

A-45013/4/2020-HPE(pt.)
Government of India
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
HPE Section

Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi
Dated: 14th May 2020

To

The Principal Secretary (HFW)
States/UTs.

Subject: Purchase of PPE coveralls by States/UTs and private establishments

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has been assisting the States in combating COVID-19 by providing Personal protective equipment (PPE) coveralls and N95 masks. We have supplied about 48 lakh PPE coveralls and 84 lakh N95 masks so far. Total orders placed by the Central Government are for 2.22 crore PPE coveralls and almost 3 crore N95 masks and it will continue to supply these items to States, broadly on the basis of Covid-19 case load.

2. Looking at the efforts being made by some States to procure them, a need has been felt to facilitate States and central institutions in sourcing PPE coveralls directly. Private hospitals also need PPE coveralls. There are a large number of suppliers whose PPE coveralls have passed the specified tests at the designated laboratories of the Ministry of Textiles/DRDE. The Ministry of Textiles has issued detailed guidelines for testing vide their letter No 8/4/2020-R&D dated 06.04.2020 and 16.4.2020 (copies enclosed). The Ministry of Textiles vide letter No. 8/4/2020-R&D dated 30.04.2020 has also issued the list of such designated laboratories (copy enclosed).

4. 100 suppliers are supplying coveralls to Central Government through HLL at present. They are able to produce over 3 lakh coveralls per day. A list of these suppliers has been uploaded on the website of HLL Lifecare Limited (website www.lifecarehll.com), and they will continue to supply to HLL only. In addition to these, there are a large number of manufacturers, whose PPE coveralls have been approved by the above referred designated labs. It has been decided that these additional suppliers can freely supply coveralls to States/UTs/ central institutions. They are being onboarded on GEM portal and any government entity can procure from them through GEM. As and when the 100

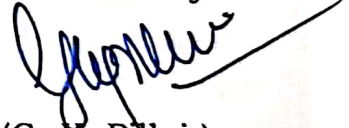
suppliers of HLL complete their orders, they will also keep on getting added to GEM.

5. To facilitate the private sector, a list of all suppliers onboarded on GEM will also be available on the website of Ministry of Textiles along with their contact details. Private entities can approach them for supply of coveralls. It may be clarified here that HLL is procuring coveralls (with shoe covers) at the rate of Rs. 635/- plus taxes.

6. Each supplier on GEM or on the Ministry of Textiles website has passed the quality standards prescribed by MoHFW and has been given a Uniform Certification Code (UCC). The supplier can be cross verified from the website of the certifying lab. Veracity of their certificates must be cross verified from the concerned labs before accepting the same.

7. All purchasing entities are also requested to ensure quality of these PPE coveralls by following the procedure/ protocol laid down by the MoT, for the random testing of the products issued vide its advisories dated 06.04.2020 and 16.4.2020.

Yours faithfully



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Copy forwarded for necessary follow up action to:

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2. CEO GEM
3. CMD HLL

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Dated 16th April 2020

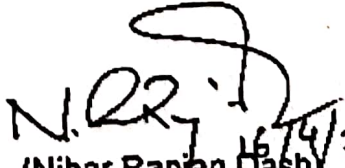
To,
Secretary, Department of Defence R&D and Chairman, DRDO
Director General of Ordnance Factories and Chairman OFB
Director, SITRA

Subject: Testing and certification of PPE Body Coveralls at DRDE/INMAS (DRDO laboratory), SITRA and Ordnance Factories.

Ref: Ministry of Textiles instruction letter No. 8/4/2020-R&D dated 06.04.2020 with addendum -1 dated 11.04.2020.

In order to further streamline the process of testing, certification, placing of order and quality control by HLL; in respect of indigenous development of PPE Body Coveralls, the following additional procedures may be followed:

- I. Test Certification for each passed sample must contain the following instruction to the manufacturer in respect of whom the certification is issued: *"The procedures enumerated at Para -3 and 4 of the instructions of Ministry of Textiles, Government of India issued vide letter no F.No. 8/4/2020-R&D dated 06.04.2020 must be strictly complied with regards to use of this certification"*.
 - II. Respective testing agencies are required to directly email a copy of the certificate to the designated person of M/s HLL Lifecare Limited.
 - III. The Unique Certification Code (UCC) issued to each passed sample must be published on the official website of the DRDO, Ordnance Factory Board and SITRA for verification by any user of the product.
 - IV. The testing laboratories must clearly write whether the tests have "passed" or "failed" in each of the test reports. However, UCC has to be issued only in respect of "passed" samples and the information of each passed sample against the UCC may be published on the website. Communication regarding "passed" samples only needs to be communicated to HLL Lifecare Limited.
2. This is issued with the approval of the competent authority.


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Copy to:-

1. Director DRDE, Director INMAS, General Manager of Ordnance Factories at Avadi and Kanpur.
2. CMD, HLL Lifecare Limited.
3. NIC for uploading on official website.

