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## **ANNUAL ELECTIONS OF PAKISTAN TANNERS ASSOCIATION FOR OFFICE BEARERS & CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR 2017-2018**

Annual elections of Pakistan Tanners Association was held on 29th September'2017 Mr. Amanullah Aftab of M/s. Hafiz Tannery, Karachi has been elected unopposed as Central Chairman, Pakistan Tanners Association while Mr. Mansoor Iqbal of M/s. Dada Enterprises (Pvt) Ltd., Lahore elected un-opposed as Senior Vice Chairman and Mr. Ejaz Ahmed Sheikh of M/s. Bombal Leathers Karachi elected as Vice Chairman of the Central Executive Committee, PTA for the year 2017-18.

The members of the Central Executive Committee of Pakistan Tanners Association (PTA) elected for the year 2017-2018 are as follows :

01.	Mr. Agha Saiddain	M/s. Royal Leather Industries Ltd., Lahore.
02.	Mr. Anjum Zafar	M/s. Eastern Leather Company (Pvt) Ltd, Lahore.
03.	Mr. Aziz Ahmed	M/s. A.M.A. Leather Industry, Karachi.
04.	Mr. Badre Alam	M/s. Badre Alam Traders, Lahore.
05.	Mr. Faraz Ashraf	M/s. Mohamed Ashraf & Sons, Karachi.
06.	Mr. Fawwad Shafi	M/s. Ravi Agencies, Lahore.
07.	Mr. Khurshid Alam	M/s. Permair Leather Pakistan (Pvt) Ltd., Lahore.
08.	Mr. M. Danish Khan	M/s. Highway's Creation (Pvt) Ltd., Karachi.
09.	Mr. Muhammad Musaddiq	M/s. Siddiq Leather Works (Pvt) Ltd., Lahore.
10.	Mr. Shahid Usman	M/s. EPCT (Pvt) Ltd., Lahore.
11.	Sh. M. Afzal Hussain	M/s. Hussain Leather Craft, Karachi.
12.	Sh. Saqib Saeed Masood	M/s. Khas Industries (Pvt) Ltd., Karachi.
13.	Mr. Shafique Ahmed	M/s. Shafique Leather Enterprises, Karachi.



**Mr. Amanullah Aftab**  
Chairman  
PTA (Central)



**Mr. Mansoor Iqbal,**  
Sr. Vice Chairman  
PTA (Central)



**Mr. Ejaz Ahmed Sheikh**  
Vice Chairman  
PTA (Central)

## Glimpses – PTA Elections 2017-18



Mr. Gulzar Firoz, Former Chairman, PTA garlanding Mr. Amanullah Aftab on his un-opposed election as Chairman, PTA Central FY 2017-18

Newly elected Sr. Vice Chairman, PTA (Central), Mr. Mansoor Iqbal snapped with Immediate past Chairman, Mr. Anjum Zafar, Immediate Vice Chairman, Mr. Azam Malik and Former Chairman, PTA, Mr. Agha Saiddain



Mr. Gulzar Firoz, Former Chairman, PTA alongwith newly elected Chairman, PTA, Mr. Amanullah Aftab and immediate Past Chairman, Mr. Aziz Ahmed alongwith other members congratulating Mr. Ejaz Ahmed Sheikh on his election as Vice Chairman, PTA



## **PTA DELEGATION MEETING WITH COMMERCE MINISTER, MR. MUHAMMAD PERVAIZ MALIK IN MOC, ISLAMABAD**

A PTA Delegation comprising Mr. Amanullah Aftab, Chairman, PTA, Mr. Anjum Zafar, Immediate Past Chairman, PTA and Mr. Mansoor Iqbal, Sr. Vice Chairman met Mr. Muhammad Pervaiz Malik, Federal Minister for Commerce on 11th October 2017 in his Office in Ministry of Commerce, Islamabad to discuss following core issues of Leather Industry :

- 01. To exempt of 3%+1% = 4% Custom Duty on import of Wet blue Leather to include it also in the Fifth Schedule of the Customs Act 1969 without FTA.
- 02. To allow 75% Govt., subsidy for International Lab Testing on Leather which is pre-requisite of international buyer's demand.

