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**Shri Mukesh Kumar, IAS**  
Municipal Commissioner  
Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation  
Danapith, Ahmedabad.

**Sub: Request for removal of requirement of Health License by the Timber Trading units**

Respected Sir,

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

We would like to draw your kind attention to a long pending issue which needs your immediate intervention. Sir, as you would be kindly aware, there are a large number of local timber trading units located at Lati Bazar area of the city. There are very few saw mills in this area while most of the units are into the business of trading of wood and timber products such as plywood, veneer, MDF etc. **These units do not undertake any manufacturing or other reprocessing and are simply traders who stock and display the products.** Therefore, there is no hazardous or health related process involved in this case.

However, all the units located in this area, even though they are just trading units, are asked to take Health License by the Health Department of Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation officials and a heavy fine is charged if such a license is not available with them. It may kindly be noted that these units are operating in this place even before B.U. Permission was introduced. Therefore, they are unable to get Health License even if they wish to do so.


Sir, the other major cities of Gujarat such as Surat, Vadodara, Rajkot, Bhavnagar and Jamnagar have exempted the units dealing in wood used for building and construction from the requirement of obtaining Health License under the BPMC Act. We request that similarly the timber trading units in Ahmedabad should also be exempted from obtaining Health License.

Sir, GCCCI along with representatives from the Ahmedabad Timber Merchants' Association would like to discuss the matter with you personally and therefore we request you to kindly grant us an appointment for a personal meeting at your earliest convenient date and time.

We look forward to your positive response to our request.

With Regards,

Sincerely,



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