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Additional duty on import of 22 items abolished

The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has abolished additional customs duty on the import of 22 items including synthetic organic tanning substances. The FBR has amended S.R.O.630(1)/2018 through an S.R.O.191(1)/2019 dated 11.02.2019 to be effective from 21st March'2019.

According to the notification, Additional Customs Duty would not be applicable on the import of toluene (Pakistan Customs Tariff heading 2902.3000), Butanone (methyl ethyl ketone) (PCT 2914.1200), other (PCT 2915.1290), - Other (PCT 2933.9990), - synthetic organic tanning substances (PCT 3202.1000), tanning substances, tanning preparations based on chromium sulphate (PCT 3202.9010), Other (PCT 3202.9090), disperse dyes and preparations based thereon (PCT 3204.1100), basic dyes and preparations based thereon (PCT 3204.1300), Other (PCT 3207.1090), Other (PCT 3208.1090), Other (PCT 3208.9090), Mould release preparations (PCT 3403.9910), shoe adhesives (PCT 3506.9110), other (PCT 3812.3900), acrylic binders (PCT 3906.9020), - other (PCT 4005.1090), Other (PCT 4005.9900), machinery for making or repairing footwear (PCT 8453.2000), buttons (PCT 9606.2920) and other falling under the PCT heading 9606.2990.

Following is the text of the S.R.O.191(1)/2019 dated 11th February'2019 issued here on Tuesday: - In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (5) of section 18 of the Customs Act, 1969 (IV of 1969), the Federal Government is pleased to direct that the following further amendment shall be made in its Notification No.S.R.O.630(1)/2018, dated the 24th May, 2018, namely: -

In the aforesaid Notification, -

(i) after clause (iii), the following new clause shall be inserted, namely:

“(iia) import of goods classifiable under PCT codes 2902.3000, 2914.1200, 2915.1290, 2933.9990, 3202.1000, 3202.9010, 3202.9090, 3204.1100, 3204.1300, 3207.1090, 3208.1090, 3208.9090, 3403.9910, 3506.9110, 3506.9190, 3812.3900, 3906.9020, 4005.1090, 4005.9900, 8453.2000, 9606.2920 and 9606.2990;” and

(ii) in clause vii in sub-clause (c) after the words “Part VII, the words “and Part VIII” shall be added.

Meeting with Secretary Commerce held on 25.01.2019

PTA delegation comprising Mr. Agha Saiddain, Chairman, PTA, Mr. Mansoor Iqbal, Mr. Anjum Zafar and Mr. Azam Malik met Secretary Commerce, Mr. M. Younus Dagha to discuss anomaly in Mini Budget 2019 and requested to remove the Custom Duty of 11% on import of Stamping Foils which was already announced at '0' rated in Federal Budget 2018-19 under Part-III of the 5th Schedule of the Customs Act, 1969. The Secretary Commerce has assured to rectify the anomaly.



A group photo of PTA delegation snapped with the Secretary Commerce (4R)

MINI BUDGET – 2019 Announced by the Federal Minister for Finance on 23.01.2019

Following Incentives announced in Mini Budget 2019 :

| HS Code | Description | CD | CD as per Mini Budget | Reduced |
|-----------|--|----|-----------------------|---------|
| 2915.1100 | FORMIC ACID | 20 | 16 | (4) |
| 2915.1210 | SODIUM FORMATE | 3 | - | (3) |
| 3403.1110 | Of a kind used in the leather or like industries | 20 | 16 | (4) |
| 3403.9110 | OF A KIND USED IN THE LEATHER OR LIKE INDUSTRIES INCLUDING FAT LIQUORS | 20 | 16 | (4) |
| 3809.9300 | OF A KIND USED IN THE LEATHER OR LIKE INDUSTRIES | 16 | 11 | (5) |
| 3909.5000 | POLYURETHANES | 3 | - | (3) |