03. To allow 75% Matching Grant setting-up of Effluent Treatment Plants in Individual Tanneries.

04. To release outstanding amount of remaining 25% amount for the Matching Grant of setting-up of Effluent Treatment Plant as allowed in STP 2009-12 for our 8-Member firms concerned.

05. To issue revise SRO 578(I)/2016 dated 01.07.2016 with relaxed import procedures for subsidy on import of all proposed 24-Tanning Machineries with a limit of to 10 Mn Rupees instead of 5 Mn.

06. Unilateral slashing down Duty Drawback rates on export of Finished for Leather by FBR for which a detailed presentation was sent to FBR on 24-May-2017. Detail submitted to MOC under above mentioned letter.

07. To executive/finalize FTA with South Korea, Japan, Thailand, Turkey and China. PTA's presentations dated 15.08.2017 and 24.08.2017.

08. To issue SRO for DLTL incentive for Finished Leather for the next year July-2017 to June'2018.

All the above issues were very successfully presented to Mr. Muhammad Pervaiz Malik, Minister for Commerce and he hear the Association's point of views patiently and instructed officials concerned of MOC on the spot for action taken on the hot issues immediately.

Regarding issuance of SRO for DLTL incentives, the MO Commerce apprised the delegation that the exporters of Finished Leather can apply for their DLTL Cases as per below conditions :

- a) 2.5% DLTL to be allowed without condition of incremental exports after receiving of PRC and.
- b) Balance 2.5% DLTL to be allowed on increase of 10% exports as compared to the same period of last year which will be apply after 6 months performance.

CM also apprised us that the Exporters may also be facilitated to get 2% extra on export to the non traditional markets. PTA delegation suggested to add some more non-traditional countries for availing the incentive.



Mr. Amanullah Aftab, Chairman, PTA (R) and Mr. S. Anjum Zafar, Immediate Past Chairman, PTA discussing Leather Industry's issues with Mr. Muhammad Pervaiz Malik, Federal Minister for Commerce in his office on 11th October'2017

Regarding PTA's demand for removal of 4% duty on wet blue , exemption of duty on tannery Machines, issuance of revised SRO 578 with grant of limit upto 10 Mn instead of 5 Mn for import of 24-Sepecific types of tanning machines, 75% subsidy on Int'l lab testing of finished leather, 75% matching grant for setting-ups of Effluent Treatment Plants in individual tanneries, remaining 25% pending amount of cost of E.T.P.s of 8-Tanners concerned, notifying IOCO recommended rates for Finished Leather and our old matter of short duty draw back matters were also discussed during the meeting for which Commerce Minister assured us to re-consider our all above demands of the Leather Industry.

PTA delegation snapped with Mr. Muhammad Pervaiz Malik, Commerce Minister (2L) and other officials of Mo Commerce at Islamabad



## PTA DELEGATION MET MR. SHAHID ASHRAF, DIRECTOR, STATE BANK OF PAKISTAN

After conclusion of the meeting with Commerce Minister on 11th October'2017, PTA delegation also met Mr. Shahid Ashraf, Director, State Bank of Pakistan on the same day and discussed for circulation of amendments of time barred DLT cases and mode of payment of new module of DLT cases for Finished Leather. PTA delegation submitted suggestions for amendment in the new SRO to be issued for DLT cases FY July-June 2017-18, the Director-SBP assured us for full support and cooperation in re-consideration of PTA's proposals before implementation of SRO for DLT incentive.

