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Annual Elections Of Pakistan Tanners Association

For Office Bearers & Central Executive Committee Members
For The Year 2013-2014



Mr. Muhammad Usman
Sr. Vice Chairman, PTA



Sh. Saqib Saeed Masood
Chairman, PTA



Mr. Fawad Jawed
Vice Chairman, PTA

Annual Elections of the Office Bearers of Pakistan Tanners Association for the year 2013-14 held on 30th September' 2013 via video conference simultaneously in PTA (Central Office), Karachi and PTA-Northern Zone Office, Lahore. Shaikh Saqib Saeed Masood of M/s. Khas Industries (Pvt) Ltd., Karachi was elected unopposed as Central Chairman, PTA, Mr. Muhammad Usman of M/s. Multan Enterprises (Pvt) Ltd., Sr. Vice Chairman and Mr. Fawad Jawed of M/s. Din Leather (Pvt) Ltd., Karachi was elected as Vice Chairman by the Central Executive Committee of PTA for the year 2013-2014.

KEY ISSUES

- ◆ Annual Elections of PTA FY 2013-14.
- ◆ Golden Jubilee Ceremony of PTA.
- ◆ Meeting with Pakistan's Commercial Counsellor in Rome, Italy.
- ◆ Meeting with Italian Tanners Association.
- ◆ PTA's proposal for 2nd Phase of Pak-China FTA.
- ◆ CEC and Standing Committees' Meetings of PTA
- ◆ PTA members' participation in Lineapelle Fair-2013, Bologna, Italy.
- ◆ PTA urged the Government to continue putting Ban on export of live animals and control its smuggling.



The members of the Central Executive Committee of Pakistan Tanners Association (PTA) elected for the year 2013-2014 are as follows:

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| 01. Mr. Agha Saiddain | - M/s. Royal Leather Industries Ltd., Lahore. |
| 02. Mr. Anjum Zafar | - M/s. Eastern Leather Co. (Pvt) Ltd, Lahore. |
| 03. Mr. Azam Malik | - M/s. Leathertex Gloving (Pvt) Ltd., Lahore. |
| 04. Mr. Danish Naseem | - M/s. Aslam Commission House, Karachi. |
| 05. Mr. Fawwad Shafi | - M/s. Shafi Lifestyle (Pvt) Ltd., Lahore. |
| 06. Mr. M. Danish Khan | - M/s. Highway Creations, Karachi. |
| 07. Mr. Khurshid Ahmed | - M/s. Blooming Leather (Pvt) Ltd., Karachi. |
| 08. Mr. Mansoor Iqbal | - M/s. Dada Enterprises (Pvt) Ltd., Lahore. |
| 09. Mr. Naveed Ahmed | - M/s. Pioneer International, Karachi. |
| 10. Mr. Shakil Ahmed | - M/s. Universal Leather (Pvt) Ltd., Karachi. |
| 11. Ch. Ahmed Zulfiqar | - M/s. Leather Town, Sialkot. |
| 12. Sh. Afzal Hussain | - M/s. Hussain Leather Craft, Karachi. |
| 13. Sh. Azmat Saleem | - M/s. Leather Coordinators, Sahiwal. |



A group photograph of newly elected Chairman, Sh. Saqib Saeed Masood along with outgoing Chairman, PTA, Mr. Agha Saiddain, Vice Chairman, Mr. Amanullah Aftab and senior members, Mr. S.M. Muneer, Mr. S.M. Saleem and Mr. Gulzar Firoz as well as Mr. Fawad Jawed



A group photograph of the Members with newly elected Senior Vice Chairman, PTA, Mr. Muhammad Usman (2nd Left)

Golden Jubilee Ceremony of Pakistan Tanners Association

At the instance of Mr. Agha Saiddain, Immediate Past Chairman, PTA (Central) a Golden Jubilee Ceremony of Pakistan Tanners Association was organized on 30-Sep-2013 on the accomplishment of first 50 Years of its establishment.



Mr. Agha Saiddain awarded a Gold Medal to Mr. S.M. Muneer

On this red-letter day, the then Chairman, PTA, Mr. Agha Saiddain and Members of Executive Committee awarded a "Gold Medal to Mr. S.M. Muneer" the founder and most senior member of PTA in acknowledgment of his long outstanding & distinguished contributions for the Leather Industry.