Machinery & Spare Parts

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| 8453.1000 | Machinery | 3 | - | (3) |
| 8453.9000 | Spare Parts | 3 | - | (3) |

Salient Features of the Mini Budget announced on 23.01.2019

1. 20% tax on banks profit for SMEs from 39%.
2. Agricultural loan tax 20% from 39%.
3. Qarza e Hasna for Home Developers.
4. Withholding Tax abolished on Cash Withdrawal for Filers.
5. Import tax 6% full & final and no minimum anymore.
6. Non filers can buy cars upto 1300cc.
7. Withholding Tax statements will be filed half yearly instead of monthly.
8. Tax for small marriage lawns upto 500 sqft 5000 from 20000.
9. Duty waived on import of news prints.
10. Small industries are incentives.
11. Plant and machinery for green projects, complete tax waiver.
12. No super tax on non banking company.
13. No tax on retain earning.
14. Advance tax on purchase and sale of shares is completely abolished 0%.
15. Carry forward of capital loss is allowed for 3 years.
16. Negotiable instruments/promissory notes against refunds.
17. Duty increase on luxury cars.
18. Duty increase on Stamping Foils – 3212.1000 at 11%.

OUTCOME OF THE MEETING HELD WITH ADVISOR ON COMMERCE MINISTER ON 15.01.19 AT ISLAMABAD BY MR. AZAM MALIK, MEMBER, EXPORT/DLTL/TAXES STRATEGIC STANDING COMMITTEE, PTA

As nominated by the Chairman, PTA, Mr. Azam Malik, Senior Member, PTA attended the meeting held with Mr. Abdul Razak Dawood, Advisor on Commerce & Textile on 15th January'2019 at Islamabad to discuss following pending issues of Leather Industry :

1. To release of Pending Sales Tax refunds and DLTL Cases for which the Advisor on Commerce confirmed that by end of the month of January'2019 all pending Refunds claims of Leather Industry will be cleared approx. 1/3rd will be paid in cash by end of this month and 2/3 will be paid by promissory Note by end of Feb.
2. The tenure and rate of interest is still to be fixed. This bond will be saleable as well.
3. To allow regular department of Lahore to release refund claims. The Advisor on Commerce replied that a new frame work to settle the refunds is being worked out very soon and all refunds will be paid directly by State Bank to our accounts without involving any other department.
4. To reduce duty on import of Chemicals for leather industry. The Advisor on Commerce assured PTA that they are considering it very seriously and soon we will know the outcome in Mini Budget.
5. To include Finished / Dyed Leather in DLTL Order, 2018 for which he already agreed with PTA's proposal. Unfortunately he did not give any definite answer on that. I again pleaded strongly that it must be considered and it is a high value added product and must be added in DLTL programme. He agreed to review this in March which means PTA still have to follow this proposal.

Conclusion:

Mr. Abdul Razak Dawood was very aggressive, strong and extremely positive to lift the export. The Advisor said after settlement of all current problems of Leather Industry he will call PTA again to discuss leather value added product, he mentioned categorically that he wants ladies leather bag industry and ladies shoes industry to grow in Pakistan and for that Ministry of Commerce will go all out to help leather industry. He considers our leather industry has good potential to grow and carries good image of PTA.

Mr. Azam Malik presenting issues of Leather Industry to Mr. Abdul Razak Dawood, Advisor on Commerce during the meeting held in Ministry of Commerce, Islamabad on 15.01.2019



OUTCOME OF THE MEETING HELD WITH THE ADVISOR ON COMMERCE & TEXTILE ON 12.01.2019 VIA VIDEO LINK

Mr. Agha Saiddain, Chairman, PTA participated in the meeting arranged on very short notice received on phone from the office of the Advisor on Commerce on 12th January 2019 in PTA Northern Zone Office, Lahore and Ministry of Commerce, Islamabad simultaneously via Video Conference. Mr. Abdul Razak Dawood presided over the meeting. The meeting was also attended by the representatives of the Pakistan Chemical Manufacturers Association who had some reservations on PTA's recommendations for reduction in duties on various chemicals.

