

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
TEXTILES COMMITTEE, MINISTRY OF TEXTILES, GOVERNMENT OF
INDIA
AND
JAPAN TEXTILE PRODUCTS QUALITY AND TECHNOLOGY CENTRE
IN THE FIELD OF TEXTILES**

For

**Improving Quality of Indian Textiles for Conformity Assessment
of Textiles and Clothing for Japanese Markets.**

The TEXTILES COMMITTEE, a statutory body under the Government of India, Ministry of Textiles, established under Textiles Committee Act, 1963 (41 of 1963) having its head Office at P. Balu Road, Prabhadevi Chowk, Prabhadevi, Mumbai-400 025, represented through Secretary, Textiles Committee, which expression unless repugnant to the context shall mean and include its successors, administrators and assigns of the ONE PART And The JAPAN TEXTILE PRODUCTS QUALITY AND TECHNOLOGY CENTRE, having its Head Office at 7-19, Nihonbashi Tomizawa cho, Chuo-ku, Tokyo 103 -0006 represented through Director, which expression unless repugnant to the context shall mean and include its successors, administrators and assigns of the OTHER PART;

Hereinafter referred to as 'Parties' collectively and individually as the 'Party'.

Desiring to promote cooperation in the field of Textiles;

Have reached the following understanding:

**ARTICLE 1
BACKGROUND OF THE PARTIES**

1. Textiles Committee has in its ambit, a wide range of activities viz. Scientific, Technological, Export Promotion, Establishment of Standards and Regulations, Developing specification for Quality Control, Establishment of Laboratories, Collection of Statistics for Market study and Research, consultancy on Total Quality Management. Textiles Committee is rendering advice to the Government of India on all matters relating to Quality Assurance, Developmental activities and Production of textile machinery, Market Intelligence & statistics etc. Textiles Committee is a unique organization providing various services useful to the textile trade and

industry under one roof. The Textiles Committee has expertise and the required infrastructure for providing testing facilities for textiles; facilitating quality and compliance as per the national and international standards; export promotion by providing certification and quality assurance services. The Textiles Committee apart from its Head Office at Mumbai has 27 offices located at major textile producing centers across the country, with 16 state of art laboratories including 10 eco-testing laboratories, 14 of which are accredited by NABL as per ISO/IEC 17025:2005. Various services of Textiles Committee are:

- i. Research & Development in the fields of Textiles production, Finish, Dyes and other related areas
- ii. Testing and Analysis of Textiles, Chemicals, Dyes and Effluents for their physical, chemical and ecological properties.
- iii. Technical consultancy regarding the manufacturing and processing of textiles,
- iv. Quality appraisal/inspection of textiles
- v. Assistance to exporters by way of inspection & certification, issuance of Handloom certificate/GSP certificate, Certificate of Origin, classification of Ready Made Garments
- vi. Consultancy for ISO 9000/14000 series and SA 8000 (Total Quality Management)
- vii. Market research & industry specific survey/census studies.
- viii. Training for textile industry

2. Japan Textile Products Quality and Technology Centre (QTEC), is one of the renowned organisations in Japan providing world class facilities for Quality evaluation, Standardization, Technology evaluation, Conformity Assessment, Technical guidance and Education and Training, Factory certification for the textile industry. It has 20 testing offices/centres, 12 in Japan and 8 overseas. QTEC provides performance testing and certification services using various testing standards. QTEC possess enough capacity of using various kinds of worldwide standards, such as JIS, ISO, AATCC, ASTM and other organization's standards. QTEC is also familiar with many domestic standards, such as departmental stores / mass retailers' standards and Government offices standards. Their own QTEC Standard has also high reputation in textile industry. QTEC is also very special at product inspection. QTEC has well-experienced and knowledgeable specialists. Product inspection is conducted at QTEC or at a production factory or product storage center by sending their specialists to the site, in accordance with the related standard, such as departmental stores/mass retailers, government offices, or QTEC Inspection Standard. QTEC also provides product inspection services in China, Korea, ASEAN countries, and South Asian countries in order to prevent export of low-quality products. Various services offered by QTEC include:

