

**GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
REVENUE DIVISION
FEDERAL BOARD OF REVENUE
ISLAMABAD**

C.No. 9 (11) ST-LPE/Misc/2016

Islamabad, 15th May, 2020

All Chief Commissioners Inland Revenue,
Large Taxpayers Units (LTUs)/ Regional Tax Offices (RTOs)

Subject: **EXTENSION IN DATE FOR PAYMENT/ SUBMISSION OF SALES TAX
AND FEDERAL EXCISE RETURN FOR THE TAX PERIOD OF MARCH,
2020.**

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Tax Period	Due/Extended Date	Further Extended UPTO
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Payment Date	15.04.2020 (extended upto 12.05.2020)	27.05.2020
Submission Date	18.04.2020 (extended upto 15.05.2020)	30.05.2020


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- 2) The CEO, PRAL, Islamabad.
- 3) Webmaster, FBR, Islamabad.



MONETARY POLICY COMMITTEE STATE BANK OF PAKISTAN

Monetary Policy Statement

May 15, 2020

1. At its meeting on 15th May 2020, the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) decided to reduce the policy rate by 100 basis points to 8 percent. This decision reflected the MPC's view that the inflation outlook has improved further in light of the recent cut in domestic fuel prices. As a result, inflation could fall closer to the lower end of the previously announced ranges of 11-12 percent this fiscal year and 7-9 percent next fiscal year.
2. The MPC highlighted that the coronavirus pandemic has created unique challenges for monetary policy due to its non-economic origin and the temporary disruption of economic activity required to combat it. While easier monetary policy can neither affect the rate of infection transmission nor prevent the near-term fall in economic activity due to lockdowns, it can provide liquidity support to households and businesses to help them through the ensuing temporary phase of economic disruption. In particular, the successive policy rate cuts and sizeable cheap loans provided through the SBP's enhanced refinancing facilities have helped maintain credit flows, bolster the cash flow of borrowers, and support asset prices. This has contained the tightening of financial conditions that would otherwise have amplified the initial necessary contraction in activity.
3. The MPC noted the swift and forceful monetary easing of 525 basis point in the two months since the beginning of the crisis and SBP's measures to extend principal repayments, provide payroll financing, and other measures to support liquidity. Together with the government's proactive fiscal stimulus—including targeted support packages for low-income households, SMEs, and construction—as well as assistance from the international community, these actions should provide ample cushion to growth and employment, while also maintaining financial stability. This coordinated and broad-based policy response has provided relief and stability and should provide support for recovery as the pandemic subsides.
4. In reaching its decision, the MPC considered key trends and prospects in the real, external and fiscal sectors, and the resulting outlook for monetary conditions and inflation.

Key developments since the last MPC meeting

5. The MPC noted three key developments since the last MPC meeting on 16th April, 2020. First, the government has significantly reduced petrol and diesel prices by 30-40 percent in response to the continued fall in global oil prices, which has improved the outlook for inflation. Second, most countries, including Pakistan, have begun easing lockdowns, which should help provide support to economic activity. Nevertheless, as elsewhere, the situation remains highly uncertain. A possible rise in infections could prompt fresh lockdowns, and the recovery could prove more sluggish than is currently being anticipated. Third, due to timely policy actions and international assistance, the initial volatility observed in domestic financial and foreign exchange markets has somewhat subsided in recent weeks, although global financial conditions remain considerably tighter than before the coronavirus outbreak. Recent supportive developments have helped to restore the SBP's foreign reserves position to close to pre-coronavirus levels of over US\$ 12 billion.

Real sector



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6. Economic data has been consistent with the expected sudden and sharp drop in activity. LSM witnessed a steep decline of 23 percent (y/y) in March, due to the withdrawal from economic and social activity aimed at slowing the spread of the virus. High-frequency indicators of demand such as credit card spending, cement dispatches, credit off-take and POL sales also suggest a marked contraction in domestic economic activity in both March and April. At the same time, after showing signs of recovery earlier in the year, both consumer and business sentiment have fallen sharply.

7. More recently, the government has initiated a phased lifting of restrictions for different economic sectors conditional on the future course of the pandemic. If this easing proceeds smoothly, activity should pick up in coming months. The MPC noted that, in light of preliminary evidence from China and other countries that eased lockdowns earlier than others, activity in service sectors and consumption, which form a large part of the domestic economy, could remain subdued for longer.