However, the Chairman, PTA strongly explained PTA's genuine demand for reduction in duty on some tanning chemicals. The Advisor on Commerce & Textiles agreed with PTA's proposal and assured to resolve the issue of Leather Industry.



View of the meeting held via Video Conference simultaneously in Ministry of Commerce, Islamabad and PTA Northern Zone Office, Lahore on 12.01.2019, representative of Pakistan Chemicals Manufacturers Association are also seen

MEETING WITH MR. SHAUKAT ZAMAN, DIRECTOR (TRADE), PBS HELD ON 28.12.2018 AT PBS-KARACHI

A meeting of PTA Delegation was held with Mr. Shaukat Zaman, Director (Trade) in Pakistan Bureau of Statistics in his office at Karachi which was attended by Mr. Hamid Arshad Zahur and Sheikh Afzal Hussain to discuss the serious issue of unit price of leather and after threadbare discussion it was agreed with consensus to work out more deeply on the statistics obtained by delegation from PBS for submission of summary of calculation with proposed destination to have 2nd round of meeting shortly to finalise the understanding between PTA AND PBS to make it precisely to the actual extend under the prevailing unit price of leather in international market as the point was raised to determine actual unit price of leather in last CEC meeting.

During the meeting it was revealed that PBS does not have any way of verifying the data as provided by customs/ fbr... The values seem to be ok, but major error is seen in unit price and total units, as reported by PBS in sqm.

The meeting was concluded by deciding to run a test case on exports to 3 - 5 specific countries, based on individual HS Codes and work with PBS to see if the data they have is really authentic?

PTA delegation discussing with the Director and officials of PBS regarding discrepancy in Unit Price on export of Finished Leather



MEETING OF PTA DELEGATION WITH SECRETARY COMMERCE ON 20.12.2018

PTA Delegation led by Mr. Agha Saiddain, Chairman, PTA accompanied by Khawaja Muhammad Mehr Ali, Vice Chairman, PTA (central) and Mr. Azam Malik, Senior Member, PTA met with Secretary Commerce, Mr. Muhammad Younas Dagha and discussed the reasons for declining in export of Leather Sector in general and finished leather in particular. The Chairman, PTA also delivered a comprehensive presentation on the Leather Industry on power point to draw attention of the Secretary Commerce on core issues of the Leather Industry as follows :

- To include Finished Leather / Dyed Leather – value added product in SRO 711(I)/2019 dated 08.06.2018 and continue to allow 4% Drawback of on export of Finished/Dyed Leather for the year July-June 2017-18, 2018-19 & 2019-2020.
- To remove requirement of Certificate on import of Hides/Skins Raw and Wetblue imposed under SRO 1067(I)/2017 dated 26.10.2017.
- To withdraw Custom Duty / Sales Tax on import of Tanning Machines.
- To allow Matching grant for setting-up Treatment Plants as allowed in STPF 2009-12.
- To allow Duty Drawback Rates on Finished leather as was recommended by IOCO after 3-years working instead of reduced rates as notified by the FBR vide its SRO 923(I)/2015 dated 08.09.2015.
- To allow withdrawal of additional regulatory duty on import of basic chemicals as imposed under SRO 1135(I)/2017 dated 16.10.2017.
- To increase subsidy on participation in Int'l Fairs and Exhibitions.
- To revised SRO 578 (I)/2016 dated 01.07.2016 for Government subsidy on import of 24 Tanning Machines.
- To remove 3% Custom Duty on import of Finished Leather.
- To finalize FTA with Japan/South Korea, China and other Countries.
- To grant 75% subsidy on international lab testing of Finished Leather.
- To release of 2.5% pending DLTL FY 2017-18.
- To allow level playing field to Leather Sector Industry of Pakistan.
- To expedite release of pending Duty Drawback Claims from Lahore Collectorate.