- i. Quality Evaluation
- ii. Technology Evaluation
- iii. Conformity Assessment
- iv. Factory certification
- v. Factory audit/instruction
- vi. Enlightening activities

ARTICLE 2 OBJECTIVES

- (i) Capacity building of Textiles Committee Laboratories.
- (ii) Visit of QTEC experts to oversee the available laboratory facilities of Textiles Committee and suggest measures for consolidation.
- (iii) Participation of QTEC experts in the industry capacity building for export of textiles and clothing compliance to Japanese market.

Recently, the Government of India has decided to streamline the bilateral trade in textiles and apparels between the two nations. During the visit to Japan in July 2015, the Indian delegation addressed various critical issues such as quality and compliance in a systematic and sustainable manner. It was decided to extend helping hands to the Indian textile trade and Industry for better understanding of the quality culture in Japan particularly on Textiles and Apparels especially the design and fashion orientation of the Industry being different than that of export of the other destinations. In pursuit of improving quality of the Indian textile for conformity assessment for important market like Japan, the Government of India has decided to have overseas collaboration with QTEC through the Textiles Committee as the Japanese market is highly quality conscious. It is necessary that test requirement of the Japanese market need to be developed. Japan applies various specific test methods for conformity assessment of textile and clothing for their market. In order to provide similar test services for export of textiles & clothing for Japanese market, the Government of India has decided to have collaborative assistance from QTEC. Therefore, it was decided to enter into MoU with Japan Textile Products Quality and Technology Centre (QTEC) by the Textiles Committee, with a view to establish and encourage both the quality compliance activities jointly and organize collaborative capacity building programs in the areas of mutual interest in textiles.

ARTICLE 3 CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMMES

1. As part of this comprehensive collaboration, it is proposed to organize a series of capacity building programs (CBPs) on quality and compliance in textiles and

clothing as required for the Japan market. The CBP will be organized in important textile production and export centres of India with a view to prepare them to meet the quality and fashion trends of Japan. The main theme will be focused on “Quality and Compliance of Indian Textiles & Clothing in the context of Japanese Market”. The major beneficiaries of the programs will be the manufactures, the exporters, the traders and other stakeholders. The following 9 major textile manufacturing centres are identified for organizing capacity building programs:

Sl. No.	Name of the Centre	Main Products of the place
1	New Delhi	Garments, woolen and Home Textiles
2.	Mumbai	Garments, Home Textiles and Yarn
3.	Bengaluru	Garments, Silk Handlooms
4.	Chennai	Garments, fabrics and Handlooms
5.	Ludhiana	Knitwear and Woolen textiles
6.	Coimbatore	Knitted Apparels, Fabrics and Yarn
7.	Kolkata	Knitted Apparels, Children and baby wear
8	Ahmedabad / Surat	Garments, Handicrafted and Synthetic textiles
9	Banaras	Carpet, Home textiles and Silk Handlooms

ARTICLE 4 AREAS OF COLLABORATION

1. Japan has leverage in infrastructure, machinery and quality and testing systems for textiles. The Japanese industry is technologically sound and derives its strength from the synthetic segment. The consumers are also quality conscious and so also the industry. Further, many domestic products and imported products alike are subject to product testing and cannot be sold in Japan without certification of compliance with prescribed standards. Some standards are mandatory and some are voluntary. The Indian textile trade and industry need assistance for better understanding the quality culture in Japan particularly on Apparels.