As a result of the above Meetings held with the Commerce Minister and Director-SBP, the MOC issued Drawback of Local Taxes and Levis (Non-Textile) Order, 2017 for the shipments made from the 1st July'2017 to 30th June'2018 as per above specified condition of :

- 2.5% DLT will be provided without condition of increment and
- Remaining 2.5% will be provided if the exporter achieves an increase of 10% or more in exports during July-June 2017-18 as compared to the financial year 2016-17. The actual rate of drawback will be determined on the basis of annual performance of the exporters.

Under this Clause disbursement shall be allowed on the performance during Jul-Dec 2017, to improve exporter's cash flow subject to submission of a bank guarantee that the exporter shall return the excess amount, in case his annual exports are less than the eligibility criteria.

- An addition 2% drawback shall be allowed for exports to non-traditional markets i.e. Africa, Latin America, non EU-Countries, Common Wealth of Independent States and Oceania.

## PTA DELEGATION MET HIGH OFFICIALS OF STATE BANK OF PAKISTAN IN KARACHI

PTA Delegation led by Mr. Amanullah Aftab, Chairman, PTA, Mr. Afzal Hussain, Chairman, Customs Affairs S/C, Mr. Ejaz Ahmed Sheikh, Vice Chairman, PTA and Mr. Muhammad Ali, Secretary General, PTA held meeting with Head of Department, Mr. Shahid Ashraf and other high officials concerned of SBP on 30th October'2017 in SBP, Karachi to discuss submission procedure of DLT claims under SRO 1062(I)/2017 dated 18th October'2017 containing Drawback of Local Taxes and Levis (Non-Textile) Order, 2017 for the shipments made from 1st July'2017 to 30th June'2018 and submission procedure for DLT cases.

PTA submitted some amendments as observed in SRO 1062(I)/2017 dated 18.10.2017 for DLT cases to MOC for incorporation in the "Procedure for submission of new DLT claims" which is now to be issued by SBP, Karachi as has been authorized by MOC in above referred SRO, the same has also been submitted to SBP during the meeting to ensure inclusion in the procedure to issue the Submission Procedure without any error/ambiguity for smooth & precise submission of claims of our members for early clearance of their claims for facilitation.

It has also been clarified by SBP during the meeting that the Date of Shipment for the DLT claims/documents would be ascertained "Date of Lading/AWB" instead of GD Date.

The SBP's officials heard patiently PTA's view points and assured to adopt a realistic submission procedure which would be finalized soon after getting consensus with the MoC and further assured to provide the following facilities to Leather Exporters in respect of their DLT cases FY July-June 2017-18 :-

- Necessary amendments mentioned above as pointed out by PTA would be incorporated in SRO 1062(I)/2017 dated 18.10.2017 with the approval of MoC.
- Necessary Clarification on the following has already been sought from MoC by SBP :
  - a) Increased exports for balance 2.5% DLT claims could be determined EITHER with E.E Form OR with PRAL DATA.
  - b) If the export is increased by any member within 6 months as compared to fixed period of 1 year i.e. @ 110%, then the Bank Guarantee would also be required or exempted

- SBP assured for early issuance of "Submission Procedure" subject to the approval of MoC for the facilitation of Leather Exporters
- All the Clear Cases for DLTl claims against the previous SRO # 62 compiled upto 15th Sept., 2017 has been assured by SBP's High Officials to be cleared within the November'2017.
- All the Time Barred Cases against the previous SRO # 62 has also been assured to be cleared within the November, 2017 with the regular clear cases for DLTl to PTA's members for their facilitation in smooth business execution with convenience.
- Necessary circulation of SRO # 1079(I)2017 dated 25.07.2017 has also been made amongst all Field Offices of SBP within the country with specific advice to clear the Time Barred cases to all up country members of PTA as well.