PTA's Crest presented to Mr. S.M. Naseem, Former Chairman, PTA

Mr. Agha Saiddain, Immediate Past Chairman, PTA also appreciated the long lasting remarkable services and recognizing contribution of **Mr. S.M. Naseem** as Seventh times elected Chairman, Pakistan Tanners Association. On this occasion a PTA's Crest was awarded to Mr. S.M. Naseem.

Thereafter, on the commemoration of this grand event Mr. Agha Saiddain also announced to present PTA's Crest the same day to the following Senior Members and Former Chairmen of PTA for dedicating and devoting their time & trait to the development of Leather Industry :

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| 1. Mr. S.M. Saleem | 3. Mr. Muhammad Naseem Shafi |
| 2. Mr. Habibur Rahman Shaikh | 4. Mr. Gulzar Firoz |
| | 5. Khawaja Muhammad Yousuf |

Besides above, he also presented the Crests to both the Immediate Past Vice Chairmen, PTA, Sheikh Azmat Saleem and Mr. Amanullah Aftab on their good performance during the year for the betterment of Leather Industry.



PTA's Crest awarded to Mr. S.M. Saleem, Former Chairman, PTA



Mr. Habibur Rahman Shaikh, Former Chairman, PTA receiving PTA's Crest.



PTA's Crest presented to Mr. Muhammad Naseem Shafi, Former Chairman, PTA



Mr. Amanullah Aftab, Immediate Vice Chairman, PTA receiving PTA's Crest.



PTA's Crest presented to Mr. Gulzar Firoz, Former Chairman, PTA

VISIT OF MR. FARID AHMED TARRAR, COMMERCIAL COUNSELLOR, EMBASSY OF PAKISTAN, ROME, ITALY

During the Lineapelle Fair-2013, Mr. Farid Ahmed Tarrar, Commercial Counsellor, Embassy of Pakistan, Rome, Italy visited Pakistan Pavilion organized in Lineapelle Fair, Bologna, Italy and met PTA member participants individually and appreciated their finest quality products displayed at their stands which was certainly a source of encouragement for the participants concerned.

The Commercial Counsellor also met Sh. Saqib Saeed Masood, Chairman, PTA (Central) and Mr. S.M. Naseem, Chairman, Int'l Fairs Standing Committee on his visit and discussed in detail about promotion of Leather Industry of Pakistan and assured of his cooperation in this regard.



Sh. Saqib Saeed Masood, Chairman, PTA and Mr. S.M. Naseem, Chairman, Fairs S/C, PTA discussing with Mr. Farid Ahmed Tarrar, Commercial Counsellor, Pak, Embassy, Rome, Italy

The Chairman, PTA also requested his close coordination with Italian Tanners Association in connection with the detailed discussion made with them during the Fair for further proceeding in this regard to achieve the desired goal/objectives for the supreme interest to promote the country's exports and for the betterment of Leather Sector of Pakistan.

The Chairman, PTA thanked him for his assistance and cooperation extended for the uplift of leather industry.



The Commercial Counsellor, Pak Embassy, Rome, Italy visited PTA member participant's stand during his visit

MEETING WITH MR. BOLTRI OF ITALIAN TANNERS ASSOCIATION

During the Lineapelle Fair, Oct-2013, a detailed joint meeting was held with Mr. Boltri at Italian Tanners Association which was much productive & conducive specially in terms of business ties & joint ventures between Pakistani Tanners & Italian Tanners at reliable Association's platform in both the countries in Leather Sector which will further strengthen the business relations between The two major industries of both the countries which would be business friendly & productive for leather industry.



A view of the Meeting of the Chairman, PTA Sh. Saqib Saeed Masood with Mr. Boltri of Italian Tanners Association Mr. Agha Saiddain is also seen

MEETING WITH PUBLIC / PRIVATE STAKEHOLDERS ON THE 2ND PHASE OF CHINA-PAK FREE TRADE AGREEMENT (CPFTA NEGOTIATIONS)

Mr. Fahim Ahmed, Secretary, PTA-Northern Zone, Lahore as nominated by the Chairman, PTA (Central) attended the 2nd Meeting of the 2nd Phase of Pak-China Free Trade Agreement (PCFTA) held on 4th November'2013 at Ministry of Commerce, Islamabad.

The Meeting was presided over by Mr. Fazal Abbas Maken, Additional Secretary- I, Ministry of Commerce. Representatives from a number of Public and Private Sectors attended the Meeting.