External sector

8. The current account deficit has continued to narrow, even though both exports and imports have fallen sharply since the coronavirus outbreak. Exports declined by 10.8 percent (y/y) in March. Imports, after indicating some recovery on in recent months, contracted by 19.3 percent (y/y). The April figures from the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics reveal an even steeper decline in both exports (54 percent) and imports (32 percent). While remittances have so far remained resilient, there are potential downside risks given the economic difficulties across the world, especially in oil exporting countries.

9. Despite challenging global conditions, the outlook for external sector broadly remains stable. The current account deficit should remain bounded and the recent fall in portfolio inflows will be offset by official flows committed by the international community, such that Pakistan's external position remains fully funded. Together, these developments, buttressed by the flexible exchange rate regime, should continue to support a steady build up in the SBP's foreign exchange reserve buffers.

Fiscal sector

10. Like the external sector, the fiscal sector was also on track of much-needed consolidation before the coronavirus outbreak. The primary balance recorded a surplus of 0.4 percent of GDP in Jul-Mar FY20 against a deficit of 1.2 percent in the same period of FY19, the first 9-month surplus since FY16. However, the substantial fall in economic activity since March has significantly affected tax revenues. After rising by 17.5 percent (y/y) during Jul-Feb FY20, tax revenues declined sharply by 15 percent (y/y) in both March and April. Moreover, given the needed increase in spending to support healthcare, businesses, households and more vulnerable segments of society, the fiscal deficit is expected to widen substantially in Q4.

Monetary and inflation outlook

11. The MPC noted the significant reduction in headline inflation since January on the back of sharply decelerating food and energy prices, as well as easing core inflation. Looking ahead, this waning price momentum is expected to be complemented by the recent 30-40 percent cut in domestic petrol and diesel prices, creating room for today's additional rate cut. Today's decision has brought the cumulative reduction in



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the policy rate to 525 basis points, which was enabled by the fact that both the fall in inflation in Pakistan since January and the expected further decline next year are the highest among comparable emerging markets.

12. The inflation outlook is subject to two-sided risks. Inflation could fall further than expected if economic activity fails to pick up as expected next fiscal year. On the other hand, there are some upside risks from potential food-price shocks associated with adverse agricultural conditions. Price pressures could also emerge if the economy gains greater momentum in the second half of FY21. Overall, the MPC felt that with today's rate cut and based on available information, the monetary policy stance should support the economy over the coming months, while ensuring price and financial stability. In line with its previous communications, the MPC has remained data-driven and forward-looking in its interest rate decisions and stands ready to take appropriate actions as the need may arise.

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE
ISLAMABAD CAPITAL TERRITORY
ISLAMABAD

No. 1(135)-HC (G)/2020

Dated: **11/05/** 2020

NOTIFICATION

In continuation of this office order issued vide No. 1(1)-HC(G)/2020 dated 09-05-2020, the **Shops** in Main Marakiz of Islamabad are hereby conditionally allowed to open for five days a week from Monday to Friday except those which are in negative list as declared in the Notification No.1(1)-HC(G)/2020 dated 15.04.2020, 25.04.2020 and 09.05.2020. The business timings will be observed from Sehri to 05:00 p.m. The shop owners as well as concerned Trader's Unions will be responsible for the compliance of SOPs issued by the ICT Administration.

Moreover, the Representatives of Chamber of Commerce & Industries, Trader's Union of the concerned markaz and the volunteers of Tiger Force alongwith ICT Police and ICT Administration shall ensure the compliance of the SOPs issued for social distancing. In case of any violation of these SOPs in any markaz, strict action will be taken under the law.



DISTRICT MAGISTRATE
ICT, ISLAMABAD

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1. The Chief Commissioner Office, Islamabad
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4. The Sector Commander Panjnad Rangers, Islamabad.
5. The Senior Superintendent of Police, Islamabad.
6. All Assistant Commissioners, Islamabad
7. The News Editors Radio Pakistan & Pakistan Television Corporation, Islamabad for making announcement in local news.



No.1(1)/2019-DS(S)
GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

Islamabad, the 9th May, 2020

- I. Chief Secretary Punjab, Lahore.
- II. Chief Secretary Sindh, Karachi.
- III. Chief Secretary KP, Peshawar.
- IV. Chief Secretary Balochistan Quetta.
- V. Chief Secretary AJ&K, Muazaffarabad.
- VI. Chief Secretary Gilgit-Baltistan, Gilgit.
- VII. Chief Commissioner, ICT, Islamabad.