The Sr. Vice Chairman, PTA participated in the Business Community Meeting held on 9th December'2018 in Governor House, Karachi presided over by the Prime Minister of Pakistan

Mr. Kamran Habib, Sr. Vice Chairman, PTA (Central) participated in the Meeting of the Business Community held in Governor House on 09.12.2018 which was presided over by the Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr. Imran Khan Niazi to discuss trade issues with the business community.

Mr. Kamran Habib have the opportunity to present the following issues of leather industry to the PM for resolution and favourable consideration to provide more viable level playing field to this 2nd biggest export oriented Industry of the country for fetching precious foreign exchange for the country :

- To include Dyed/Finished Leather with 6 related H.S. codes already submitted to MOC in June'2017 vide PTA's letter in the DLTL scheme for the year 2018-21. A detailed presentation made to MOC and available with them.

- Rather than to consider to announce “Bonds” in US\$ or Euro to International market with the payment of “Advance Interest” which could be around 10-12%, which is really exorbitant/detrimental to the economy. We proposed during the meeting to consider to offer necessary incentives, which could be around 5%-7% in comparison to the Advance interest percentage to the core export Industries including Leather Sector of Pakistan, which have great potential for further acceleration/exploration of business avenues for the supreme motive to yield the sizeable foreign exchange in terms of US\$ or Euro’s.

On PTA instance, PM has directed during the meeting to form a “syndicate / Advisory Committee ” with the representation of all allied Government Ministries/Departments concerned specially a representative from Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Finance, FBR, Ministry of Industries & Production and from our Association (PTA) with necessary empowerment to sort the issues for this vibrant Industry of the country, so that all ongoing issues for the export Industries would be resolved immediately for the desired goals.



UP-COMMING EVENTS

Indo Leather & Footwear, 4-6th April, 2019 at Jakarta, Indonesia

Fairs & Exhibitions

PTA successfully organized Lineapelle Fair – Italy – from 20-22 Feb-2019

Pakistan Pavilion in Lineapelle Fair, Milan, Italy organized by PTA successfully from 20-22nd February'2019 for its 23 member participants for displaying their finest quality of Leather & Leather Products wherein about 45 countries exhibited.

Ambassador of Pakistan Mr. Nadeem Riyaz visited Pakistan Pavilion in Lineapelle Fair, Milan on 21st February'2019 and appreciated the participants for displaying finest quality of innovative value added Finished Leather of all sorts as well as to portray positive image of Pakistan. On the occasion, Mr. Agha Saiddain, Chairman, PTA presented him PTA's Shield during his visit to PTA participant's Stands during Lineapelle Fair.

Outcome of Pakistan's participation in this event is very encouraging, customers/ visitors/foreign buyers are in large number and it is expected to conclude enormous business during the Fair, which would certainly cause to earn precious foreign exchange for the country.



Mr. Agha Saiddain, Chairman, PTA and Mr. Kamran Habib, Sr. Vice Chairman, PTA alongwith other members discussing with the Ambassador of Pakistan in Italy during the Fair at Milan

Mr. Agha Saiddain Chairman, Mr. Amanullah Aftab Chairman, International Fair S/C and alongwith other Members presenting shield to the Ambassador of Pakistan in Italy during his visit to Pakistan Pavilion in Lineapelle Fair at Milan on 21.02.2019

