

PAKISTAN ACCORD Briefing for Manufacturers

This briefing includes: Updates on Pakistan Accord company signatories, pilot program, Pakistan Accord Building Standard development, and a new Information Pack for Suppliers.

Signatories to the Pakistan Accord since January 2023

At the time of writing this briefing, over 65 brands sourcing clothing and textiles from Pakistan have signed the Pakistan Accord, thereby committing to work with their suppliers to ensure workplace safety.

[The latest list of Pakistan Accord signatories can be viewed here.](#)

The Pakistan Accord company signatories are headquartered in 17 countries, spanning Europe, Turkey, the USA, Australia, Hong Kong, and Japan, and include some of the world's largest clothing brands and retailers. Collectively, these companies source over US\$2.5 billion worth of goods from more than 400 suppliers in Pakistan.

Signatory companies have recently disclosed their factory lists to the Accord, including data that will inform the selection of priority factories for initial inspections according to safety risks and leverage criteria. The full list of suppliers producing for Pakistan Accord signatory companies is available [here](#).

Findings from Accord Pilot in Pakistan

The International Accord pilot safety assessments were initiated in September 2022 with the goal of understanding the key considerations for establishing an effective safety inspection and remediation program with garment and textile suppliers in Pakistan. The pilot included safety assessments at seven garment and textile factories in Karachi and Lahore, along with follow-up discussions on remediation feasibility with the participating factories.

A report summarising findings from these pilot safety assessments is now available [here](#). The key areas of improvement for ensuring worker health and safety highlighted within the pilot report include:

- Structural design checks and preparation of accurate building drawings.
- Fire-separated construction and protected exit routes to allow safe egress in case of fire.
- Proper installation and testing of fire alarm and fire suppression systems to ensure full functioning in case of emergency.
- Electrical system design and installation conforming with code requirements, as well as maintenance and cleaning regimes to prevent electrical hazards.
- Maintenance and repair of boilers and associated systems to avoid risk of serious accidents.

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Launch of the
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Building Standard

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In recent months, the International Accord has worked with the former Chief Safety Inspector of the Accord on Fire and Building Safety in Bangladesh, Brad Loewen, to review Pakistani building codes and develop a draft factory safety standard for the Pakistan Accord, covering electrical, fire, structural, and boiler safety.

In May 2023, the International Accord team met with engineering and building code experts in Pakistan for consultation on key details in the Standard. These experts will review the latest draft of the Pakistan Accord Building Standard (Standard) in the coming weeks.

The Accord intends to finalise and publish the Standard by the end of August 2023. Factories covered under the Pakistan Accord will subsequently be inspected against this finalised Standard.

Upcoming: New Information Pack for Suppliers

Following requests from industry representatives in recent meetings, the Accord has developed an **Information Pack for Suppliers** to share all relevant information about the Pakistan Accord in one place. This information pack will be circulated in the coming weeks and includes:

- A summary detailing the objectives, scope, and programs under the Pakistan Accord.
- Infographic on a factory's journey through Accord programs.
- Benefits of participating in Accord programs.
- A summary of the Implementation Plan
- Supplier FAQs with answers to the commonly asked questions from suppliers.

Learn more about the Pakistan Accord

[Announcement about the Pakistan Accord](#)

[Pakistan Accord for Health and Safety in the Textile and Garment Industry](#)

[Executive Summary of the Pakistan Accord](#)

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