Subject: **THREAT ALERT.**

I am directed to refer to the subject cited above and to state that it has been reliably learnt that terrorists and anti-state elements are planning to target important security installations, buildings, public places and public gatherings to cause maximum damage to human lives and property. They may use IEDs, VBIEDs and other terrorist techniques. It is therefore, directed that Chief Secretaries and IGs of Police should hold meetings with all the stakeholders related to security and review security arrangements.

2. In the light of above, enhanced security arrangements may kindly be made to avoid any untoward incident.


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Cc:-

- I. Director to Minister for Interior
- II. SPS to Secretary Interior



External Relations Department

ERD/M&PRD/PR/01/2020-49

May 11, 2020

State Bank enhances scope and financing limits under its Rozgar Scheme

Since its launch of **Refinance Scheme to Support Employment and Prevent Layoff of Workers**, called Rozgar Scheme in common parlance, State Bank has been constantly receiving feedback from various stakeholders, making the scheme more facilitative for businesses and creating incentives to prevent layoff of employees under current COVID Pandemic scenario. Many of the changes in the scheme were carried out to ensure that the benefits of the scheme particularly reaches to the SMEs that offer employment to a large number of people. In this regard, recently announced Government's risk sharing facility and allowing corporate guarantees as collateral are expected to incentivize banks in extending loans to collateral deficient SMEs. Now taking another step further to facilitate middle and large businesses, which employ large numbers of people, to ensure payment of wages and salaries under this scheme, SBP has decided to enhance its refinance limits announced earlier.

Hence, State Bank will now finance up to 100% of wages and salaries of businesses with average 3-month wage bill of up to Rs500 million (see table below). This can be used for the onward payment of wages and salaries for the months of April, May and June, 2020. Earlier, 100% financing was available up to a wage bill of Rs200 million only. Similarly, for businesses with 3-month wage bill exceeding Rs500 million, State Bank will now finance of up to 75% with maximum financing of Rs1 billion. Earlier, 75% financing was available up to a maximum of Rs375 million and 50% up to a maximum of Rs500 million. The above changes are applicable with immediate effect. However, businesses that had earlier availed lower financing due to applicable limits can now avail additional financing on the basis of revised criteria. Further details on this measure are available in the SBP circular available at: <http://www.sbp.org.pk/sme/d/circulars/2020/CL10.htm>

A comparison of previous and new financing limits is given in the following table:

Category	Wages and Salaries Bill for 3 months	Previous Loan Limit	New Loan Limits
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
A	Less than or equal to Rs. 200 million	100% of 3 months wage bill	100% of 3 months wage bill
B	More than Rs. 200 million and less than or equal to Rs.500 million	Rs. 200 million or 75% of 3 months wage bill, whichever is higher subject to a maximum cap of Rs 375 million	100% of 3 months wage bill
C	More than Rs.500 million	Rs. 375 million or 50% of 3 months wage bill, whichever is higher subject to maximum cap of Rs. 500 million	Rs.500 million or 75% of 3 months wage bill, whichever is higher subject to maximum cap of Rs. 1 billion

This increase in financing limits along with Government's risk sharing facility for collateral deficient SMEs and small corporates will enable the full array of businesses to benefit from SBP's Rozgar Scheme



External Relations Department

and hence prevent large scale lay offs. Further, State Bank has also extended the availability of its refinance scheme to non-deposit taking financial institutions as well. They can now avail financing under the scheme for payment of wages and salaries of their employees.

Since the launch of the scheme till May 08, 2020, banks have received requests of more than 1,440 businesses for the financing of over Rs. 103 billion for providing wages and salaries to around one million employees whose jobs have been supported because of this scheme. Of this amount, banks have already approved financing of Rs 47 billion for 500 companies covering over 450,000 employees.

A complete list of the measures taken by the SBP to support the economy and public health since the outbreak of COVID-19 is available at: <http://www.sbp.org.pk/corona.asp>. If end-users would like further information on these SBP measures in the context of COVID-19 or if they are experiencing issues with commercial banks in benefiting from these measures, they can contact a dedicated COVID-19 SBP team by email at covid19.stimulus@sbp.org.pk or by phone at **111-727-273**. End-users are encouraged to review the material available at the above webpage including relevant circulars and any available FAQs before contacting the SBP for further information.

