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12<sup>th</sup> December'2022

SUB : **MINUTES OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> MEETING OF THE NEW CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PTA HELD ON SATURDAY, THE 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER'2022 THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCE SIMULTANEOUSLY IN PTA (CENTRAL OFFICE), KARACHI AND PTA (NORTHERN ZONE) OFFICE, LAHORE :**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Central Executive Committee of Pakistan Tanners Association for the year 2022-2023 was held on Saturday, the 10<sup>th</sup> December'2022 at 3:00 p.m. simultaneously in PTA Central Office, Karachi and PTA (Northern Zone) Office, Lahore through Video Conference.

Following Central Executive Committee members as well as Special Invitees attended the Meeting :-

<u>Sl. #</u>	<u>Name of Member</u>	<u>Designation</u>
01.	Mr. Muhammad Mehr Ali	Chairman
02.	Mr. Muhammad Shafi	Sr. Vice Chairman
03.	Mr. Fazalur Rehman Sheikh	Vice Chairman
04.	Mr. Agha Saiddain	Member
05.	Mr. Asdaque Sultan	- do -
06.	Mr. Danish Naseem	- do -
07.	Mr. Ejaz Ahmed Sheikh	- do -
08.	Mr. Irfan Iqbal	- do -
09.	Mr. Muttaher Shafique Pasari	- do -
10.	Mr. Naveed Ahmed	- do -
11.	Mr. Tahir Mushtaq	- do -
12.	Mr. Tanveer Aslam Chawla	- do -
13.	Mr. Waqas Shakil	- do -
14.	Sh. Saqib Saeed Masood	- do -
15.	Sheikh Muhammad Shafi	- do -
16.	Mr. Gulzar Firoz	Special Invitee
17.	Mr. Amanullah Aftab	- do -
18.	Mr. Mr. Afzal Hussain	- do -
19.	Mr. Mr. Badre Alam	- do -
20.	Mr. Hamid Arshad Zahur	- do -
21.	Mr. Muhammad Musaddiq	- do -
22.	Mr. Shafique Ahmed	- do -

The meeting commenced with recitation from the Holy Quran by Mr. Muttaher Shafique Pasari.

Before taking-up the Agenda, the House was apprised of the sad demises of i) Late Mr. S.M. Muneer (Chairman – Din Group), Karachi ii) Late Kh. Rashid Raza Sahib father of Kh.Waheed Raza, Kh. Sajjad Ahmad and Kh.Jawad Ahmad Sahib iii) Late Mother of Mr. Muhammad Ali, Secretary General, PTA. The members present in the meeting offered Fateha praying to rest the departed souls in eternal peace and grant strength to the respective bereaved family members to bear the great loss.

The Committee paid high tribute to its founder and respectful senior member Late Mr. S.M. Muneer and accordingly adopted the following Condolence Resolution in his favour :-

**RESOLUTION**

“BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS RESOLVED THAT THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PTA CONDOLED THE SAD DEMISE OF **LATE MR. S.M. MUNEEER** OF M/S. DIN GROUP, KARACHI AND HIS REMARKABLE LONG LIFE SERVICES FOR THE ENTIRE LEATHER INDUSTRY, COUNTRY, BANKS, INSTITUTIONS/EDUCATION, CHARITY ORGANIZATIONS, HOSPITALS AND AS A GREAT PHILANTHROPIST WHICH WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED IN GOLDEN WORDS WITH GREAT PRIDE AS FOUNDER MEMBER OF PTA. THE MEMBERS OFFERED FATEHA PRAYING TO REST THE DEPARTED SOUL IN THE ETERNAL PEACE AND GRANT STRENGTH TO THE RESPECTIVE BEREAVED FAMILY MEMBERS TO BEAR THE GREAT LOSS.”