2. India has abundance of raw material and labour force for the production of quality textile and apparels. The products and export of textiles from India is also huge and enjoys competitive advantage in different export destinations of the world. The Textiles Committee, therefore, can provide the platform and its expertise for strengthening the current quality and compliance procedures in India. With a view to equip the industry for adoption of the quality standards as required by Japanese industry it has been decided to organize various Capacity Building Programmes in

major textile manufacture centres all over the country in collaboration with QTEC, Japan. The areas identified for collaboration are as under:

- i. 4 personnel of the Textiles Committee laboratory will visit QTEC, Japan for capacity building and to understand the quality requirement of textiles for export to Japan by gaining access to their latest technology and improved infrastructure.
- ii. 2 experts from QTEC, Japan will visit India for evaluation of the Textiles Committee laboratories for capacity building.
- iii. Participation of the above said 2 QTEC experts in the aforesaid 9 centres for industry capacity building programmes to equip the Indian Textile Trade and Industry for export of textiles and clothing compliance to Japanese market.
- iv. The expenses viz. Air tickets, boarding and lodging, local conveyance etc, for (i) to (iii) above will be borne by the Textiles Committee.
- v. The service fee of QTEC shall be borne by the TEXTILES COMMITTEE upon mutual agreements. Details shall be discussed to agree before the programs start.

ARTICLE 5 WORK ALLOCATION

1. The Textiles Committee will facilitate and organize capacity building programs at the 9 textiles manufacturing centres as mentioned in Article 3 hereinabove.
2. Textiles Committee will finalise the dates for such capacity building programmes in consultation with the QTEC, Japan.
3. Textiles Committee will extend full co-operation for the experts of QTEC, Japan for their visit to the Textiles Committee Laboratories for evaluation.
4. QTEC will facilitate and extend full co-operation to the Textiles Committee Laboratory personnel during their visit to QTEC.
5. QTEC will depute 2 experts to evaluate the Textiles Committee Laboratories for capacity building and will suggest necessary up gradation(s) in the existing Laboratory facilities. Also to conduct quality compliance workshops/programmes organized jointly by Textiles Committee and QTEC in the said 9 textiles manufacturing centres.
6. QTEC will share the requirements on quality and compliance and also the stipulations to the stakeholders.

7. QTEC will render assistance in developing Indian mandatory standards for textiles and clothing.
8. QTEC will make necessary awareness, among the Indian Textile Trade and Industry; about essential quality norms to be followed while manufacturing textiles and apparels for the Japanese market.
9. QTEC will educate the stakeholders about the use of substances that are banned in Japanese market.
10. Both the Textiles Committee and the QTEC, Japan shall strive to ensure success of the objectives of this MOU.

ARTICLE 6 VALIDITY OF MOU

This MOU shall be valid for a period of 2 years from the date on which it is signed by authorized representatives of the Parties and may renewed thereafter by mutual consent of Parties in writing before the expiry of the validity period of this MOU.

ARTICLE 7 TERMINATION CLAUSE

This MOU may be terminated only in case of force majeure. Any modification in any term of this MOU shall be with the mutual consent of the Parties in writing.

ARTICLE 8 NODAL AUTHORITY

The Nodal Officer from Textiles Committee shall be the Secretary, Textiles Committee and the Nodal Officer from QTEC shall be the Director of QTEC or their respective nominee for all decision –making and concurrence.

ARTICLE 9 IMPLEMENTATION AND ACTION PLAN

Textiles Committee and QTEC shall endeavor to finalize the details of implementation and action plan, in consultation with each other, to execute this MOU in the calendar year 2016-17 and 2017-18.

**ARTICLE 10
DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

Any dispute or difference between the Parties with respect to the MOU shall be settled through mutual consultations and negotiations.

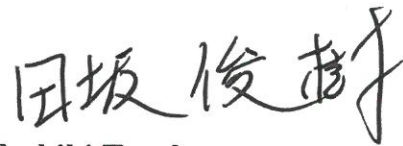
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the authorized representatives of the Parties have signed this MOU at Tokyo on this 11th day of November 2016, in two originals in the English language.

For the Textiles Committee

For the Japan Textile Products
Quality and Technology Centre



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