### PTA DELEGATION MET COMMERCE SECRETARY AT ISLAMABAD

S#	PTA's Proposals	Remarks of The Secretary Commerce
1.	Request for early issuance of 'Submission Procedure' by the SBP for applying DLTl Cases under SRO 1062(I)/2017 dated 18.10.2017.	Mr. Muhammad Younus Dagha, Secretary Commerce promised to take up the matter with SBP and Ministry of Finance for early notification of submissions procedure. He assured PTA delegation that the matter will be resolved in next week.
2.	To withdraw i) Additional RD on import of various basic tanning chemicals imposed through SRO 1035(I)/2017 dated 16.10.2017. ii) Quarantine requirement on import of basic raw material (raw Hides & Skins) imposed through SRO 1067(I)/2017 dated 20.10.2017.	Secretary Commerce apprised PTA delegation that the MoC has already taken up the matter of Addl. Regulatory Duty (RD) and quarantine requirement with MoF and quarantine deptt respectively for withdrawal of un-necessary quarantine requirement on import of raw hides & skins, sensitive raw material for tanning industry.  He also informed that Rd on detergents used by tanning industry will be taken back for which notification will be issued shortly.
3.	To notify 24-Tanning Machinery in the SRO 578(I)/2016 dated 01.07.2016 under Product Development Incentive Order 2016.	Mr. M. Younus Dagha apprised the delegation that the matter is already under consideration of the MoC and necessary notification will be issued soon.  Secretary Commerce assured PTA to resolve the other remaining genuine issues of the leather industry on priority basis. Regarding FTA with the countries concerned, he assured that Finished Leather is on priority for MoC for further negotiation and finalization of FTA.

## PTA ORGANIZED NATIONAL PAVILION IN LINEAPELLE FAIR – OCT 2017 AT MILAN, ITALY

Pakistan Pavilion was successfully organized by PTA in Lineapelle Fair held from 4-6th October'2017 at Millan, Italy in collaboration with TDAP for participation of its 22 member participants and 6-Private Participants with the motive to promote the country's export by yielding precious foreign exchange for the country.

About 400-500 visitors/buyers had visited Pakistani stands at Pakistan Pavilion during the Fair from various countries such as France, Germany, Holland, UK, Sweden, Japan, Thailand, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Australia, China, Korea, Russia, Vietnam, Denmark, Greece, Poland, Mexico, Austria, Switzerland.

All PTA's member participants were satisfied with the outcome of the Fair this year and they confirmed to continue their participation in the next event of Lineapelle to be held in February 2018 with the aim to promote country's export.



Views of the most important International sector related exhibition Lineapelle held from 4-6 Oct 2017 at Milan, Italy



## ZONAL ACTIVITIES

### ACTIVITIES OF PTA-NORTHERN ZONE

#### MEETINGS WITH SECRETARY ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB

In the pursuit of initiating a review of Provincial Environmental Quality Standards (PEQS), PTA-NZ arranged meetings with Capt. (R) Saif Anjum, Provincial Secretary Environment Protection Department in his office on 19th October'2017.

Mr. Javed Iqbal Director General EPA and Mr. Tauqeer Qureshi Director accompanied Capt. Saif Anjum while following members of PTA attended the meeting:

- Mr. Mansoor Iqbal, Chairman PTA-NZ
- Mr. Muhammad Musaddiq, Convener Environment Committee
- Mr. Agha Saiddain, President PTA-NZ Environmental Society
- Mr. Shahid Usman, Member PTA
- Mr. Azher Uddin Khan, Member/Advisor PTA and Advisor to EPA Punjab

PTA already had submitted a draft working paper/proposal for the review of tannery specific environmental quality standards along with request for their review and revision.

Secretary Environment disclosed that his department also wants to open discussions with all industry sectors for the review of environment quality standards so that a workable set of standards could be finalized. He also informed about government's consideration to finance industry projects for cleaning water and pollution abatement. He told that Government of Punjab is trying to bring funding from World Bank to fund viable projects in different sectors.

