

The factual information set forth on the Tracking Charts was submitted to the FLA by each Independent External Monitor and Participating Company and reviewed by FLA staff. It is being made available to the public pursuant to the FLA Charter in order to strengthen the monitoring process. The FLA Charter provides for regular public disclosure of the factual results of independent monitoring and the resulting specific actions taken by Participating Companies.

What is a Tracking Chart?

Compliance is a process, not an event. A Tracking Chart outlines the process involved in FLA independent external monitoring and remediation. It is used by the accredited independent external monitor, the participating company and the FLA staff to do the following:

- **Record Findings:** The independent external monitor uses the Tracking Chart to report noncompliance with FLA Code standards. The monitor should also cite the specific Code benchmark or national/local law that was used to measure compliance.
- **Report on Remediation:** The FLA participating company uses the Tracking Chart to report on the remediation program that was implemented in order to resolve the noncompliance and prevent any future violations.
- **Evaluate Progress:** The FLA uses the Tracking Chart for purposes of collecting and analyzing information on the compliance situation of a particular factory and for publication on our website. This information is updated on an ongoing basis.

What a Tracking Chart is NOT -

- An exhaustive assessment of factory conditions

Working conditions - in any type of workplace - are dynamic. Each Tracking Chart represents a survey of the factory's conditions on a specific day. Over time, a fuller picture emerges as we compile information from various sources to track the compliance progress of a factory.

- A pass or fail evaluation

The Tracking Charts do not certify whether or not factories are in compliance with the FLA Code. Monitoring is a measurement tool. The discovery of noncompliance issues is therefore not an indication that the participating company should withdraw from a factory. Instead, the results of monitoring visits are used to prioritize capacity building activities that will lead to sustainable improvements in the factory's working conditions.

- A one-time event

Each monitoring visit is followed by a remediation program, further monitoring and remediation in an ongoing process. The Tracking Charts are updated accordingly.

Note on Language

Please be advised that because FLA independent external monitors are locally-based and English is generally not their native language, the language presented may at times appear unclear to a reader who is a native English speaker. In order to preserve the integrity of the transparency process and the information we receive, our policy is to publish the original text from the monitor and participating company. However, the reader will note that we have taken the precaution to remove any identifying information about the factory that was monitored or the workers interviewed.

For example, in cases where monitors and/or participating companies have cited the actual number of workers in reference to a noncompliance issue, in order to protect the workers' identities, we have replaced the numbers with generic wording in brackets (i.e. "[some]", "[worker interviews revealed that]", etc.).

We do not disclose the name of the factory that was monitored in order to ensure that the FLA's efforts to encourage and reward transparency do not have detrimental consequences for the factory and the workers.

Instructions for Printing

The information contained in the Tracking Charts is organized by columns and rows in a table format. Due to the number and width of the columns, the charts have been formatted for legal size (8.5 x 14in.) paper. To print the charts, please make sure to select "legal" size paper from Print properties.

FLA Audit Profile								
Country	China							
Factory name	070215387E							
ITEM	A.L.G.I. China							
Date(s) in facility	August 15 and 16, 2006							
PC(s)	Nike, Inc./Hennes & Mauritz							
Number of workers	1,490							
Product(s)	Apparel							
Production processes	Sewing, Cutting, Finalizing, and Packing							

Company Note: H&M's cooperation with [this factory] has ceased due to no interest from the factory to continue the business relation with H&M. Due to this reason, we will not continue the remediation process. Fortunately, the remediation process will be continued by Nike, Inc.