The Addl. Secretary, MOC informed the House that a five years Phase (1st Phase) of Pakistan-China FTA (Trade Liberalization Programme-TLP) had ended on 31-Dec-2012 and all the analysis of 1st Phase of PCFTA was completed by the Ministry of Commerce in assistance of its team of researchers and Joint Secretary (FT-1 China), MO Commerce. The analysis of tradable goods was carried out by the Pakistan Business Council.

Now the 2nd Phase of FTA is under negotiation for which both the countries now desire to extend this agreement ahead in future negotiation to make the same operational.

During the Meeting, Joint Secretary (FT-1 China), MO Commerce, Ms. Anjum Assad made a comprehensive presentation on FTA containing products under Cat-1, 2, 3, 4 & 5. She also informed that for these analyses, the Ministry of Commerce considered the Pre-FTA growth rates in conjunction with Post- FTA growth figures.

PTA representation containing proposal to include all the items of Leather & Leather Products with HS Codes under Chapter 41 (Finished Leather) and 42 (Leather Garments, Articles) in the list of items to be allowed for ZERO-RATED DUTY IMPORT INTO CHINA or EXPORT FROM PAKISTAN for China was presented to the Joint Secretary, MOC during the above meeting.

PTA DELEGATION MET MR. TAFSHEEN KHALID NIAZ, CHAIRMAN, SINDH REVENUE BOARD (SRB) AT FPCCI

On the invitation of FPCCI, Mr. Usman Umer and Mr. Salman Firoz attended the Meeting held in FPCCI on 4th October'2013 with Mr. Tafsheen Khalid Niaz, Chairman, Sindh Revenue Board (SRB) on the matter of mutual interest particularly related to the levy of Sindh Sales Tax on Services provided in respect of Manufacturing or processing of Toll or Job basis.

IOCO SURVEY TEAM VISITED PTA MEMBER UNITS

Mr. S. Anjum Zafar, Chairman, Duty Drawback Standing Committee, PTA is actively taking-up the matter with the IOCO authorities at Custom House, Karachi regarding PTA's proposal for upward revision of duty drawback rate for finished leather. On his persistent persuasion, the IOCO Survey team visited two PTA's member firm manufacturing units (1) M/s. Muhammad Shafi Tanneries (Pvt) Ltd at SITE for Goat/Sheep Skins and (2) M/s. Universal Leather (Pvt) Ltd., Korangi, Karachi for Cow/Buff Hides on 6th November'2013 to observe stage-wise processing of Hides & Skins for determining input-output ratio to enable them to finally decide about PTA's above genuine proposal.

IOCO's decision is awaited.

1ST MEETING OF THE NEW ELECTED CEC, PTA

Shaikh Saqib Saeed Masood, newly elected Chairman, PTA FY 2013-14 presided over the 1st Meeting of CEC of PTA.



Sh. Saqib Saeed Masood, Chairman, PTA

In his 1st address in CEC Meeting, he thanked all the members for their confidence reposed in him by electing him Chairman, PTA. He assured that he would try his best to shoulder his statutory responsibilities by working hard, honestly and sincerely for the betterment of the leather industry.



Sh. Saqib Saeed Masood, Chairman, PTA addressing CEC Members, Mr. Fawad Jawed, Vice Chairman and Mr. Gulzar Firoz, Senior Member, PTA also seen

Mr. Fawad Jawed new elected Vice Chairman also thanked the House and assured of his full cooperation and support for the uplift of leather Industry.



Mr. Muhammad Usman, Senior Vice Chairman, PTA (Central) addressing the Members from Lahore during the 1st Session of the CEC Meeting 2013-14

Sr. Vice Chairman, PTA, Mr. Muhammad Usman after his un-opposed election presided over the Meeting from Lahore and assured the Committee of his support and assistance to the Chairman, PTA (Central) and for boosting leather industry's exports.