Mr. Anjum Zafar appreciated the efforts by the department. He told that LWG is an upcoming challenge

for leather industry. Compliance of local environmental laws and standards, which is mandatory under LWG protocols, is practically impossible within a viable range of capital and operational costs. Therefore, PTA is coming to the department to review the standards and bring it within the feasible and optimal range.

Mr. Musaddiq urged that department should consider enforcing the revise standards in phases.

Mr. Tauqeer Qureshi Director EPD stressed on PTA to conduct small studies to support their arguments.

Members of PTA categorically denied the need for any such effort as the working proposal presented before the EPD bears the result of 15 years invested in the past to bring the leather tanning sector of Punjab to a point where it has been technically and economically established that no further investment could lead towards any result better than achieved. Hence, the only possibility to achieve compliance is to review the environmental standards which are most stringent in the region.

A series of discussion further are expected on the subject matter.

#### MEETING WITH CHIEF COMMISSIONER INLAND REVENUE (CORPORATE REGIONAL OFFICE)

On 30thOctober, a delegation of PTA members comprising of following visited the office of Commissioner Inland Revenue (Corporate Regional Office), Lahore:

1. Mr. Mansoor Iqbal, Chairman PTA-NZ
2. Mr. Anjum Zafar, Chairman Drawback and Strategic Subcommittee PTA-NZ
3. Mr. Agha Saiddain, Member Drawback and Strategic Subcommittee PTA-NZ



4. Mr. Shahid Usman, Member Drawback and Strategic Subcommittee PTA-NZ
5. Mr. Faisal Saeed, Dada Enterprises (pvt.) Ltd., Lahore
6. Mr. Fahim Ahmed, Secretary PTA-NZ

Syed Nadeem Hussain Rizvi Chief Commissioner Inland Revenue (Corporate Regional Office) welcomed the delegation



### **SALIENT POINTS OF DISCUSSION ON THE ISSUES TABLED ARE RECORDED AS BELOW:**

#### **A. RPOs to be released by 31st October as announced by FBR/Finance Minister**

Mr. Mansoor Iqbal inquired about the possible amount to be released on account of RPOs to be released by 31st October 2017 as promised by FBR/Finance Minister. Syed Nadeem Rizvi gave his estimated (based on previous year's releases) that PKR 780 million may be released on this account.

#### **B. Regular & Deferred Claims issue**

Mr. Mansoor also explained to the Chief Commissioner that if for any reason refund claim file is transferred from ERS to manual processing, this file is kept pending and not processed in time. Due to late manual processing of this file, subsequent claims cannot be submitted through ERS until manual processing of earlier file is completed. Therefore, he requested to process such manual files within a prescribed period of maximum 1-2 weeks and provision may be made for submission of fresh claims by ERS.

Matter of long standing Deferred amounts was dig out to its maximum length. Members were aggrieved that department is not attending the amounts that got deferred after initial processing of cases. Hence a huge balance has piled up on account of 'Deferred payments'. Mr. Faisal Saeed took active part in the discussion and explained about the problems that members are facing at execution floors. Mr. Faisal told that after initial processing, deferred amounts in respect of old cases are not being shown on the systems of processing staff. Therefore, they are not attending the deferred amounts.

Chief Commissioner called on the Commissioner, Additional Commissioner and Database Administrator to respond to the grievances. Mr. Naeem (Databases

Administrator) explained that for deferred amounts, claimants are required to deposit manual files on counters. Mr. Faisal confirmed that exporters are not aware of that requirement. PTA will circulate about the same requirement to all members/exporters.

#### **C. Income Tax Refunds**

Chairman PTA apprised the authority that since 2011, income tax refund have been completely stopped.

Chief Commissioner expressed his concern on such a long delay and assured that the department will start releasing refund, may be small amounts initially, but with frequent pace, in order to provide relief and comfort to the tax payers.