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE
(TEXTILE WING)

No. 9(1)TID-12-RDA

Islamabad, the 11th May, 2020


OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: EXTENSION IN ZERO RATING CERTIFICATES TILL JUNE 30TH, 2020

The undersigned is directed to refer the subject cited above and to state that the FBR declared five sectors namely, textiles including jute, leather, carpet, surgical and sports goods as zero rated sectors under the SRO 1125 on which the sales tax was charged at zero-rate or as the case may be. Further, the supply of electricity and gas to the registered manufacturers or exporters of five zero rated sectors, was charged sales tax at the rate of zero percentage in the manner specified by the FBR. The FBR in order to provide zero rating on supply of electricity and gas to the registered manufacturers and exporters of five sectors issued Sales Tax General Order 117 of 2015.

2. The government has provided concessionary rates of US Cents 7.5/Kwh, RLNG at \$6.5/mmmbtu and gas at Rs. 786/mmmbtu. The facility was provided to registered manufacturers and exporters of these five zero rated sectors with the FBR.
3. The government in current Financial Budget i.e. 2019-20, has rescinded SRO-1125 under which the zero rating has been withdrawn for five sectors namely textiles, leather, carpet, surgical and sports goods. The erstwhile five Zero Rated Sectors i.e. textiles including jute, leather, carpet, surgical and sports good were given the nomenclature of Export Oriented Sectors by the Ministry of Commerce after approval of ECC of the Cabinet on December 13th, 2019 and decision was forwarded to all Ministries concerned to issue the necessary legislative instruments. The Ministries concerned are yet to issue any legislative instruments. The Ministry of Commerce plans holding an inter-ministerial meeting at the Ministers' level to decide on the procedure and then subsequent approvals. However this would take some time.
4. The FBR which provided the zero rated status to the companies extended their zero rated status till March 31st, 2020. As the zero rated certificates of textile companies have expired, therefore, the DISCOS issued the bill on general tariff not the concessionary tariff for the companies of erstwhile zero rated sectors.

5. It has also been informed by a textile association that a clarification for zero rating status has been issued by the Commissioner IR, Faisalabad to FESCO till June 30th, 2020.
6. It is requested that all those zero rated companies who were earlier given zero rated certificate till March 31st, 2020 may please be extended to June 30th, 2020 after following the codal formalities for extension (if any).
7. This issue with approval of the competent authority.


Umar Farooq
11-05-2020

(Umar Farooq)
Section Officer (TR-II)
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The Chairperson,
Federal Board of Revenue,
Islamabad

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1. DG to Advisor to Prime Minister for Commerce, Islamabad
2. PSO to Secretary, Commerce, Islamabad



ERD/M&PRD/PR/01/2020-47

May 6, 2020

Ministry of Finance and State Bank of Pakistan introduce risk-sharing mechanism to support bank lending to SMEs and small businesses to avail SBP's Refinance Facility to Support Employment

Taking cognizance of the SMEs finding difficulties in arranging adequate collateral and banks' risk averseness in taking exposures for such lending under the SBPs Refinance Scheme to Support Employment and Prevent Layoff of Workers, Ministry of Finance has stepped forward to shoulder risk sharing with banks. Accordingly, the Federal Government has allocated Rs30 billion under a credit risk sharing facility for the banks spread over four years to share the burden of losses due to any bad loans in future. Under this risk sharing arrangement, Federal Government will bear 40% first loss on principal portion of disbursed loan portfolio of the banks. This facility will incentivize banks to extend loans to collateral deficient SMEs and small corporates with sales turnover of upto Rs2 billion to avail financing under SBP refinance scheme.

Under the SBP's Refinance Scheme to Support Employment and Prevent Layoff of Workers due to the impact of COVID-19, businesses that commit to not lay off workers in the next three months can avail credit through banks for the three months of wages and salaries expenses at a concessional markup rate.

The risk-sharing mechanism being introduced today, that is expected to increase the banks' incentive to lend to SMEs and small corporate under this scheme, was developed on the basis of feedback received from relevant stakeholders and in collaboration between MOF and SBP. Ministry of Finance's swift approval of the subsidy to provide risk coverage to banks has made it possible for the SBP to launch this credit risk sharing facility for which relevant circular has been issued today.

SBP will continue to monitor the implementation of the scheme.

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
(REVENUE DIVISION)
FEDERAL BOARD OF REVENUE

C.No.6(2)/2020-CB.