OUTCOME OF 5TH PMLS-2019 AT LAHORE

5th Pakistan Mega Leather Show in consecutive was held in Lahore International Expo Centre, Lahore (Pakistan) from 27-29th January'2019, which was jointly organized by all stakeholders of Leather Sector of Pakistan such as Finished Leather (Pakistan Tanners Association - PTA), Leather Footwear (Pakistan Footwear Manufacturers Association - PFMA), Leather Garments (Pakistan Leather Garments Manufacturers & Exporters Association - PLGMEA) and Leather Gloves (Pakistan Leather Gloves Manufacturers & Exporters Association - PGMEA) with the patronage of Government of Pakistan, Trade Development Authority of Pakistan. It was joint collaborated efforts for organizing 5th Pakistan Mega Leather Show in Lahore (Pakistan) with the exclusive motive(s) 1) To portray Country's soft image abroad 2) To motivate the leather business entrepreneurs for business growth 3) To enhance the confidence of investors in Pakistan's business market and to attract international masses towards the tremendous potentials that exist in the leather sector of Pakistan and enhance the domestic potential strength to provide viable platform within the country for joint ventures between the allied industries of Leather Sector of Pakistan and foreign companies.



PRESS CONFERENCE

The first activity of Pakistan Mega Leather Show (PMLS) 2019 was holding of Press Conference which was held on 24th January'2019 at prominent Hotel in Lahore. The Press Conference was addressed by Mr. Agha Saiddain, Chairman, Pakistan Tanners Association alongwith Mr. Hassan Javed, Chairman, PFMA, Mr. Jawad Musaddiq, Co-Convenor-PMLS-PFMA which was also attended by Mr. Muhammad Zubair, Vice Chairman, PFMA, Mr. Anjum Zafar, Former Chairman, PTA Mr. Azam Malik, Senior Member, PTA, members, PTA & PFMA, Business community and large number of representative of Electronic and press media. He informed the Press that many foreign participants would also attend the Show.

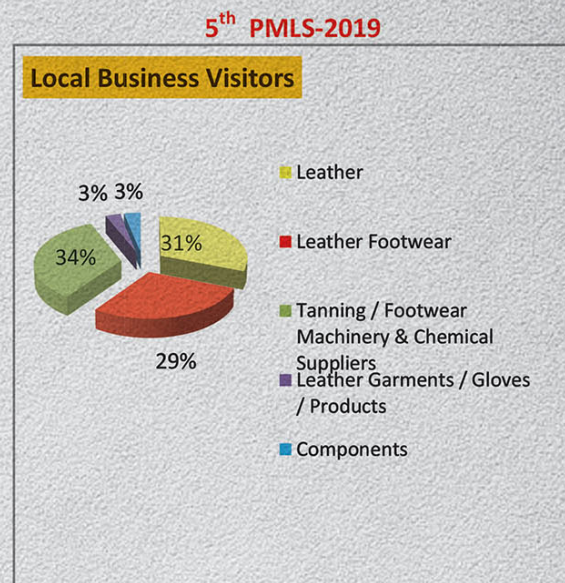
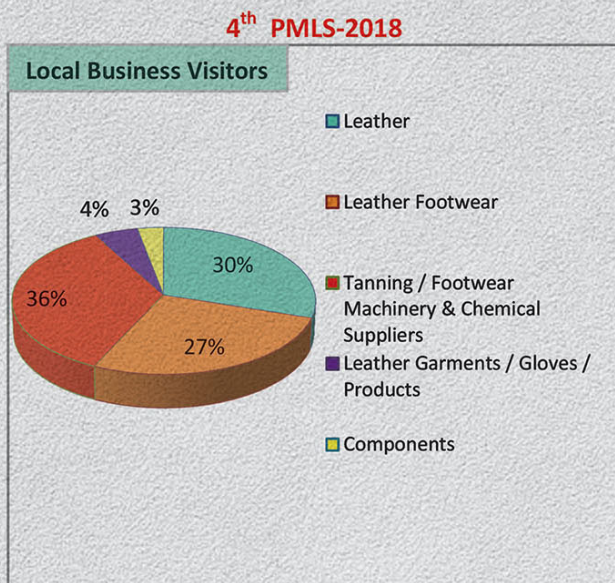
In the Press Conference, Mr. Agha Saiddain informed the salient features of 5th Pakistan Mega Leather Show and gave a comparison of activities and attendance of 4th PMLS-2018 and expectation of 5th PMLS-2019.