#### **D. Exemption Certificates for exporters for import of machinery and spares**

Chairman PTA explained that exporters having more than 80% export sales are allowed to have exemption of withholding tax on import. For such facility, exporters had previously been issued with Exemption certificates however, for last year, the system has been discontinued and exporters need to apply for exemption on his every import.

Mr. Azhar Commissioner explained that due to change in procedure, FBR is issuing Exemption Certificates on L/C to L/C basis. Mr. Anjum and Mr. Mansoor acclaimed that at certain instances their companies were refused for issuance of Exemption Certificates even on L/C basis. Mr. Mansoor told that he can share the detail of precedent case in which he got refusal from FBR/Commissioner.

#### **E. Sales tax Capping of Consumption**

Chairman PTA-NZ inquired about any prevalent capping on inputs which is being followed by ERS system while processing of claims. Mr. Naeem replied that ERS system follows 1% capping on input claimed in sales tax refunds.

Chief Commissioner advised PTA-NZ for approaching FBR to deal with issue of capping of input tax.



**A group photograph of PTA Delegation with Syed Nadeem Hussain Rizvi Chief Commissioner Inland Revenue (Corporate Regional Office)**

## AWARENESS SESSION ON CHEMICAL MANAGEMENT

On 31st October 2017, PTA-Northern Zone office arranged and coordinated Awareness Session on Chemical Management in collaboration with SGS Pakistan, Lahore office. Representatives from as several member companies attended the session and termed it as very useful in understanding internationally acceptable measures on Chemical management which is also a prerequisite for tanneries interested in having membership of Leather Working Group – LWG.



Experts from SGS Pakistan giving their presentations to the participants from PTA member firms

Mr. Badre Alam, Vice Chairman PTA-NZ (Left) is attending the Awareness session on Chemical Management

## MEETING WITH MR. FAIZ AHMED, COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS (PREVENTIVE), LAHORE.

On 7-November-2017, following members of PTA-Northern Zone visited the office of Collector of Customs (Preventive), Lahore:

- Mr. Mansoor Iqbal, Chairman PTA-NZ
- Mr. Badre Alam, Vice Chairman PTA-NZ
- Mr. Anjum Zafar, Convener PTA-N Export/Rebate/Sales Tax Strategic Sub-Committee
- Mr. Azam Malik, Member PTA-NZ Export/Rebate/Sales Tax Strategic Sub-Committee
- Mr. Naeem Akhtar, Member PTA-NZ
- Mr. Shahid Usman, PTA-NZ Export/Rebate/Sales Tax Strategic Sub-Committee

Collector Customs Mr. Faiz Ahmed welcomed the delegation.

Mr. Mansoor Iqbal Chairman opened the forum by presenting members' problems and apprised the Collector that more than 250 million is being stuck up with the Customs department waiting for the release order of Customs authorities.

Mr. Faiz Ahmed informed the delegates that Lahore Collectorate is making all-out efforts to keep the pendency as low as possible. He claimed that Lahore is far ahead of other Collectorates by releasing pending payments upto 31st March 2016. He further expressed hopes that if FBR/Finance Department allowed, Collector of Customs (Preventive) is in the position to clear-off payments upto 30th June within one-week

He sought PTA's support for approaching FBR quarters for pursuing the matter.

Mr. Anjum Zafar and Mr. Azam Malik referred to their previous meetings with FBR on this account. They stressed on the need for immediate release of sanctioned payments. Mr. Anjum Zafar explained the reasons for persistent export decline in the country. He also elaborated factors resisting the growth of leather industry and its export in Pakistan.

Mr. Azam Malik also reminded the Collector of his commitment to release sanctioned amounts/cheques of duty drawback claims of PTA members by the end of September 2017. Collector of Customs, Lahore confirmed that his office has already prioritized claims of PTA members/Leather industry.

Meeting ended with a positive note. Collector was hopeful that he could get the favours for PTA for the release of about 60.00 million for PTA members.