Islamabad, the 4th May, 2020

To,

The Chief Collectors of Customs
(Appraisalment)/(Enforcement)South, Karachi
(Appraisalment)/(Enforcement)Central, Lahore
(Balochistan), Quetta/ (North), Islamabad

SUBJECT:- EXTENSION IN TIME LIMIT FOR FILING OF GOODS DECLARATION

The undersigned is directed to refer to Board's letter of even number dated 30th March, 2020 on the subject cited above.

2. In continuation of said letter, Board is pleased to further extend the time for filing of goods declaration in exercise of powers under Section 224 of the Customs Act, 1969, for all IGMs filed between 7th April, 2020 to 9th May 2020, provided that this order shall not be applicable in case any fine or penalty has already been paid by the importer.



(Salman Afzal)

Secretary (Customs Budget)

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Copy for information to :

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2. The Secretary, Ministry of Maritime Affairs, Islamabad
3. S.A. to Chairperson, FBR, Islamabad
4. The Director (R&A), Karachi
5. The President, Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) Karachi
6. The President, Karachi Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KCCI), Karachi

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Government of Pakistan
Finance Division
(Expenditure Wing)

No. 4(4)Exp-II/2011

Islamabad, the 4th May, 2020

From: (Dr. G. M. Mahmoodi)
Section Officer (Exp-III)

To,

- (i) The Accountant General,
Pakistan Revenues,
Islamabad.
- (ii) Military Accountant General,
Rawalpindi.
- (iii) Chief Accounts Officer
Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Islamabad.

SUBJECT: DISBURSEMENT OF PAY AND ALLOWANCES/PENSION FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 2020 IN ADVANCE TO ALL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SERVANTS AND PENSIONERS ON THE OCCASION OF EID-UL-FITR.

Attention is invited to Note-4 of Rule-217 to the Treasury Rules (Vol-I) which states that if the festival of Eid-ul-Fitr falls within the last ten days of a month, salary of that month, may be disbursed in advance to all federal government servants and pensioners observing the festival. The advance should not be disbursed earlier than five days before the date of festival.

2. Eid-ul-Fitr will be celebrated on 25th or 26th May, 2020 (depending upon sighting of the Moon). It is, therefore, requested that arrangement may kindly be made to disburse the salary and pension for the month of May, 2020 to the federal government servants and pensioners on 21st May, 2020.

Balochistan Reforms

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BY FAX

Government of Pakistan
Ministry of Interior

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F.No.1/1/2020-FC(KP/B)

Islamabad, the 1st May, 2020

To:-

The Inspector General, Frontier Corps Balochistan (North), **Quetta.**

The Inspector General, Frontier Corps KPK (North), **Peshawar.**

The Director General, Federal Investigation Agency, **Islamabad.**

Subject: **SEALING OF WESTERN BORDER OF PAKISTAN**

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letters of even No. dated 27th March and 13 April 2020 on the subject and to convey decision of NCOC conference held on 30th April, 2020 regarding management of Afghan transit/bilateral trade as under:-

- i. Torkham and Chaman border to be opened 5 days a week (Monday to Friday) for export only (both for Afghan transit trade and bilateral trade)
 - ii. Minimum 100x trucks each will be allowed from Torkham and Chaman border per day.
 - iii. NATO and ISAF cargo and fuel tankers may also be allowed while ensuring SOPs/protocols accordingly.
 - iv. Pedestrian movement of stranded Pakistanis from Afghanistan will be allowed once a week (Saturday). Maximum 500 and 300 individuals will be allowed from Torkham and Chaman border respectively.
 - v. Export of food items (Other than negative list) will be allowed.
2. Further Necessary action may kindly be taken accordingly.



(Muhammad Asgahr Gondal)
Section Officer (FC)

Copy for information and necessary action to:-

- I. Secretary to Prime Minister, Prime Minister's Office, **Islamabad.**
- II. The Secretary, Ministry of Defence, **Rawalpindi.**
- III. The Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum, Islamabad.
- IV. The Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, **Islamabad.**
- V. The Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, **Islamabad.**
- VI. The Chief Secretary Balochistan, Quetta.
- VII. The Chairperson, FBR, **Islamabad.**
- VIII. The Director General, MO Directorate, GHQ, **Rawalpindi.**
- IX. Director to Minister, Ministry of Interior, Islamabad.
- X. PSO to Secretary Interior, Ministry of Interior, Islamabad.
- XI. PS to AS-II, Ministry of Interior, Islamabad.