1ST MEETING OF INT'L FAIRS & DELEGATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE OF PTA

01. 1st Meeting of Standing Committee of PTA (Central) on Int'l Fairs & Delegations was held on 26.10.2013 under the Chairmanship of Mr. S.M. Naseem wherein several matters relating to Int'l Fairs were discussed and decisions taken thereon particularly for Zonal-wise participation in next APLF'2014, Hongkong and accordingly approved the Feasibility/Budget for participation with promotional package to be adopted as an annual feature for next event of APLF'14, Hongkong. It was also decided to get the consent from the Standing Committee Members to suggest other countries too which would be productive for promotion of leather export as well as formation of PTA delegation. The Committee dropped the participation in next India Int'l Leather Fair, January'2014 in view of prevailing political circumstances.
02. PTA's REPRESENTATION FOR REMOVAL OF TDAP'S 3 YEARS PARTICIPATION CONDITION

PTA is vigorously striving hard for the removal of harsh/irrational condition of TDAP for members' participation for consecutive 3 years in any Fair this serious matter has been taken up with the Federal Minister for Commerce & Textile, Engineer Khurram Dastgir and a copy of the letter endorsed to the Secretary Commerce, Secretary, TDAP and also provided a set of documents to Mr. M. Naseem Shafi, who has been nominated as Member of TDAP's Board. The matter was also taken up with Mr. Gulzar Firoz, Vice Chairman, FPCCI, Karachi for supporting it at the Federation level/platform.

PTA realizes the seriousness of the matter and its importance for the removal of this irrational condition of TDAP and taking all maximum possible measures in this regard to facilitate its regular member participants for participation in International Fairs with Government financial support without any irrational condition.

3RD MEETING OF NATIONAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CHEMICALS (NTACC)

Sh. Saqib Saeed Masood, Chairman PTA nominated Mr. Salman Butt of M/s. Salman Butt of M/s. Siddiq Leather Works (Pvt) Ltd., Lahore on the advice of Mr. Muhammad Musaddiq, Chairman, Environmental Co-ordination Committee, PTA to attend 3rd Meeting of the National Technical Committee on Chemicals (NTACC) held on 26th November' 2013 in the Committee Room of the Ministry of Climate Change, Islamabad under the Chairmanship of the Secretary, Climate Change Division.

Accordingly, the PTA's nominated representative participated in the above scheduled Meeting of NTACC to represent leather industry. He informed that list of total 22 banned chemicals was presented during the meeting out of which 2 chemicals were Fungicides and its testing facility was not available in Pakistan even with EPA and PCSIR. These imported chemicals are not produced in Pakistan.

It was decided by the Secretary, Ministry of Climate Change that these items would be banned in phase-wise and a list of these restricted chemicals would be circulated amongst all concerned stake-holders for their Comments/Views. Most of the stakeholders present in the meeting suggested that the industry should be given time to slowly phase out any restricted chemicals and immediate restriction should not be implemented.

Further action would be considered upon receipt of official Minutes of the meeting from the Ministry.

INTERNATIONAL FAIRS & EXHIBITIONS

PTA MEMBERS' PARTICIPATION IN LINEAPELLE FAIR HELD FROM 8-10th OCTOBER' 2013 AT BOLOGNA, ITALY

The "National Pavilion" was organized by PTA in Lineapelle Fair held from 8-10th October, 2013 at Hall # 22 & 20 in Bologna, Italy for participation of 23 (including 5-Private Participants) finally selected member participants in a befitting manner with the financial assistance of Trade Development Authority of Pakistan, Government of Pakistan, Karachi for the supreme interest of promoting country's exports via this vital world famous event of Leather Industry.

A good business was concluded during the Fair on various specific items of Finished Leather of Sheep, Goat, Cow & Buffalo, used in manufacturing of Shoes, Leather Garments/Products/goods/furniture etc.



Different Views of PTA's member participants' stands in Lineapelle Fair-2013 held in Bologna, Italy

UPCOMING APPROVED INTERNATIONAL FAIRS TO BE ORGANIZED BY PTA IN COLLABORATION WITH THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF PAKISTAN

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| 01. | Asia Pacific Leather Fair (APLF) - 31st March - 2nd April, 2014 at Hong Kong. |
| 02. | Lineapelle Fair, April'2014, Bologna, Italy |
| 03. | Shoes & Leather Fair, 2014, Guangzhou, China |

ZONAL ACTIVITIES

Meeting with M. D. KW & SB

Mr. Qutubuddin Shaikh M. D, KW&SB visited PTA(S.Z) office on Thursday 31-10-13 and had a meeting to discuss supply of water to Tannery Zone which it was not getting for over last 10-years and since the Sindh govt. had now closed down hydrants, Tanneries here getting no water were facing drought like situation.