FLA Code/Compliance issue	Country Law/Legal Reference	FLA Benchmark	IEM Findings				Remediation				Status	Updates (Cite Date of Follow up)		Updates (Cite Date of Follow up)				
			Non-compliance	Risk of Non-compliance	Evidence of Non-compliance	If not corroborated, explain why	Sources/Documentation used for	Notable Features implemented by	PC Internal audit	PC Remediation plan	Target Completion	Factory Response	Company follow up (Cite date of follow up)	Documentation	Completed/Pending; On-going	Company Follow up (6/12/2007)	Documentation	Company Follow up (4/30/2008)
I. Code Awareness																		
Confidential non-compliance reporting channel		FLA Principle of Monitoring, Obligation of Compliance: Develop a system of communications and channels, in a manner appropriate to the culture and situation, to enable Company employees and employees of contractors and suppliers to report to the Company on noncompliance with the workplace standards, with security that they shall not be punished or prejudiced for doing so.	No confidential noncompliance reporting mechanism has been established at the facility by Nike or H&M.				Document review and worker interviews			Enhance communication channels, not only post the contact number in the bulletin board, but also state the contact number in the factory policies.	7/1/2007	1/3/07: We help the factory to build up the complete grievance system and to have the grievance by its own system. We also deliver the contact numbers to the workers, but we think it is more important to have the Nike contact number in the bulletin board and factory policies.		Completed	PC's primarily encourage the factory to develop and implement its own confidential non-compliance system. We support the factory in building a dialogue system within the factory in order to have a forum for the workers to communicate grievances directly with the management. During our audits we regularly check the functioning of these systems. During all PC audits we conduct worker interviews. During these confidential audits, one of the main issues is that the contact information is provided to the workers in order for them to be able to contact us to put forward their grievances directly to us. Nike, in addition to updating the contact number in the bulletin board, requests for the factory to include the contact number in the factory policies.		4/30/2008: factory made lots of effort to perfect its own confidential non-compliance system and through the on-site interview we found that workers trust their internal grievance system. Nike contact numbers were also presented to the workers so that they could contact us if needed. (completed)	
Code posting/information		FLA Principle of Monitoring, Obligation of Compliance: Establish and articulate clear, written workplace standards. Formally convey those standards to Company factories as well as to licensees, contractors and suppliers.	Only Nike's COC was observed posted at the facility. H&M's COC [was] not posted. As per management and observation, none of the two [H&M and Nike] companies have informed them about the Company's commitment to the code of conduct and its membership with the FLA.				Document review and management interview			Enhance brand communication: 1) Get the COC from other brand and post in the main factory area 2) Train the workers and supervisors on COC for each brand periodically 3) Get the information from the Brands on their relationship with FLA and pass the information to the top management and supervisors.	2/15/2006	1/3/07: Got the COC of H&Ms and posted out.		Completed	1) Generally H&M does not require our Code of Conduct to be posted in the factory. In the case a factory produces for different buyers it might contradict among different Codes which would be confusing for the workers. Instead H&M will encourage the brands to develop internal regulations in line with our Code of Conduct and local legislation and to clearly communicate these to all workers. 2) COC training had been included into the new hire orientation training every month.		4/30/2008: H&M and OXFORD were out of this factory since Feb 2007. (completed)	
II. Forced Labor																		
There will not be any use of forced labor, whether in the form of prison labor, indentured labor, bonded labor or otherwise.																		
III. Child Labor																		
No person will be employed at an age younger than 15 (or 14 where the law of the country of manufacture allows) or younger than the age for completing compulsory education in the country of manufacture where such age is higher than 15.																		
Lack of protection of under-age workers		Employers shall not engage workers engaged in overtime or working closer to hazardous equipment, working at dangerous heights or lifting heavy loads, or exposed to hazardous substances, are above the legal age for such work.	Facility does not have internal policy regarding juvenile workers. There is no system established to monitor young workers. However, after observation and workers interview, young workers hired in the past were restricted from dangerous or hazardous positions and excessive overtime.				Document review and worker interviews			No Child labor (under 16 Y) violates the national labor law and compliance regulation, factory will add this rule in their company policy to strengthen the protection of young workers. In addition, they will: 1) Set up a monitoring system to prevent factory hiring of worker under 16 by verifying their cards and compare with other related documents. 2) Set up a protection policy for the juvenile workers. 3) Promote the national and international protection legislation on Juvenile workers, providing the suitable working conditions, periodical physical check, OT restriction, etc.	2/15/2006	1/3/07: Factory will set up the monitoring system and protection policy very soon.		Completed	Factory set up the protection policy as well as the monitoring procedure for the juvenile labor. No juvenile workers are working in the factory so far.			
IV. Harassment or Abuse																		
Every employee will be treated with respect and dignity. No employee will be subject to any physical, sexual, psychological or verbal harassment or abuse.																		
V. Nondiscrimination																		
No person will be subject to any discrimination in employment, including hiring, salary, benefits, advancement, discipline, termination or re-employment, on the basis of gender, race, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation, nationality, political opinion, or social or ethnic origin.																		
VI. Health and Safety																		
Employers will provide a safe and healthy working environment to prevent accidents and injury to health arising out of, linked with, or occurring in the course of work or as a result of the operation of employer facilities.																		
Machinery Maintenance	Art. 12. Responsibility of Plant Safety	All production machinery and equipment shall be maintained, properly guarded, and operated in a safe manner.	Three sewing machines were observed without pulley guards on the fourth floor of ***name of*** production building.				Factory tour			Put on the three mentioned pulley shells and check intensively to ensure workers' safety.	2/15/2006	1/3/07: The mentioned pulley shells have been equipped the protection guard. No similar case found during this visit.		Completed				

