

**Minutes of the 60<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Internal Technical Committee under Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (ATUFS) was held on 10.02.2023**

The 60<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Internal Technical Committee (ITC) under Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (ATUFS) was convened on 10.02.2023 from 10:30 AM onwards, under the Chairmanship of Shri S.P.Verma, Additional Textile Commissioner in the conference hall of the Office of the Textile Commissioner, Mumbai. The list of participants is attached as Annexure-I. The agenda points, which were discussed and decisions taken thereof are as under:

**Agenda Point No 1: Case forwarded by RO- Navi-Mumbai**

**Sub Agenda Point No1: Eligibility of machine manufactured on behalf of enlisted machinery manufacturer and Invoice no. mismatching.**

RO-Navi Mumbai forwarded agenda vide letter no. 3(891)/2019/JIT/ATUFS/ROM/DOBIVALI/316 dated 31.01.2023 to decide the eligibility of the NASSENGER 8 model Inkjet Printing Machine under MC02-48 from the manufacturer M/s Konica Minolta INC, Japan who is enlisted in Annex-III at serial no. Sr. No. 124 purchased by M/s Shrijee Lifestyle Private Limited (ATUFS/2018-19/2170).

In the above said claim, '**Made in China**' is mentioned in the machine name plate photo and Certificate of Origin. In addition to that, the invoice number quoted in the Certificate of Origin (COO) is **ALLWIN988-034** dated 01.03.2018 where in commercial invoice it is mentioned as **293104054** dated 15.03.2018 issued by the M/s Konica Minolta INC, Japan.

In this regard, the machine manufacturer C vide their letter dated 25.08.2022 has informed that as per their internal operations, NASSENGER 8 machine is manufactured by M/s Shanghai Allwin, China and shipped through exporting company under agreement between M/s Konica Minolta INC, Japan & M/s Shanghai Allwin, China.

In addition to that, they informed that copy of agreement is already submitted to this office vide email dated 08.04.2022 from Konica Minolta INC, Japan.

**Section Note :**

- In reference to the email dated 08.04.2022 regarding Sales & Purchase Agreement and sample documents (Invoice copy, COO by China chamber and self certified COO), this section forwarded to ATUFS section for necessary action in discussion with TMMA. (With the submitted documents, M/s. Konica Minolta, Japan is the Technology IPR & Trademark owner and M/s. Shanghai Allwin, China as the Contract Manufacturing & Service Partner for that technology.
- M/s. Shanghai Allwin, China is not enlisted as subsidiary unit/agent under ATUFS in relation to M/s. Konica Minolta, Japan.

**Decision Taken:** The committee observed that M/s. Shanghai Allwin, China is not enlisted under ATUFS and as per section note, M/s. Shanghai Allwin, China is contract manufacturer to M/s. Konica Minolta INC, Japan. Such kind of arrangements are not permitted under ATUFS. Hence, the committee has not considered this case.

**Sub Agenda Point No2: New machine name plate on existing machine**

R.O. Navi Mumbai have vide letter no 12(3250)/JIT/ATUFS/2018/TUFS/48 dt. 09.03.2022 informed that during the JIT of M/s. Shrijee Lifestyle Pvt. Ltd.

The issue was placed in 35<sup>th</sup> ITC meeting that during JIT, it was observed that the machine serial number is not engraved / punched in the machine plate and it is a label. However, the unit has submitted a certificate from the machine manufacturer i.e. M/s. Konica Minolta INC confirming that the name plates showing the model number of machine is properly affixed on the machine board. They have also mentioned that the body cover of the machine is very sleek; hence it is the general practice to affix a separate name plate showing the model number of the machine instead of engraving the same on it.

Decision taken in 35<sup>th</sup> ITC: After due deliberation in the matter the committee decided to ask for clarification from the unit as to whether the machine number is located in any other part of the machine and whether the machine can be identified if any other way apart from the label mentioning the machine serial number.

As per decision, this office asked unit for clarification vide e-mail dated 07.03.2022. In lieu of above manufacturer has submitted clarification vide e-mail dated 09.03.2022 alongwith screenshot of PC that the machine Sr no & model can be seen in the PC supplied with machine.

Decision taken in 38<sup>th</sup> ITC dated 10.03.2022: The committee reviewed the case and opined that deviation from name plate guidelines as per ATUFS GR does not fall under purview of ITC. It is a policy decision hence ATUFS section may process the case as per extant of ATUFS guidelines.

Decision Taken by 28th TAMC dated 21.04.2022: The Committee opined that considering the fact that M/s. Konica Minolta INC is reputed manufacturers: hence their all equipments/ machines should have machine serial numbers as due manufacturing requirements. Accordingly, directed ITC to again examine the case and submit findings within one month to TAMC.

Now, RO-Navi Mumbai have vide letter no.3(9542)/2019/ATUFS/ROM/Bhiwandi/323 dated 31.01.2023 forwarded unit representation, machine photos along with manufacturer declaration. In that manufacturer declaration, the manufacturer in discussion with their R&D team for the above said issue and found the strong place in the machine body for affixing the name plate. Further, the new machine name plate was fixed by their technical team in the existing machine.