He assured to seek necessary approval of govt. high-ups to supply Tannery Zone requirement of 500,000 gallons of water daily. His attention was also drawn to the incomplete Project of Restoration of water supply to Tannery Zone and he assured to complete the 1-inch water pipe line from Chamra Round About to Tannery Zone & to connect it with Main 33-Inches Pipri water line of KW&SB so that Tannery Zone may get water until R. O. Desalination Plants are installed to supplement the supply. He regretted for not being briefed about this part of the project and that he was misinformed that the supply of water to Tannery Zone was linked to R. O. Desalination Plants only.



Mr. Fawad Jawed, Chairman, PTA-SZ and Mr. Gulzar Firoz, Vice President, FPCCI presenting PTA's Crest to Mr. Qutubuddin Shaikh M. D, KW&SB

Meeting with the Commissioner Karachi

The Chairman Mr. Fawad Jawed, Mr. Gulzar Firoz, Vice President, FPCC&I, and President PTA(S.Z) Env. So. presented a brief profile of Tannery Zone hosting biggest national cluster of exporting leather & its made-up units which had far higher potential and required resolution of its problems which stymied its growth and development.



Mr. Shoaib Ahmed Siddiqui, Commissioner Karachi Division visited PTA(S.Z) office on Thursday 24-10-13 on our request and had a luncheon meeting with PTA(S.Z). It was well attended.

The Commissioner, Karachi Division assured in response for regular lifting of solid waste from Tannery Zone so that it is not blocked with piled up garbage here.

He expressed concern for the damage to the drain line by the KMC contractor working on Road-4000, KIA, between CETP for Korangi Tanneries & Malir River Dyke. Hence it stopped supply of domestic effluent which reached CETP from nearby Mehran Town for diluting Tanning effluent to facilitate its treatment. He also assured to help to resolve the matter so that the CETP may resume working which was so important from the point of view of pollution and for compliance of requirements of foreign buyers for export of leather. He also agreed to help repair of Road-5000 from Chamra Round About to Tannery Zone as well as construction of remaining Tannery Zone roads which KMC did not take up.

PTA(S.Z) meeting with Police High Officials



PTA(S.Z) held a meeting with SSP Landhi/Korangi Mr. Usman Ejaz Bajwa, on-07-10-13 at PTA(S.Z) office. The meeting was also attended by other Police high officials. The meeting discussed security measures for safe transportation of hides & skins of sacrificial animals to Tannery Zone at the eve of Eidul Azha.

We are pleased that not a single incident of snatching or hijacking of hides /skins loaded vehicles took place due to effective measures taken by the Area Police as a result of above referred meeting.

EXPORT PERFORMANCE OF PAKISTANI LEATHER & LEATHER PRODUCTS DURING JULY-OCTOBER 2012 VIS-A-VIS JULY-OCTOBER 2013

Commodities	Unit	July-October 2012		July-October 2013		% Change
		Qty	Value	Qty	Value	
Leather	'000' SQM	8,149	144,256	8,062	166,213	15.22%
	AUP/Sq.M		17.70		20.62	16.46%
Leather Apparel & Clothing	'000' DOZ	319	134,911	354	150,073	11.24%
	AUP/Pcs		35.24		35.33	0.24%
Leather Gloves	'000' DOZ	1,867	58,490	1,851	57,696	-1.36%
	AUP/Pair		5.22		5.20	-0.50%
Leather Footwear	'000' Pairs	1,646	23,997	2,704	30,709	27.97%
	AUP/Pair		14.58		11.36	-22.10%
Other Leather Manufactures	'000' KGS	254	4,024		2,796	-30.52%
	AUP/Kg		15.84			
TOTAL :			365,678		407,487	11.43%

Source : Pakistan Bureau of Statistics.

NOTE : Export Figures for the months from July-October'2013 are provisional.

PTA URGED THE GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE BAN ON EXPORT OF LIVE ANIMALS AND CONTROL ITS SMUGGLING

Chairman, PTA, Sh. Saqib Saeed Masood has taken a serious note on the smuggling going on unabated and excessive export of healthy and young live animals from the borders of Balochistan, Iran and Afghanistan in the garb of permission granted for its export.

In this context, a strong representation was sent to the Prime Minister of Pakistan, Federal Minister for Commerce and Ministry of National Food, Security and research for sincerely considering PTA's genuine demand to continue putting ban on export of live animals and to control smuggling of healthy and young animals particularly young goat and cow in the large interest of the tanning/leather sector industry as well as the country.

It was also pointed out that due to decision of the previous government to issue permits for export of live animals to various influential people as political bribe large scale of supply & smuggling of livestock is continuing as a result of which the industry is being deprived of basic raw material i.e. Hides & Skins.