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7. Freedom of Association and Collective Bargaining																	
Employees recognize and respect the right of employees to freedom of association and collective bargaining.																	
Freedom of Association: FLA Comment																	
FLA Comment: The Chinese constitution guarantees Freedom of Association; however, the Trade Union Act prevents the establishment of trade unions independent of the sole official trade union—the All China Federation of Trade Unions (ACFTU). Article 11 of the ACFTU provisions of the Trade Union Act are contrary to the fundamental principles of freedom of association, including the non-recognition of the right to strike. As a consequence, the ACFTU has been in violation of the ILO standards on the right to organize and bargain collectively. Recently, however, the government has introduced new regulations that could improve the functioning of the labor relations mechanisms.																	
The Amended Trade Union Act of October 2001 does stipulate that union committees have to be democratic and representative at workers' assemblies and that unions must be accountable to their members. The trade union has the responsibility to consult with management on key issues of importance to their members and to sign collective contracts giving it an enhanced role in dispute resolution. In December 2003 the Collective Contracts Decree introduced the obligation for representative trade unions and employees to negotiate collective agreements, in contrast to the previous system of non-negotiated administrative agreements.																	
8. Wages and Benefits																	
Employers must pay wages essential to meeting employees' basic needs. Employers will pay employees, as a base, at least the minimum wage required by local law or the prevailing industry wage, whichever is higher, and will provide legally																	
Legal benefits																	
Article 73 of PRC Labor Law (Chapter IX: Social Insurance and Welfare): Laborers shall, in accordance with the law, enjoy the following benefits under the following circumstances: (1) retirement; (2) illness; injury; (3) disability caused by work-related injury or occupational disease; (4) unemployment; and (5) child-bearing. The social insurance amount that laborers are entitled to must be paid on time in full.																	
As per review of social insurance receipt for July, facility received 21% contribution for pension, medical care, occupational injury and unemployment. Child-bearing insurance is not being received in the region at present. Besides, facility bought commercial Employee Liability Insurance to cover all workers under occupational injury. According to legal requirement, factory needs to register all workers for pension, medical care and unemployment.																	
Document review and management interview																	
The factory obtained a waiver by the government indicating the company meets social security requirements. Compare with 2005, factory's social insurance participants were increased by 27 percent after a series of seminar with workers.																	
2/15/2006																	
1/3/07: Factory is applying for the registered trade union in the factory. Factory had the new year team meeting recently in order to enhance the communication between the workers and management.																	
Completed																	
Factory set up a trade union in March according to China Trade union law and had more than 600 members so far. The trade union is a communication channel between factory and workers. Several activities have been held by the trade union, such as communication meetings, outing, dorm cleanliness contest, training on first-aid skills, etc. It is a good channel to present their wills and suggestions as well as get timely feedback from the factory management. (Completed)																	
9. Hours of Work																	
Except in extraordinary business circumstances, employees will (i) not be required to work more than the lesser of (a) 48 hours per week and 12 hours overtime or (b) the limits on regular and overtime hours allowed by the law of the country of manufacture or, where the laws of such country will not limit the hours of work, the regular work week in such country plus 12 hours overtime, and (ii) not work one day off in every seven day period.																	
Overtime Limitations																	
Regulation by the State Council on Working Hours, Art. 3: Laborers shall work for no more than 8 hours a day and no more than 48 hours per week. According to Art. 41 of PRC Labor Law (Chapter 4 Working Hours, Rest Days and Holidays): Employees should not be allowed to work more than 3 overtime hours per day and 36 overtime hours per month.																	
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In February, all production workers were required to work more than 48 hours per week and 12 hours overtime due to the law of the country of manufacture or, where the laws of such country will not limit the hours of work, the regular work week in such country plus 12 hours overtime, and (ii) not work one day off in every seven day period.																	
Worker interviews, review of time records and payrolls																	
Factory to control OT hours and ensure the production department understands that excessive hours are not acceptable and hours may be controlled by:																	
1/3/07: Factory had taken some steps to control the OT hours such as enhancing the communication between the brands and internal production department, balancing the order and capacity. In fact,no violation since March 06.																	
Completed																	
10. Overtime Compensation																	
In addition to their compensation for regular hours of work, employees will be compensated for overtime hours at such premium rate as is legally required in the country of manufacture or, in those countries where such laws will not exist, at a rate at least equal to their regular hourly compensation rate.																	
Miscellaneous																	
Subcontractors																	
As per FLA audit instrument 5E, 1b: Do contracts between the factory and any subcontractors and/or recruitment agencies comply with the FLA Code of Conduct, including one rest day, maximum hours of work, minimum wage and OT payments, minimum age and health and safety requirements?																	
Contracts between the factory and subcontractors used for printing, washing and embroidery were not provided. Facility management refused to provide detailed information of subcontractors in terms of confidentiality. Only factory names and addresses were released.																	
Document review and management interview.																	
Factory to communicate compliance requirements to the sub-contractors, get a signed contract on record from each, and provide contract to PC for verification.																	
2/15/2006																	
10/21/06: Factory communicated with the sub-contractors on the compliance/regulations/standards and asked them to sign a confirmation letter. Unfortunately, less sub-contractors sent the letter back. Further follow-up required.																	
1/3/07: Still less response from the sub-contractors, factory and its headquarter are still working on it.																	
Completed																	
Factory/[factory name] head office is approaching some sub-contractors, trying to work with them on their compliance. It is challenging to influence them since there is not very high PO percentage. It definitely will be a long-term project.																	
4/3/2008: The subcontractors officially returned the positive written feedback on factory's responder on the compliance, and the factory will comply with law and international labor standard for their workforce. Factory would only use the authorized subcontractors, if any, which had been approved by the brands, such as GAP and Nike.																	