Local Trade visitors/buyers

Registration counter was set-up at Entrance of Hall 2 & Hall 3 separately for registration of visitors and buyers who visited the PMLS-2019.

As per data compiled at both the registration counters revealed that around 13000-14500 trade visitors were registered with our computerized system during 3 days of the show as made visit to the stands in both halls for business collaborations, B2B meetings and participation in Seminars on various Leather related topics organized in both the Halls for providing latest information and innovation in Leather.



Conclusion

The show was fully crowded on last day of the Exhibition being the conclusion day of the Show and all the stands were quite busy with the business conclusion/ties to the finalization extent. The outcome of 5th Pakistan Mega Leather Show was outstanding as beyond the expectation as achieved the desired goals/objectives of the Show. All the Exhibitors specially foreign Exhibitors, Foreign Groups were satisfied and committed to participate in the next show too.

Participants were found happy and shown in advance to continue their participation in next PMLS'2020 to be held from 27-29th January'2020 in Lahore Int'l Expo Centre, Lahore.

Mega Leather Show in Lahore has now become an icon of Leather Sector of Pakistan as already established its recognition domestically & internationally that offers countless business opportunities and is surely the most cost effective means for boosting the sales potential/exports. As such, all interested may avail this unique & vital opportunity/platform in Pakistan as most potential destination of the world for participation for the best return of their investment/joint ventures/collaborations

DIFFERENT VIEWS OF THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF PMLS-2019 INAUGURATED BY THE ADVISOR ON COMMERCE, MR. ABDUL RAZAK DAWOOD ON 28.01.2019







PTA Members Meeting with Mr. Abdul Razak Dawood, Advisor on Commerce held on 28.01.2019 at Lahore Int'l Expo Centre to discuss issues of Leather Industry



Honourable Consul General of Turkey in Pakistan, Mr. Emir Ozbay visiting stand of Royal Leather and Pelle Classics during PMLS-2019 at Lahore Int'l Expo Centre

AWARDS DISTRIBUTION ON THE OCCASION OF ANNUAL DINNER HOST ON 2ND DAY OF THE 5TH MLS ON 28.01.2019



Activities of PTA - Southern Zone, Karachi



MR. KAMRAN HABIB CHAIRMAN PTA (S.Z) HAVING MEETING WITH DIRECTOR P.C.S.I.R. DR. RAB NAWAZ IN K.A.T.I



MR. SHEIKH MUHAMMAD IMRAN, VICE CHAIRMAN PTA (S.Z) BRIEFING CONSULTANT ABOUT ONGOING INFRA-STRUCTURE PROJECTS IN SECTOR 7/A, KIA.



SECRETARY PTA (S.Z) BRIEFING ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER KORANGI ABOUT THE ILLEGAL ENCROACHMENTS BEEN DONE ON ROAD 5000.



MR. SHEIKH MUHAMMAD IMRAN, VICE CHAIRMAN PTA(S.Z) ATTENDED MEETING WITH DG RANGERS, MR. SHAFIQUE OF PAKISTAN RANGERS IN K.A.T.I.



MR. KAMRAN HABIB, CHAIRMAN PTA (S.Z) WELCOMES HONORABLE GOVERNOR SINDH, MR. IMRAN ISMAIL UPON VISIT AT K.A.T.I.



MR. KAMRAN HABIB, CHAIRMAN PTA (S.Z) PRESENTING FLOWERS TO COMMISSIONER KARACHI MR. IFTIKHAR SHALLWANI, DURING A MEETING IN HIS OFFICE.



A GROUP PHOTO OF MAYOR KARACHI, MR. WASIM AKHTAR VISIT OF KATI ALONGWITH PRESIDENT K.A.T.I. MR. DANISH KHAN & CHAIRMAN PTA (S.Z) MR. KAMRAN HABIB.