Group photograph of PTA Delegation with Collector Customs Mr. Faiz Ahmed

## MEETING OF LCCI STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEATHER & LEATHER PRODUCTS

On 16-November-2017, Mr. Unees Arshad Convener LCCI Standing Committee on Leather & Leather Products called on a meeting of Subcommittee at LCCI where following members of PTA also participated:

- Mr. Agha Saiddain, Royal Leather Industries Ltd., Lahore
- Mr. Abrar Ahmed, SRC (pvt.) Ltd., Lahore
- Mr. Zarar Amin Agha, H. Sadar Ali Akhtar Ali (pvt.) Ltd., Lahore

Representatives of Livestock Department Punjab and academia were also part of the committee.

It was the first meeting of the standing committee and was more of an introductory session. Following issues were discussed:

- Persistent export decline in leather sector
- Environmental issues of tanning industry



Group photograph of Participants of LCCI Standing Committee on Leather & Leather Products

Alongwith other participants, Mr. Agha Saiddain gave a detailed overview on problems due to which export is declining persistently. Participants highlighted the need to take up these issues with Federal Minister of Commerce. It was decided that LCCI will arrange a meeting with Federal Commerce Minister to discuss these issues.

Representatives from Livestock Department asked to share these issues with the department so that the department could also extend its support in highlighting the issues before the authorities.

## MEETING WITH EU MONITORING MISSION FOR PLCIP/TRTA-III

On 22nd November 2017, a single member EU Monitoring Mission Mr. Daniel Linotte visited PTA-NZ office along with Mr. Usman Malik and Mr. Mohammad Hameed of PITCO. Following members of PTA attended the meeting:

- Mr. Mansoor Iqbal, Chairman PTA-NZ
- Mr. Badre Alam, Vice Chairman PTA-NZ
- Mr. Agha Saiddain
- Mr. Azam Malik
- Mr. Muhammad Musaddiq

Purpose of the visit was to ascertain and ensure the benefits that PTA and its member industry received under PLCIP/TRTA-III.

Mr. Muhammad Musaddiq elaborated in detail the assistance received under the program. Mr. Agha Saiddain and Mr. Azam Malik supported him in discussion. Mr. Mansoor Iqbal emphasized on the need of continuing the program to complete the tasks that are yet incomplete and need further funding to carry out till finish.

In the end, Mr. Mansoor Iqbal Chairman PTA-NZ also presented a copy of Annual Report of PTA to Mr. Daniel Linotte.



Group Photograph of PTA members with EU Monitoring Mission and PITCO Officers

## GLIMPSES: INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF PTA – NORTHERN ZONE RENOVATED OFFICE ON 29.09.2017





## Activities of PTA-Southern Zone, Karachi

### MEETING HELD WITH DC-KORANGI, MR. ABDUL WAJID SHEIKH

Chairman PTA S.Z Mr. Ejaz Ahmed Shaikh & Mr. Aziz Ahmed Chairman Rehabilitation & Infrastructure Committee meeting with DC - Korangi, Mr. Abdul Wajid Sheikh in his office on 17-11-17 to discuss early starting of Rehabilitation & Infrastructure Program in Tannery Zone Sector 7/A.



### CHIEF MINISTER, SINDH APPROVED APPROX. 325 MILLION FOR SECTOR 7-A

PTA (S.Z) is pleased to announce that Honorable Chief Minister, Sindh has approved proposals of Approximate 325 Million for Sector 7-A. A joint survey in this regard was conducted by the following Officials, Commissioner Office Team, Deputy Commissioner Office Team, Assistant Commissioner Korangi, Mr. Zubair Chaya (CEO KITE Limited), Mr. Masood Naqi (Ex-President KATI), Chief Engineers, Mr. Ejaz Ahmed Sheikh (Chairman PTA - S.Z), Mr. Aziz Ahmed (Chairman Rehabilitation & Infrastructure Committee) & Mr. Muhammad Shahid (STAR Tannery) on 13-11-17.