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
REVENUE DIVISION
FEDERAL BOARD OF REVENUE
ISLAMABAD

C.No. 9(11) ST-LPE/Misc/2016

Islamabad, 30th April, 2020

All Chief Commissioners Inland Revenue,
Large Taxpayers Units (LTUs)/ Regional Tax Offices (RTOs)

Subject: EXTENSION IN DATE FOR PAYMENT/ SUBMISSION OF SALES TAX
AND FEDERAL EXCISE RETURNS FOR THE TAX PERIOD OF
JANUARY, 2020, FEBRUARY, 2020 AND MARCH, 2020.

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February, 2020		
Payment Date	15.03.2020(extended upto 12.04.2020)	12.05.2020
Submission Date	18.03.2020 (extended upto 15.04.2020)	15.05.2020
March, 2020		
Payment Date	15.04.2020(extended upto 27.04.2020)	12.05.2020
Submission Date	18.04.2020 (extended upto 30.04.2020)	15.05.2020


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- 3) Webmaster, FBR, Islamabad.

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
MINISTRY OF RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS
AND INTERFAITH HARMONY

Islamabad, the 22nd April, 2020

NOTIFICATION


No.F.5(2)DD(Q)2009. Dr. Tariq Masood, Joint Secretary M/O Science & Technology is appointed as member (technical expert) in the Central Ruet-e-Hilal Committee with immediate effect until further orders.


(Hafiz Abdul Qudoos)
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Printing Corporation of Pakistan Press,
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3. Chairman, Central Ruet-e-Hilal Committee.
4. Person concerned.
5. Office Order File.
6. S.O(B&C).


(Hafiz Abdul Qudoos)
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**GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
CABINET SECRETARIAT
ESTABLISHMENT DIVISION**

No. F.6/2/96-D-II

Islamabad, the 20th April, 2020

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: **OFFICE TIMINGS DURING THE HOLY MONTH OF RAMAZAN**

The undersigned is directed to state that the following Office Timings shall be observed, during the forthcoming Holy Month of Ramazan by the Federal Government Offices working on 5/6 days a week basis:-

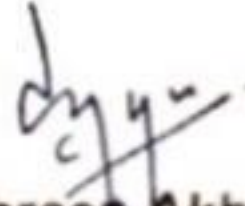
Offices working on 5-days a week

a.	Monday to Thursday	10:00 a.m. to 04:00 p.m.
b.	Friday	10:00 a.m. to 01:00 p.m.

Offices working on 6-days a week

a.	Monday to Thursday and Saturday	10:00 a.m. to 03:00 p.m.
b.	Friday	10:00 a.m. to 01:00 p.m.

2. It is requested that the said decision be communicated to all concerned.


(Tahreen Akbar)
Section Officer (D-II)

**ALL SECRETARIES/ADDITIONAL SECRETARIES INCHARGE
MINISTRIES / DIVISIONS**

Government of Pakistan
(Revenue Division)
Federal Board of Revenue

Islamabad, the 9th April, 2020.

NOTIFICATION
(Income Tax)

S.R.O. 296(I)/2020.— The following draft of certain further amendments in the Income Tax Rules, 2002, which the Federal Board of Revenue proposes to make in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 237 of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001 (XLIX of 2001), is hereby published for the information of all persons likely to be affected thereby and, as required by sub-section (3) of the said section, notice is hereby given that objections or suggestions thereon, if any, may for consideration of the Federal Board of Revenue be sent within seven days of publication of the draft in the official Gazette. Any objections or suggestions which may be received from any person in respect of the said draft, before the expiry of the aforesaid period, shall be considered by the Federal Board of Revenue, namely,—

DRAFT AMENDMENT

In the aforesaid Rules, after Chapter VII, the following new Chapter shall be inserted, namely:—

“CHAPTER VIIA

ONLINE INTEGRATION OF BUSINESSES

33A. Application.— The provisions of this Chapter shall apply to all persons mentioned in column (2) of schedule I, excluding those specified in column (4), whose principal place of business is —

- (a) In case of a company, anywhere in Pakistan; and
- (b) In all other cases, within the civil limits including cantonments of districts specified in schedule II.

33B. Obligations and requirements.— (1) The Person as specified in rule 33A, hereinafter referred to as “integrated enterprise” in this Chapter, shall install such fiscal electronic device and software, as approved by the Board, available on its website with complete technical instructions for installation, configuration and integration.