After Fateha Khuwani & passed the Resolution, the House unanimously endorsed the unprecedented/noble services extended by **Mr. S.M. Muneer (late)** for the Leather Sector of Pakistan for its the promotion which was ultimately termed to be the high Impetus for Leather Sector of Pakistan.

Thereafter, the proceeding on the Agenda of the Meeting started seriatim as under :-

**01. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> & LAST MEETING OF THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PTA FY 2021-2022 AND MINUTES OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> MEETING OF THE NEWLY ELECTED CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FY 2022-2023 BOTH HELD ON 30.09.2022 AT KARACHI & LAHORE VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE** :

Minutes of both meetings were confirmed as proposed by Mr. Muhammad Shafi & seconded by Mr. Agha Saiddain.

**02. TO REVIEW STATUS OF DECISIONS TAKEN DURING 5TH & LAST MEETING OF THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING FY 2021-22 AND 1ST CEC MEETING OF PTA FY 2022-23 BOTH HELD ON 30.09.2022** :

Implementation to the decisions were reviewed & approved by the House with satisfaction.

**03. TO FINALIZE THE POST MORTEM AWARD TO THE MOST SENIOR/FOUNDER MEMBERS OF PTA WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY** :

The proposal floated by **Mr. Muhammad Musaddiq** in writing was hailed/appreciated by the House and approved unanimously for awarding the “**Posthumous**” Award to the founder members of the Association, Mr. S.M. Muneer & Mr. S.M. Saleem in recognition of their entire services to the Leather Industry of Pakistan and NILT, which was unprecedented and written with the golden words in the history of Leather Industry/PTA, for which it was assured to share the actual write up of the approved PTA’s Award to this office for proceeding in this regard to get the proposed write up for the “**Posthumous Award**” from Mr. Irfan Saleem as informed by Mr. Muhammad Musaddiq for finalization for the approved PTA’s Award contents.

It was also decided with announcement made during the meeting for **S.M. Muneer’s Award** in PTA for which necessary committee for the determination of criteria for S.M. Muneer’s Award has been constituted for finalizing the modalities with criteria of the award to be adopted by PTA in future for the eligible members concerned for the approval of CEC in its next meeting for finalization :

01. Mr. M. Mehr Ali, Chairman, PTA.
02. Mr. Muhammad Shafi, Sr. Vice Chairman, PTA.
03. Mr. Fazlur Rehman Sheikh, Vice, Chairman, PTA.
04. Mr. Agha Saiddain, Member, CEC, PTA.
05. Mr. Muhammad Musaddiq, PTA.
06. Mr. Gulzar Firoz.
07. Mr. Amanullah Aftab.

**04. TO UPDATE THE LATEST PROGRESS FOR THE FOLLOWING ISSUES MADE BY PTA :**

- a) IMPORT OF SODIUM SULPHIDE.
- b) REMOVAL OF QUARANTINE CONDITION FOR IMPORT OF RAW MATERIALS.
- c) RELEASE OF SUBSIDY @ 75% ON LAB TESTING FOR PTA'S MEMBERS.

The Committee apprised the House on the issues as under :

**a) IMPORT OF SODIUM SULPHIDE :**

The **Chairman, PTA, Mr. M. Mehr Ali** informed to the house the update with the progress made so far as he went to Islamabad for having a meeting with the Defence Minister, Kh. Asif and other high officials in MOC, Islamabad and informed to them in detail about the importance of the basic chemicals being basic chemicals of the Industry from Zero level production from Raw Hides & skins onward and realized the necessary irrationality for the imposition made by the Chinese Government only for the import of sodium sulphide to Pakistan with cumbersome procedure specially attestation from Ministry of foreign Affairs with other attestation and the Defence Minister has realized the gravity of the situation and assured to solve the issues on priority and issued directives to send the letter to MOFA to get the needful done for the Leather Industry. The Chairman, PTA also informed to the House PTA Central office is making all its best efforts in having coordination with Defence Ministry and MOFA, Islamabad and already submitted detailed clarification with all supportive documents in evident for their satisfaction and anxiously awaiting the positive reply from MOFA, Islamabad (Ministry of Foreign Affairs).