MR. KAMRAN HABIB, CHAIRMAN PTA (S.Z) PRESENTING SHIELD TO MR. IFTIKHAR SHALLWANI, COMMISSIONER KARACHI UPON HIS VISIT TO PTA (S.Z) OFFICE.



MR. AZIZ AHMED, CHAIRMAN INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE PTA (S.Z) & SHEIKH MUHAMMAD IMRAN, VICE CHAIRMAN PTA (S.Z) DISCUSSING INFRASTRUCTURE RELATED ISSUE WITH CONSULTANT.



GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY OF CONSTRUCTION OF SOUTHERN AVENUE ROAD IN SECTOR 7-A.



INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEMBERS INSPECTING WORK OF CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD ON SOUTHERN AVENUE.

Press Clippings

BUSINESS RECORDER KARACHI TUESDAY 29 JANUARY 2019

Exports will hit all-time high in 2019, claims Dawood

RECORDER REPORT
LAHORE: Adviser to Prime Minister and Commerce, Textile, Industry and Production and Investment Abdul Razzaq Dawood said on Monday that this year the country's exports will reach an all-time high.

Talking to the media here at Expo Centre after inaugurating the 5th Pakistan Mega Leather Show 2019 (PMLS 2019) at Expo Centre, Dawood said: "Despite difficulties, the country's economy is heading towards improvement."

Vowing to "increase exports rapidly", Razzaq Dawood said: "We are working on a strategy to increase exports. The business community and the government can work together to overcome challenges."

About recently-presented mini-budget, he said it would revive and facilitate investment and economic growth. "The main aim of the reform package is to boost supply-side of the economy and enhance production and exports," he said. He said the government is moving towards direct taxation while gradually curtailing indirect taxes. Dawood said that Pakistan had already inked a number of agreements with Afghanistan to boost trade.

To a query, he said the new visa regime would also help increase the country's investment portfolio as foreign investors would come to make investment. The adviser congratulated the members of Pakistan Footwear Manufacturers Association (PFMA) and Pakistan Tanners Association (PTA) for organizing the event. He also visited the stalls and interacted with national and international exhibitors.

In the show, more than 300 stalls have been set up to attract visitors from different segments of the leather industry, business community, related organizations and members of the public. The exhibitors showcased a wide range of products on their stalls.

The event provided a viable platform to nurture stronger ties and develop potential areas of collaboration between the allied industries of the leather sector of Pakistan. It also featured a special exhibition of quality products in leather manufacturing industry of Pakistan.

The event consisted of business-to-business meetings to be held on all three days. The event has presence from international and domestic footwear designers, buyers of footwear and leather-goods, and consumers. This platform provided the visitors access to vital information and networking opportunities with the national and international customers, said Hassan Javed, Chairman Pakistan Footwear Manufacturers Association.

Chairman PTA Agha Saddiq said: "Production, tanning and manufacturing of leather goods is credited as the second biggest export-oriented industry in the manufacturing sector of Pakistan. The PMLS 2019 attracted potential buyers and investors from China, India, Italy, Germany, Hong Kong, Cyprus, the USA, UAE, Spain and Tunisia. They showed keen interest in the growing leather industry of Pakistan".

BUSINESS RECORDER KARACHI FRIDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2019

PTA demands restoration of DLTL on finished leather

MUSHTAQ HAFEEZ
LAHORE: The Pakistan Tanners Association (PTA) has demanded the restoration of the duty-free status of finished leather (DLTL) on finished leather. The association said that the government had imposed a 25 percent duty on finished leather, which was previously exempt from duty. The PTA said that this duty would increase the cost of leather goods and reduce the competitiveness of the industry. It demanded that the government should restore the DLTL status to finished leather to support the industry and protect jobs. The PTA also said that the government should provide incentives to the leather industry to encourage investment and growth.