(2) The person shall notify to the Board, through the Computerized System, of all the establishments, hereinafter referred to as notified establishments, from which they intend to carry on business and shall register each point of sale (POS) to activate the integration duly providing the following information, namely:—

- (a) POS Registration Number (to be provided by the System);
- (b) Name of business;
- (c) Branch name;
- (d) Branch address;
- (e) POS identification number; and
- (f) Registration date.

(3) No sale or service from the notified establishment shall be rendered without being recorded by the duly accredited electronic fiscal device (EFD), which means a system composed of one Sale Data Controller (SDC) and at least one Point of Sale (POS) connected together, that has the following characteristics and requirements, namely:—

- (a) it can perform following tasks, i.e. —
 - (i) receive, record, analyze and store fiscal data;
 - (ii) format fiscal data into fiscal invoices or bills;
 - (iii) transmit the fiscal data to the Board's Computerized System through secure means; and
 - (iv) print invoice or bill;
- (b) Sales data controller (SDC) is the component of an EFD that—
 - (i) receives transaction data from a POS component of the EFD;
 - (ii) analyses the transaction data into fiscal data;
 - (iii) formats the fiscal data as a fiscal invoice or bill creates the digital signature for the EFD and records the digital signature on the fiscal invoice or bill;
 - (iv) transmits the fiscal invoice or bill number to the POS;
 - (v) encrypt and preserves the transaction data and fiscal data in an irrevocable and secure manner;
 - (vi) transmits the fiscal data to the Board's Computerized System;

- (c) External SDC (E-SDC) is hardware set up as a separate component of the EFD used by integrated enterprise;
- (d) virtual SDC (V-SDC) is software attached to the POS system;
- (e) an integrated enterprise must integrate each and every POS of the business to any of the SDC;
- (f) an EFD must comply with the following, namely:–
 - (i) each POS is accredited;
 - (ii) each POS transmits to the SDC a bill, on which is recorded the transaction data specified in sub-rule (5), for each transaction of the business;
 - (iii) the SDC receives the transaction data, analyses the data, verify calculated taxes to produce fiscal data for the transaction, record the invoice or bill data and transmits the fiscal invoice or bill number to POS;
 - (iv) POS prints the fiscal invoice or bill with the fiscal invoice or bill number and QR Code;
 - (v) the SDC transmits the fiscal data to the Board's system; and
 - (vi) a fiscal invoice or bill is produced for each invoice.;
- (g) the point of sale should have the following functionalities, namely:–
 - (i) provide mechanism to connect to SDC;
 - (ii) send each invoice or bill to SDC for the issuance of fiscal invoice or bill;
 - (iii) generate the QR Code on the base of fiscal invoice or bill number generated by the SDC and print the QR Code on bill;
 - (iv) must perform closing on the close of day, week and month;
 - (v) send the summary report with following fields to FBR periodically (daily, weekly or monthly) –
 - (a) total sale; and
 - (b) total number of invoices or bills for the period;
 - (vi) every adjustment, modification or cancellation must be recorded

duly maintaining logs for each activity; and

(vii) system events need to be recorded.

(4) The invoice or bill for each transaction shall be transmitted to EFD specifying the following particulars, namely:—

- (a) POS Registration Number;
- (b) unique sequential invoice number;
- (c) date and time of sale invoice or bill;
- (d) name of customer or service recipient, where recorded;
- (e) item-wise description of service and price exclusive of sales tax, if any;
- (f) rate for each item, if applicable;
- (g) total amount inclusive of sales tax, if any;
- (h) discount, if any; and
- (i) mode of payment, cash or credit card. In case of credit card, the name of client and other relevant details thereof.

(5) POS shall print a clear and legible invoice or bill for each transaction, copy of which shall be provided to the customer, containing the following particulars in addition to those as in the preceding sub-rule, namely:—

- (a) QR Code (Generated based on FBR Fiscal Invoice Number);
- (b) FBR Fiscal Invoice Number;
- (c) name of the business;
- (d) national tax number; and
- (e) name or location of the notified establishment.

(6) The EFDs installed at each notified establishment shall be tamper-proof and all the data recorded thereon shall be backed up at an offline site.

(7) In case of sale returns or exchange, a proper credit note or supplementary invoice with prescribed particulars shall be issued containing the reference of original invoice and the detail of amount refunded or additionally charged, along with sales tax involved, if any.

(8) All the transactions made from the notified establishment shall be communicated to the Board's Computerized System through EFD.

