| Root cause | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Training <input type="checkbox"/> System <input type="checkbox"/> Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of workers <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |
| Root cause - Other | | |
| ETI code | 3.2 - Workers shall receive regular and recorded Health & Safety training, and such training shall be repeated for new or reassigned workers. | |
| Explanation to the non compliance | During employee interview noted 10/26 employees not awareness on evacuation process | |
| Follow up method | <input type="checkbox"/> Follow up audit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Desktop audit | |
| Timescale | <input type="checkbox"/> Immediate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30 days <input type="checkbox"/> 60 days <input type="checkbox"/> 90 days <input type="checkbox"/> 120 days <input type="checkbox"/> 180 days <input type="checkbox"/> 365 days <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |
| Actions | Recommended to assess training effectiveness and plan for subsequent actions till reaching satisfactory evacuation awareness | |

SMETA Declaration

I declare that the audit underpinning the following report was conducted in accordance with SMETA Best Practice Guidance and SMETA Measurement Criteria.

- (1) Where appropriate non-compliances were raised against the ETI code / SMETA Additions & local law and recorded as non-compliances on both the audit report, CAPR and on Sedex.
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| Auditor Team | | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|---------------|----------|
| Lead Auditor: | Dinesh Narayanaswami | APSCA Number: | 21701460 |
| Additional Auditors: | Krishna Bairappa | | 21703207 |
| Date of declaration: | 2024-01-27 | | |

Note: The focus of this ethical audit is on the ETI Base Code and local law. The additional elements will not be audited in such depth or scope, but the audit process will still highlight any specific issues.

| Site Representation | |
|---|---------------------|
| Full Name: | Mr.Sampat Singh |
| Title: | Senior Manager - HR |
| Date of declaration: | 2024-01-27 |
| Comments: <i>Any exceptions to this must be recorded here (e.g. different sample size): Sampled wage records from the past 5 months were provided for review (5 months only since the operation for digital thermometer just started last Sep 2020). The audit took 2.0 man-days (9AM-6PM per day). Audit time was extended until 8PM due to the extent of documentation; this was agreed upon with the factory representatives</i> | |

Guidance on Root Cause

Explanation of the Root Cause Column

If a non-compliance is to be rectified by a corrective action which will also prevent the non-compliance re-occurring, it is necessary to consider whether a system change is required.

Understanding the root cause of the non-compliance is essential if a site is to prevent the issue re-occurring.

The root cause refers to the specific activity/ procedure or lack of activity /procedure which caused the non-compliance to arise. Before a corrective action can rectify the situation, it is important to find out the real cause of the non-compliance and whether a system change is necessary to ensure the issue will not arise again in the future.

Since this is a new addition, it is not a mandatory requirement to complete this column at this time. We hope to encourage auditors and sites to think about Root Causes and where they are able to agree, this column may be used to describe their discussion.

Some examples of finding a “root cause”

Example 1

Where excessive hours have been noted the real reason for these needs to be understood, whether due to production planning, bottle necks in the operation, insufficient training of operators, delays in receiving trims, etc.

Example 2

A non-compliance may be found where workers are not using PPE that has been provided to them. This could be the result of insufficient training for workers to understand the need for its use; a lack of follow-up by supervisors aligned to a proper set of factory rules or the fact that workers feel their productivity (and thus potential earnings) is affected by use of items such as metal gloves.

Example 3

A site uses fines to control unacceptable behaviour of workers.

International standards (and often local laws) may require that workers should not be fined for disciplinary reasons.

It may be difficult to stop fines immediately as the site rules may have been in place for some time, but to prevent the non-compliance re-occurring it will be necessary to make a system change.

The symptom is fines, but the root cause is a management system which may break the law. To prevent the problem re-occurring it will be necessary to make a system change for example the site could consider a system which rewards for good behaviour

Only by understanding the underlying cause can effective corrective actions be taken to ensure continuous compliance.

The site is encouraged to complete this section so as to indicate their understanding of the issues raised and the actions to be taken.



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