This harmful activities had serious repercussion on the growth of livestock as all young breed is either exported or smuggled. These unscrupulous people exported and smuggled young animals both male & female and as such production of new breed has stopped to an alarming level.

It was due to above mentioned reasons the government through ECC of the Cabinet took farsighted decision to impose ban on export of live animals from Pakistan. This has really disturbed the people with vested interest who have again become active to reopen the exports of live animals under the concept of **"FREE TRADE TO BENEFIT FARMERS"**.

The above misconception does not hold ground due to following reasons:-

- a) Through export of live animals farmer is not benefitted. It is only middle man who buys these animals from the farmers.
- b) These farmers are uneducated and livings in remote areas of the country having no knowledge about export of animals.
- c) The farmers can get batter prices if these are sold to the owners of local domestic slaughter houses where they can sell without the help of middle men.
- d) According to the study conducted by LCCI there has been 25% increase in export of quality meat. The farmers in Pakistan are beneficiary as they get much better price from these exporters of meat rather being exploited by the middlemen under the doctrine of free trade.
- e) After exporting healthy animals only sick, weak and low quality animals are left to be available to domestic slaughter houses causing serious health hazard to our people and depriving them from quality meat, milk, and dairy and by-products. Due to export of live animals some top breeds of Pakistan are serious threat to the livestock wealth essentially needed by the leather sector industry as well as to the national kitty.

PRESS CLIPPINGS

The Nation

Monday, November 18, 2013

Move to lift ban on animal export to prove devastating

Salman Abduhu

LAHORE - The government's move to lift ban on export of live animals will prove devastating for the leather industry and significant loss to country's total foreign exchange. Despite the strong opposition from the industry as well as the general public, the government is considering to lift ban on export of 'surplus' livestock from the country, official sources said.



If the government finally decides to lift ban on export of live animals, the benefit of livestock exports will be evaporated by the huge losses to foreign exchange earnings, observed Central Chairman of Pakistan Tanners Association Sheikh Saqib Saeed Masood. There is a visible connection between the shortage of animals and the doubling of meat prices in last five years, he said and adding that most animals were smuggled to Afghanistan and Iran in the guise of the legal export business.

The PTA central chairman said that leather garments and gloves have witnessed a decline in last few years because of the shortage of raw material in the country. He believes the industry is now importing around 20 per cent raw material from regional countries, which has increased the total cost of production in Pakistan. The prices of beef and meat in Pakistan were much higher than the prices in India, Bangladesh, Nepal, and Sri Lanka, he said, adding that we are a protein deficient nation and the prices of meat and beef are beyond the reach of common man.

Sheikh Saqib said that the lifting of ban will imply mainly two types of negative impact. Firstly, it would enhance deficiency of meat and protein among the people, and secondly, the dearth of hides and skin to produce leather and leather products, which was indeed an important sector of the country's economy and fetching huge foreign exchange after the textile sector, he added. Saqib said it was surprising that while the government, economic managers and experts had always been stressing the need for adopting value-addition to earn more foreign exchange, the government proposed decision could seriously damage the country's exports of leather and leather products.

Leather industry leader said that the prices of sacrificial animal were sky high and beyond the reach of common man and if ban is lifted it would further add to the hardships of common man, besides creating problems for the leather, footwear, garments, gloves, gelatine and casings industry, which earned over 1.25 billion dollars foreign exchange per annum. He urged the government to convene a meeting of all stakeholders before taking any such decision. Sheikh Saqib said that the leather industry, which received serious negative impact of live animal smuggling, had been a major source of foreign exchange earning after the textile sector, he said.

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Hides processing Tanners seek regular gas, power supply

By Khawar Gulistan



Daily Times
Karachi, November 18, 2013

Leather export to suffer a decline of around \$350m

By Khawar Gulistan



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PAKISTAN MAY LOSE RS4B LEATHER EXPORT AS 30PC HIDES DAMAGED

Rawhide, the main raw material for leather, is being damaged by 30 per cent in Pakistan, which could cost the country around Rs4 billion in leather exports, according to a report by the Pakistan Tanners Association (PTA). The report, titled 'Rawhide Damage in Pakistan', states that the damage is caused by the lack of proper storage facilities and the use of inferior quality rawhide. The PTA has urged the government to take steps to improve the rawhide storage and processing facilities to prevent such losses.



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