Textiles Committee (Government of India, Ministry of Textiles) P Balu Road, Prabhadevi Chowk, Prabhadevi, Mumbai 400 025

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TRADE NOTICE

<u>"For the Kind Attention of All Importers / traders / manufacturers / Suppliers of PPE</u> items - Coverall / members of Textile trade and Industry"

Subject: Introduction of facility for testing and certification of Synthetic Blood Penetration Resistance Test required for Body – Coveralls for COVID-19

Testing of Coverall for the mandatory parameter 'Determination of the resistance of protective clothing materials to penetration by blood and body fluids – Test method using synthetic blood' has commenced at the Laboratory of Textiles Committee, Mumbai with accreditation from NABL under the following 3 Test Methods, viz. ASTM F 1670-2017a & ISO 16603- 2004 and IS 16546-2016 and approval of Ministry of Textiles vide order No.F.No.8/4/2020-R&D dated 20th May, 2020 (Annexure-II). Some more testing facilities are being added shortly and will be intimated through Trade Circulars/ social media.

2. As per the prevailing/ specified norms, Test Reports will be issued along with Unique Code Certification (UCC) to the manufacturer / Supplier.

3. The manufacturers/ Suppliers of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as well as potential exporters are requested to make use of this test facility at the Laboratory of Textiles Committee, Mumbai for testing their raw material - fabric / finished product for improving their lead time for supply. Details of the Procedure to be followed for sending samples to the Textiles Committee, Test Charges, Affidavit for UCC, UCC, Test Reports and sample status, FAQs, Protocol for receiving samples and issuance of TRs and other related circulars can be accessed at the Textiles Committee website http://textilescommittee.nic.in/ under the tab COVID 19 or by clicking the link: http://textilescommittee.nic.in/content/covid-19.

4. For further details / clarifications, please get in touch with our Regional Officer in charge, or contact us on emails <u>tclabmumbai@gmail.com and on tcppetest@gmail.com</u> or contact Director (Laboratories), Textiles Committee on 022- 66527519/625/545.

5. Please follow us on our Face Book page [fb.com/textilescommittee] and Twitter handle [Twitter.com/TexComIndia] for further updates on more testing parameters and upcoming facilities in North and South India.

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