

Gujarat Chamber of Commerce & Industry



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Shri Mukesh Kumar, IAS
Municipal Commissioner
Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation
Danapith, Ahmedabad-380 001

Respected Sir,

Sub: Regarding Fire NOC mandatorily required by AMC for units registered under Factories Act

Greetings from Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI).

Sir, currently strict action is being initiated by AMC on those industries which are covered under the Factories Act, including closure of the unit.

Sir, as you are aware, the manufacturing units are registered under the Factories Act 1948 and they are mandated to follow the regulations/provisions of the act including fire prevention measures, structural stability, effluent discharge, disposal of solid wastes etc. and have to submit the same every year to the Factories Inspector. In spite of this, Fire NOC is also being mandatorily required by AMC, which is causing a duplication of compliance for the same criteria of fire safety.

Sir, this hampers Ease of Doing Business as the industrial units are stuck in the web of licensing procedures, and it also results in duplication of process and fees.

Sir, in case of those units where licensing under Factories Act or other similar act is not there, for e.g. for godowns, warehouses or commercial establishments, the Fire NOC can be kept compulsory. However, since industrial units covered under the Factories Act are mandated to obtain factory license wherein conditions for fire safety are to be strictly adhered to, **we suggest that the same procedure of verifications need not be repeated by AMC and it should consider the Factory License as Fire NOC in such cases, which will reduce both the burden of unnecessary additional compliance and costs.**

Sir, we humbly request that AMC should act sympathetically in this current scenario considering the situation of slowdown and try to enhance Ease of Doing Business by removing such duplicating compliances.

We look forward to your positive intervention in the matter.

With Regards,

Sincerely,


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President

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