**Decision Taken: The matter doesn't fall under the purview of ITC as it is not a technical matter. Hence, ATUFS Section may take a suitable view/decision based on the clarification received from the unit and guidelines of ATUFS. The committee again reiterated that ITC will consider only those cases for discussion, which will be referred by ATUFS cell/Regional office showing /indicating merit of the claim in accordance to guidelines/decision of TAMC.**

**Agenda Point no.03: Case forwarded by TUFs cell**

**Sub Agenda Point No 1: High price variation of Indigo Dying Range**

TUFs cell vide note no.12(2690)/JIT/ATUFs/2020/TUFs/140 dated 16.01.2023 requested to place the price variation issue of Indigo Dyeing Range purchased by M/s. Siddhi Weaves Pvt. Ltd, Ahmedabad from machinery manufacturer M/s Jupiter Comtex Pvt. Ltd., Ahmedabad. As per aforesaid note, it was observed that the cost of IDR machines seems to be higher side. In this regard Ro-AHD forwarded units letter along with manufacturer comparison chart with standard scope of supply.

Section note: In this regard, ATUFs cell and Manufacturer M/s Jupiter Comtex are invited for detailed discussion during the meeting.

Decision taken in 59<sup>th</sup> ITC dated 31.01.2023:The case is deferred for detailed deliberation with the manufacturer during next meeting.

Informed to ATUFs cell and Machinery manufacturer for detailed deliberation on the above said issue through video conferencing on 10.02.2023 vide mail dated 06.02.2023 and 09.02.2023. Representative from the machinery manufacturer Shri Ashish Patel submitted their clarification clarified that, M/s. Siddhi weaves requested for additional features as per given bifurcation.

Decision Taken: The committee reviewed the other cases of ATUFs claims as well as clarification on terms of item wise justification of price difference (attached as annexure-II) submitted by the machinery manufacturer and observed that the machinery manufacturer has not provided proper clarification. Moreover, during V.C discussion the manufacturer could not able to clarify the difference in price with proper technical details. Hence, the committee asked ATUFs cell to provide copies of orders placed by those units and proforma invoices of machine manufacturer to examine the claim further where the manufacturer supplied the same model machine. Accordingly the machine manufacturer to submit the request/order letter of M/s. Siddhi Weaves & M/s. Vishal Fabric Ltd. alongwith proforma invoices and purchase orders copies to examine the claim further.

**Sub Agenda Point No2: Invoice date mismatching**

TUFs cell vide note no. 12(2278)/JIT/ATUFs/2019/TUFs/1145 dated 16.01.2023 submitted all supporting documents in reference to this section reply note regarding below issue for placing before the matter in the forthcoming ITC to take suitable decision.

- i. Name of the machinery manufacturer - M/s. TSudakoma corp. Japan
- ii. Date mentioned in invoice - 22.02.2018
- iii. Date mentioned in supporting documents(Country of Origin, Bill of Lading - 20.02.2018

The manufacturer clarified that due to typographical error, the date of invoice is written as 22.02.2018 and actual date of invoice is 20.02.2018.

In addition to the above issue, manufacturer declared that due to typographical error the packing list date for 14 sets of Airjet looms (Made in Japan) is mentioned as 15.02.2018 and the packing list date for 14 sets of Staubli Dobby motion( Made in France) is mentioned as 22.02.2018. Informed that

original packing list date is 20.02.2018 and issued amended packing list for the same with their declaration letter dated 19.04.2022.

**Decision Taken: The matter doesn't fall under the purview of ITC as it is not a technical matter. Hence, ATUFS Section may take a suitable view/decision based on the clarification received from the unit and guidelines of ATUFS.**

**Additional Agenda Point No-01: Enlistment of machinery manufacturers/authorized agents under ATUFS.**

TMB section requested directions from the Internal Technical Committee for carry out the enlistment further in reference to the 39<sup>th</sup> ITC decision dated 29.03.2022 and TxC comment in the noting page of 58<sup>th</sup> ITC file.

**Decision Taken in 39<sup>th</sup> ITC dated 29.03.2022:**

- (i) As the closure of the scheme, in respect to upcoming ITC meetings, the Committee decided that the ITC meeting may be continued further with approval of competent authority.
- (ii) In case of enlistment of machine manufacturer shall be considered where UID will be issued before 31.03.2022. ATUFS cell is requested to provide details of non enlisted manufacturer where JIT is to be convened. The enlistment of new applicant received after 31.03.2022 may not be considered further except ongoing applications in respect to already obtained UID's.

**Section Note:** In reference to the 39<sup>th</sup> ITC decision and approval of the competent authority, TMB section is carrying out the processing of enlistment subject to UID details verification. However in some cases manufacturer details is not available in i-TUFS portal due to non submission of JIT request by beneficiary unit /invoice issued by authorized agent. Since, the beneficiary unit having 2 years timeline (from the date of term loan sanction) for submission of JIT request till that time addition/deletion of machine is allowed under UID which is issued under ATUFS.

**Decision Taken: The committee decided to carry out enlistment of machinery manufacturers /authorized agents henceforth based on the request either from concerned Regional Office or ATUFS section as scheme is ended on 31.03.2022.**