In view of cruciality of the issue, it was decided by the House to approach to Prime Minister of Pakistan & Foreign Affairs Minister, Mr. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari for their intervention into the matter of significant nature for early resolution for authorization of Foreign Affairs and its Camp office for the attestation of declaration certificate. The Chairman, PTA also informed that the Draft Declaration/undertaking has also been submitted by PTA to Defence Minister & concerned organization for finalization.

It was also decided to keep the matter of significant alive thru print media and keep sending letters to the Ministries concerned until the resolution. Also decided to approach to Chairman, **LEPC, Ch. Zulfiqar Hayat** for resolution of the issue for the Leather Industry and decided to invite Chairman ,LEPC for participation in next CEC Meeting

**b) REMOVAL OF QUARANTINE CONDITION FOR IMPORT OF RAW MATERIALS :**

Mr. Amanullah Aftab, Ex-Chairman, PTA informed to the House that he had a meeting in Islamabad on 13.10.2022 with Addl., Secretary, Ministry of Food & Research, Mr. Khalid Raza wherein discussed the matter in detail with submission of papers evidences/letters of PTA and in follow up of the meeting PTA has also submitted the desired clarification in writing to Addl., Secretary on advice of Mr. Amanullah Aftab and now finally revealed that the file with positive note has been moved Secretary, Ministry of Food & Research, Isl and awaiting the reply. Mr. Amanullah Aftab assured to keep in touch with him and the CEC members know the further update in this regard shortly.

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c) **RELEASE OF SUBSIDY @ 75% ON LAB TESTING FOR PTA'S MEMBERS :**

It was informed to the House the matter in question was also raised by Mr. Amanullah Aftab, Ex-Chairman, PTA during EDF Board meeting held on 13.10.2022 at Islamabad among other matters and it was decided by the House to appoint the same auditor for Leather for PTA's members subsidy on lab testing as has already been approved for PLGMEA for Leather Garments in view of similarity of the case the PLGMEA members are already getting subsidy on leather for Leather Garments for which it was informed to the House also that a meeting with New CE/TDAP is being arranged to take up the matter more strongly for finalization of this pending issue for the appointment of Auditor for PTA's members lab testing subsidy @ 75% which was approved already by EDF with the allocation of approved fund for Rs.60 Million which is already parked in the Joint Account of PTA & TDAP in NBP, FTC Branch, Karachi.

**05. TO UPDATE THE PROGRESS FOR THE REVISION OF DUTY DRAWBACK RATES FOR LEATHER WITH IOCO, KARACHI :**

It was informed to the House the progress made so far for submission of revised Calculation sheet for DDR for finished leather, which was originally submitted to IOCO, Karachi vide our letter dt. 22.07.2022, but IOCO has refused to accept the calculation of PTA for the DDR and issued letter to PTA with subsequent reminders for re-submission of revised Calculation sheet for DDR for finished leather as the last received from them dt. 06.12.2022 was also shared with CEC Members for compliance. It was decided with consensus to request to members concerned i.e. Mr. Muhammad Musaddiq, for Cow Buffalo sheet, Mr. Hamid Zahur for Sheep & Goat sheets and Mr. Amanullah Aftab for upholstery Leather to finalize the sheets for early submission to IOCO, Karachi and to get the appointment from IOCO, Karachi for physical appearance in a meeting for discussion & sorting the issue for finalization to be made amicably with IOCO, Karachi.

Meanwhile, it was also decided to take up the matter with the Chairman, FBR to discuss this serious issue for the determination of DDR for finished leather, so that the proceedings could be made in parallel for finalization in favor of PTA's members for the upward revision of DDR for finished leather.