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Some instances have come to the notice of this Ministry, where Manufacturers / Suppliers whose proto-type samples for Body Coveralls for COVID-19 have failed laboratory tests, are still supplying their Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) Body Coveralls in the market.

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India has published a Comprehensive Guideline for Personal Protection Equipment for COVID-19. Since March 2020, the indigenous development of Manufacturers of Body Coveralls has been based on the MoH&FW's guidelines published on 2nd March 2020.

As of now, there are two laboratories in the country which have the facilities as well as necessary approvals, for conducting tests on Body Coveralls (PPE) required for COVID-19. These are; South India Textiles Research Association (SITRA), Coimbatore; and Defence Research & Development Establishment (DRDE), Gwalior. The Tests and Certifications of Body Coveralls (PPE) conducted at these two laboratories in India are the only officially recognized ones.

In order to ensure that quality and safety standards of Body Coveralls are maintained consistently, as required in terms of Guidelines of the Ministry of Health & family Welfare, Government of India for COVID-19, the following instructions are issued for compliance:

1. For each test conducted at SITRA in respect of a fabric and the PPE garments, for which proto-type samples are sent by the

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respective manufacturers, SITRA will generate a Unique Certification Code (UCC-COVID 19). This code should keep records of the type of fabric, type of garment, and its date of testing, testing standard, and other relevant particulars. SITRA will preserve the test sample in sealed condition in its custody for any future reference by a government agency. The Certification should have a fixed validation period in consistency with international norms. SITRA will issue such procedure even in respect of the proto-type samples tested since March 2020 and onwards.

2. Similar procedure as in Para 1 above, may be followed by DRDE, Gwalior.

3. The PPE Garment (Body Coveralls for COVID-19) manufacturer will manufacture Coveralls in accordance with the materials and workmanship as per the tested and certified proto-type sample, which is linked with the UCC-COVID 19. Any change in component of proto-type shall require a new test and certification and generation of a new Code.

4. The PPE (Body Coverall for COVID-19) garment manufacturer will either print in indelible ink, or stick a tamper-proof sticker, on the body of the garment on the inside of the PPE with the following particulars;

(i) Name of Manufacturer :

(ii) SITRA /DRDE Unique Certification Code (UCC)

(iv) Test Standard

(iv) Date of Manufacturing / Batch Number

(v) [Order: HLL life care Ltd] if the material is supplied to HLL life care. State Government and other bulk procurement agencies may insist on similar requirement if they desire so. This (v) may not be mandatory for retail orders.

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5. M/s HLL Lifecare Limited will devise a sampling plan with regard to the frequency of test sample collection from the lots which are supplied progressively by the Manufacturer. The randomly collected test samples may be periodically sent to SITRA or DRDE for tests, as the case may be. Further action regarding acceptance procedure etc. may be devised by HLL Lifecare. Other State/Central Government agencies may also devise random sample collection protocol and quality assurance plan. The quality control and assurance plan may be well publicised and informed to all suppliers in writing.

This procedure may be implemented with immediate effect. SITRA/DRDE may generate the Codes on immediate basis for information of the certified Body Coverall manufacturers, and HLL Lifecare.


(Nihar Ranjan Dash)
Joint Secretary

Copy for circulation to:

1. South India Textiles Research Association, Coimbatore
2. Director, Defence Research & Development Establishment, Gwalior
3. CMD, M/s HLL Lifecare Limited, Camp Office: Delhi and HO: Trivandrum (a copy of the instructions may be furnished to the Suppliers on which orders for Body Coveralls are placed for necessary compliance)
4. Textiles Commissioner, Mumbai
5. Notice Board: Ministry of textiles official website

Copy for kind information to:

1. Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.

Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated 30th April, 2020


ORDER

Subject: List of Laboratories equipped to conduct testing and certification of Synthetic Blood Penetration Resistance Test required for Body-Coveralls for COVID-19- reg.

In continuation of this Ministry's letter of even number dated 24.4.2020, it is informed that following laboratories/ establishments are equipped to conduct testing and certification of **Synthetic Blood Penetration Resistance Test** required for Body-Coveralls for COVID-19 :-

- (i) South India Textile Research Association, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
- (ii) Defence Research & Development Establishment, Gwalior now at INMAS (DRDO) laboratory at Delhi.
- (iii) Heavy Vehicles Factory, Avadi, Tamil Nadu
- (iv) Small Arms Factory, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh
- (v) Ordnance Factory at Muradnagar, Uttar Pradesh
- (vi) Ordnance Factory at Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh
- (vii) Ordnance Factory Ambarnath (Near Mumbai), Maharashtra
- (viii) Metal and Steel Factory, Ishapore (Near Kolkata), West Bengal

2.. All testing, certification and quality control procedures required in connection with PPE Body Coveralls for COVID-19 maybe conducted in the above mentioned Laboratories.


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To,
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- (iii) CMD, M/s HLL Lifecare Ltd. Camp Office: Delhi and HO Trivandrum
- (iv) Textile Commissioner, Mumbai
- (v) Notice Board: Ministry of Textiles, official website

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