BUSINESS RECORDER KARACHI FRIDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2019

PTA for removal of irritants affecting leather export

MUSHTAQ HAFEEZ
LAHORE: In the backdrop of continued disincentives, the Pakistan Tanners Association (PTA) has demanded the removal of irritants affecting leather export. The association said that the government had imposed a 25 percent duty on finished leather, which was previously exempt from duty. The PTA said that this duty would increase the cost of leather goods and reduce the competitiveness of the industry. It demanded that the government should remove the irritants to support the industry and protect jobs. The PTA also said that the government should provide incentives to the leather industry to encourage investment and growth.

روزنامہ تجزیہ 25 جنوری 2019

15 مارچ کو شروع ہونے والے 27 ویں بین الاقوامی پاکستان میگا لیٹر شو 2019 (PMLS 2019) کا افتتاحی تقریب ہوئی۔ وزیر ممبرانہ اور تجارت، ٹیکسٹائل، صنعت اور سرمایہ کاری عبدالرزاق داؤد نے تقریب میں شرکت کی۔

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PTA flags India over levy of 200pc duty on imports from Pakistan

MUSHTAQ HAFEEZ
LAHORE: The Pakistan Tanners Association (PTA) has flagged the imposition of a 200 percent duty on leather imports from Pakistan by India. The association said that this duty would severely impact the leather industry in Pakistan and reduce the competitiveness of the industry. It demanded that India should remove the duty to support the industry and protect jobs. The PTA also said that the government should provide incentives to the leather industry to encourage investment and growth.

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The News International, Friday, January 25, 2019

Mega leather show from 27th

Our correspondent
LAHORE: Pakistan Mega Leather Show 2019 is the second largest leather and footwear exhibition in the region. The event, scheduled from January 27 to 29, will be inaugurated by the Adviser to the Prime Minister and Commerce, Textile, Industry and Production and Investment Abdul Razzaq Dawood. The Pakistan Footwear Manufacturers Association (PFMA) Chairman Hassan Javed and Pakistan Tanners Association (PTA) Chairman Agha Saddiq said that the 2019 event is expected to attract more than 300 exhibitors from over 20 countries. The show will provide a platform for the leather industry to showcase its products and attract potential buyers and investors. It will also feature a special exhibition of quality products in leather manufacturing industry of Pakistan.

EXPORT OF LEATHER & LEATHER PRODUCTS FROM PAKISTAN DURING JULY-JAN-2018-19 VIS-À-VIS JULY-JAN-2017-18

| COMMODITIES | UNIT | July - Jan 2017-18 | | July - Jan 2018-19 | | % Change | |
|----------------------------|-------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|----------|---------------|
| | | QTY | VALUE | QTY | VALUE | QTY | |
| LEATHER | '000' SQM | 15,450 | 188,889 | 12,150 | 148,208 | -21.36% | -21.54% |
| | AUP/Sq.M | | 12.23 | | 12.20 | | -0.23% |
| LEATHER APPAREL & CLOTHING | '000' DOZ | 468 | 180,710 | 545 | 156,269 | 16.45% | -13.52% |
| | AUP/Pcs | | 32.18 | | 23.89 | | -25.74% |
| LEATHER GLOVES | '000' DOZ | 3,665 | 122,639 | 3,728 | 125,137 | 1.72% | 2.04% |
| | AUP/Pair | | 5.58 | | 5.59 | | 0.31% |
| LEATHER FOOTWEAR | '000' Pairs | 3,266 | 53,348 | 4,269 | 61,932 | 30.71% | 16.09% |
| | AUP/Pair | | 16.33 | | 14.51 | | -11.18% |
| OTHER LEATHER MANUFACTURES | '000' KGS | 557 | 6,976 | | 6,686 | | -4.16% |
| | AUP/Kg | | 12.52 | | | | |
| TOTAL: | | | 552,562 | | 498,232 | | -9.83% |

Source: Pakistan Bureau of Statistics.
NOTE : Export figures for the months from December' 2018 to January'2019 are Provisional.



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