**06. TO DISCUSS VISION OF PTA IN FUTURE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF PTA / LEATHER SECTOR OF PAKISTAN :**

The **Chairman, PTA, Mr. Muhammad Mehr Ali placed** the vision of PTA in future as detailed below with brief details to each aspects of the vision of PTA :-

VISION OF PTA IN FUTURE FOR BETTERMENT OF LEATHER INDUSTRY  
WORLDWIDE

It is proposed to consider to adopt the following measures with the **Vision of PTA** for the betterment of **Leather Sector of Pakistan** worldwide in future :-

<b>Research Cell</b>	To adopt to evolve "Research Cell" in PTA for the Leather industry to make coordinate internationally for compilation of data of import & exports of the world.
<b>International Affiliation</b>	It is proposed to make MOU with international organization by PTA to exchange the statistics & other productive features for facilitative to the members.
<b>Annual Dinner</b>	It is proposed to organize an Annual Dinner of PTA wherein to consider to award the best Export Trophies with other features for generating the income for PTA.
<b>Social Media</b>	To connect with social networking with "Face Book, Twitter, YouTube & LinkedIn to explore the business avenues for Leather Industry.

<b>Media Coordination</b>	It is utmost imperative to make coordination with local print & electronics to get impressive & wide coverage for PTA's issues to get the limelight of the Government.
<b>Decentralize of Standing Committees</b>	It is also proposed to Decentralize the Standing Committee with empowerment for the resolution of respective issues related to Standing Committees
The House wholehearted appreciated the efforts of Chairman, PTA with the proposal of Vision of PTA, which is termed to be vital need of the Industry to be mandatory for the promotion of image building of the Industry domestically & international. After threadbare discussion made thereon the following respective <b>Committees have been constituted</b> head wise of the vision as below for proceeding further for submission the progress to the next CEC Meeting :-	
<b>Research Cell</b>	Mr. Agha Saiddain, Convener, Mr. Muhammad Musaddiq, Member.
<b>International Affiliation</b>	Mr. Muhammad Musaddiq, Convener, Mr. Mehr Ali & Mr. Agha Saiddain, Members.
<b>Annual Dinner</b>	Mr. Asadaque Sultan, Convener, Mr. M. Shafi, Mr. Badre Alam.
<b>Social Media</b>	Mr. M. Mehr Ali, Convener, Mr. Badre Alam & Mr. Hamid Zahur.
<b>Media Coordination</b>	Mr. Gulzar Firoz, Convener, Mr. Agha Saiddain, Mr. Badre Alam & Mr. Amanullah Aftab.
<b>Decentralize of Standing Committees</b>	Mr. M. Mehr Ali, Convener, Mr. Ejaz Ahmed sheikh & Mr. Fazlur Rehman Sheikh.

**07. TO UPDATE FOR THE BOOKING OF STANDS IN PMLS-2023, LAHORE WITH FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON PTA FOR ORGANIZING THE SHOW IN SEPARATE HALL # 1 :**

It was informed to the House the update for the stands in 8<sup>th</sup> PMLS'23, Lahore as PFMA has refused to accept the PTA's proposals for 50% in each hall or 60% PFMA and 40% for PTA as was sent to them in compliance with CEC earlier decision, resultantly it was compulsion to organize the Show in separate hall # 1 of 8<sup>th</sup> PMLS'23, Lahore. The House was also informed about the total Receipt of the Show as to be conclude as per existing number of booking of stands is Rs.9.6 Million while only receipt from the interested firms is Rs.4.6 Million, while around 55 Booths out of 170 total capacities are still available in Hall # 1 for PTA for allocation to the interested members. The house reviewed the gravity of the situation for the remaining 55 booths empty in hand while PTA is essentially required the fund for meeting mandatory expenditure would be Rs.12.5 Million for the space rent, construction, carpet, shell scheme stands & other allied expenditure for meeting conveniently.