## **MEETING WITH ATTOCK REFINERY (NRL) OFFICIALS**

Chairman PTA S.Z Mr. Ejaz Ahmed Shaikh & Mr. Aziz Ahmed Chairman Rehabilitation & Infrastructure Committee meeting with Attock Refinery (NRL) officials of Lt. Col. Masood-ur-Rehman, Manager Administration & Management & Mr. Mushtaq Ahmed Soomro, Manager Admin. NRL, at PTA S.Z Office on 31-10-17 to discuss Construction of Southern Avenue Road and related matters.



## **UP-COMING INT'L FAIRS :**

**LINEAPELLE FAIR, MILAN, ITALY – 20 - 22 FEBRUARY, 2018.**

**APLF, HONG KONG – 14 – 16 MARCH'2018.**

# Press Clippings

BUSINESS RECORDER KARACHI WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2017

## PTA urges SBP to issue DLTL claims' procedure

**RECORDER REPORT** for faster export orders cocco- which is mandatory element for the import to Pakistan and KARACHI. Chairman of the Pakistan Tanners Association (PTA) Amanullah Afzal has expressed his concern over immediate delay in issuance of submission procedure against the Ministry of Commerce (MOC) for the new Drawback (DLTL) cases that has been effective from 1st July 2017. The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) has issued a notice to issue further submission procedure for the claim of leather exporters, which is still pending despite lapse of considerable time period from the date of submission to the SBP. He also stated that all other regulatory agencies have already been incorporated in the submission procedure with SBP. He said that these were also submitted during a meeting he facilitated in writing to SBP. The delay in processing of DLTL claims has already caused a loss of \$100 million to the leather industry since 1st July. "Almost more than four months have already passed for the submission of DLTL claims," he said, adding that the delay has made the PTA's member exporters completely unable to decide whether to pursue on this incentive benefit or not. He said that the net unit price of leather to international buyers has decreased.

DAWN WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 15, 2017

## Leather exports suffering due to DLTL delay

By Our Staff Reporter

**KARACHI:** Pakistan Tanners Association (PTA) has urged the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) to issue the submission procedure for new Drawback (DLTL) against SRO1062 issued by the Ministry of Commerce and Textile on Oct 20. Amanullah Afzal pointed out that the commerce ministry had authorised the SBP to issue further submission procedure for the claim of DLTL against leather exporters but the same was still pending. All observations and amendments already discussed in the submission procedure have been incorporated in the submission procedure. The delay in issuance of submission procedure was causing a lot of hardship to exporters as their claims are unable to pass on this incentive benefit that they are leather to international buyers for future export orders.

## EXPORT OF LEATHER & LEATHER PRODUCTS FROM PAKISTAN DURING JULY-OCT-2016 VIS-À-VIS JULY-OCT-2017

COMMODITIES	UNIT	July - Oct 2016		July - Oct 2017		% Change	
		QTY	VALUE	QTY	VALUE	QTY	VALUE
LEATHER	'000' SQM AUP/Sq.M	5,699	113,835 19.97	9,621	103,025 10.71	68.82%	-9.50% -49.39%
LEATHER APPAREL & CLOTHING	'000' DOZ AUP/Pcs	287	107,279 31.15	251	104,530 34.70	-12.54%	-2.56% 11.41%
LEATHER GLOVES	'000' DOZ AUP/Pair	1,536	59,206 6.42	1,911	67,047 5.85	24.41%	13.24% -8.98%
LEATHER FOOTWEAR	'000' Pairs AUP/Pair	1,692	27,492 16.25	1,773	27,380 15.44	4.79%	-0.41% -4.96%
OTHER LEATHER MANUFACTURES	'000' KGS AUP/Kg	362	4,489 12.40		3,780		-15.79%
<b>TOTAL:</b>			<b>312,301</b>		<b>305,762</b>		<b>-2.09%</b>



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