

### **United States**

- ♀ 4201 Wilson Boulevard, #335
  Arlington, Virginia
  USA 22203
- (\*) +1-703-243-0970 +1-703-243-8795 (para Español)

#### **Greater China**

- Unit 914, Star House,3 Salisbury Rd., Tsim Sha Tsui,Kowloon, Hong Kong
- (h) +852-2730-2381

### Bangladesh

- House 52 (Level 2), Road 13/C, Block E, Banani, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- (h) +880-2-982-2339

info@wrapcompliance.org

# WRAP and BGMEA Launch New Chapter of Partnership

(Friday, March 11, 2022) <u>Worldwide Responsible Accredited Production (WRAP)</u> and the <u>Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA)</u> are pleased to renew their longstanding partnership under a newly revitalized Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

The organizations share a deep-seated commitment to ethical manufacturing, with joint efforts in the social compliance space that predominantly focus on education and training. Under the revised MoU — signed by representatives from each party at WRAP's headquarters in Arlington, Virginia on Friday, March 11, 2022 — WRAP will develop a series of training courses for BGMEA members which will be available at no charge and will be held either virtually or in-person, circumstances permitting. Additionally, the association's affiliate program dedicated to the development of human resources in Bangladesh's readymade garment (RMG) and textiles sectors — BGMEA University of Fashion & Technology — will facilitate WRAP trainings for students, employees, and independent auditors. The agreement also covers additional commitments regarding events and sponsorships.

"Bangladesh is one of the world's premier sourcing destinations for garments, and the great efforts and leadership of the BGMEA plays a major role in maintaining that standing," said Avedis Seferian, President and CEO of WRAP. "We have long had an excellent relationship with them and are pleased to renew and extend our partnership to work collectively in advancing the promotion of ethical and sustainable practices across the Bangladeshi apparel sector."

"The high ethical manufacturing standards of Bangladeshi factories are well recognized by brands and consumers globally today," said Faruque Hassan, President of the BGMEA. "This partnership with WRAP will play a vital role in carrying forward the achievements of Bangladesh's garment industry in the area of social compliance and strengthen our industry's standing as a preferred hub of ethical manufacturing in the world."

## About the BGMEA

The Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) is a nationwide trade organization of Bangladeshi garments manufacturers based in the capital city of Dhaka. It is one of the largest trade associations in the country and focuses on the woven garments, knitwear, and sweater sub-sectors of the readymade garment industry. Additional information about the BGMEA can be found at BGMEA.com.

# **About WRAP**

Worldwide Responsible Accredited Production (WRAP) is an independent, objective, non-profit team of global social compliance experts dedicated to promoting safe, lawful, humane, and ethical manufacturing through certification and education. It is the leading facility-based certification organization for sewn products, verifying and improving labor conditions in factories around the world for more than 20 years. Additional information about WRAP can be found at wrapcompliance.org.

# For more information, please contact:

Haley H. Nystrom

Manager, Stakeholder Communications

Worldwide Responsible Accredited Production (WRAP)

Email: Hnystrom@wrapcompliance.org

Phone: (703) 243-6209