It was decided in view of the situation to request to Mr. Asadque Sultan to activate the remaining chemicals firms & to use other sources for the booking of atleast 25 Booths to meet the targeted receipt of the Show'23 for meeting the financial requirement of the Show to shoulder off PTA's financial responsibilities for the Show this year in 2023 at break even without any sort of financial earning from the Show this year in 2023.

**08. TO UPDATE THE PROGRESS FOR ALLOCATION OF FUND FOR RS.113 MILLION FOR INTERNATIONAL FAIRS WITH OUTCOME OF EDF BOARD MEETING HELD ON 13.10.2022 THROUGH ZOOM AT ISLAMABAD :**

The house was also informed in detail about the allocation of funds for Rs.113 Million with 80% subsidy on stand cost for PTA's members participation in international leather fairs around the globe, which was placed for discussion in 82<sup>nd</sup> EDF Board Meeting being Agenda Item # 6 held on 13.10.2022 which was represented by Mr. Amanullah Aftab physically @ Islamabad and the Honourable Chairman, PTA and SG/PTA were also attended at zoom wherein it was discussed & decided to allocate this required funds thru TDAP as the sufficient funds has already been allotted by EDF this time to TDAP, Karachi to enable them for allocation to PTA and others to be rational policy as was in practice earlier for allocation of funds for Int'l Fairs thru PTA.

In this context, PTA is arranging a Meeting with New CE/TDAP, Mr. Zubair Motiwala to include this point also in Agenda for discussion & finalization. The SG/PTA, Mr. Muhammad Ali PTA has already the subsidies cheques for 1) Lineapelle Fair, Feb'22, Italy @ 25% on stand cost as already approved by EDF earlier out of allocated funds for Rs.18.122 Million available in PTA & TDAP Joint @ NBP, FTC, branch, Karachi, while 2<sup>nd</sup> RO (Release Order) for the subsidy of **APLF DUBAI, MARCH'22, UAE** for finalization for releasing the subsidies cheques to the participants concerned shortly.

**09. TO CONFIRM WITH RATIFICATION OF NEWLY PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEES FOR THE YEAR 2022-23 FOR PTA CENTRAL :**

Ratification to the constitution of Standing Committees of PTA Central for the year 2022-23 has been confirmed by the House.

**10. TO ANY OTHER MATTER WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR:**

a) **To discuss a letter received from MOC, for the support Centre for Leather at Sialkot :**

The house reviewed the Draft reply prepared in this regard to the proposal of Support Centre for Leather at Sialkot Tannery, Sialkot and approved unanimously for finalization for onward submission with PTA's input thereon to MOC, Islamabad.


b) **To discuss the issue for 5% withholding Tax on purchase of Raw hides & skins for back lock period of July'21 to June'22 :**

The matter in question was discussed & debated thoroughly for the back lock period of July'21 to June'22, which was originally discussed with Chairman, FBR during a separate meeting held on 16.06.2022 at Islamabad by PTA's Delegation led by Ex-chairman, PTA, Mr. Amanullah Aftab, Mr. Agha Saiddain, Mr. Azmat Saleem Sheikh & SG/PTA and outcome of the meeting on this specific was not encouraging/positive while onward removal from July'22 in the Finance Bill 2022 has been approved by Chairman, FBR during the meeting at Islamabad.

It was also informed to the house that PTA's already sent detailed letter with reminder for the removal of previous back lock period to FBR, Chairman But Unfortunately No positive reply has yet been received from them. In view of prevailing circumstances, it was decided by the House to deal by the firm concerned who have been issued Notice for the previous year with regional offices of FBR /Sales Tax Department independently for adequate resolution with mutual understanding between the member firm & FBR's regional offices to close outstanding period, while onward is already removed for facilitation to members from July'22 which has already been approved/made in financial Bill 2022

Since there being no other matter to discuss, the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

APPROVED :



**MUHAMMAD MEHR ALI  
CHAIRMAN**

Yours faithfully,  
For: PAKISTAN TANNERS ASSOCIATION



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