(9) The SDC shall be capable of generating and sending alert messages resulting from any malpractice or error or any inconsistent action noticed in the system and keeping a log thereof.

(10) The transactions on each point of sales in the notified establishment shall be recorded by a CCTV camera and the recording thereof shall be retained for a period of at least three months. Such recordings shall be provided to the Commissioner concerned as and when demanded and for the time as specified.

(11) In case ancillary services or sale of goods are made from notified establishment, the transactions thereof shall also be recorded and the invoice or bill issued in the same manner. Such data shall also be communicated to the Board's Computerized System in the same manner.

(12) The cost for integration including the cost of equipment and fiscalization shall be borne by the taxpayer itself.

(13) The taxpayer shall prominently display at each establishment that the POS or the establishment is accredited by FBR to issue invoice or bill and that the registration number of each POS is verifiable through the Board's verification services.

33C. Accreditation of points of sales (POS) systems.— (1) A vendor, who wants to supply a POS of a particular brand, model and specification to a Person that is not an accredited POS, must apply to the Board for accreditation of the POS of that brand, model and specification.

(2) On receiving the application under sub-rule (1), the Board shall take steps to determine accreditation of the brand, model and specification of the POS. During the accreditation process, the supplier must provide the Board with access to information and equipment, and any other assistance reasonably required for carrying out the process.

(3) After completing the accreditation process, the Board shall either allow accreditation to the brand, model and specification of POS as applied for or refuse the same in accordance with the parameters determined by it.

(4) The Board shall, without delay after accrediting a POS under this sub-rule, publish the details of the brand, model and specification of the POS on its website along with the date of accreditation.

(5) The Board may revoke the accreditation of a POS if the POS ceases to comply with the determined parameters. The notice of revocation shall be sent to the

vendor specifying the reasons for revocation and also to the integrated supplier operating such POS. The Board shall also immediately remove the particulars of the POS from its website.

33D. Record, access and examination.— (1) The integrated enterprise shall maintain the record of all the bills and transactions made from a notified establishment and also at the notified central location. The taxpayer shall provide access to such premises as well as the specific record required to the Inland Revenue officer as authorized by the Commissioner concerned.

(2) Other provisions of the Ordinance regarding record maintenance and access thereto, and otherwise, shall also be applicable.

(3) FBR may issue the parameters for inquiry/investigation.

(4) The FBR may conduct inquiry and investigations at different levels to ensure that the taxpayer is complying with these rules, including by—

- (a) checking if the taxpayer is issuing valid invoices or bill;
- (b) checking if the POS and SDC for the taxpayer's business are accredited;
- (c) checking if the EFD complies with the guidelines set out in these rules;
- (d) checking the operation of the protocols; and
- (e) requiring taxpayers to provide relevant information and documents as necessary.

33E. Online integration during intervening period.— (1) During the intervening period till such time the Board puts into operation a system of accredited secure devices and real time communication of bills and other data as stipulated in rule 33B, the online integration shall be considered to have been achieved if all the conditions specified in this rule are fulfilled.

(2) The taxpayer shall certify, using his user ID and password on the Computerized System, that he shall fulfill all the requirements of this Chapter as relaxed by this rule and that he shall ensure integration of all notified establishments in the manner as stipulated in rule 33B within one month of the date when the Board declares readiness for the same through a notice sent through email or Computerized System. Such person shall provide details of all his establishments in the manner as stipulated in sub-rule (2) of rule 33B. Such person shall also make

necessary declaration during this process as stipulated by the Board's Computerized System.

(3) The taxpayer shall upload or transfer the data of all invoices or bills periodically to the Board's Computerized System but the interval during such transfer shall not exceed seven clear days in any case.

33F. Consequences of non-compliance or contravention.— A taxpayer found to have tampered with the system or issued bill or invoice otherwise than through the prescribed devices or contravenes any of the provisions of this Chapter, shall be liable to penalty or punishment in accordance with the provisions of Income Tax Ordinance, 2001.

33G. Reporting of failure to transfer sale or bill data to the Board.— The Board shall ensure to provide a facility on its website to a customer of an integrated enterprise Person to verify and ensure that the invoice or bill issued to him has been duly communicated to the Board's Computerized System and in case of non-verification, he may upload the image of invoice or bill to the Board's portal.

THE SCHEDULE - I
[see rule 33A]


S.No	Description	PCT Heading, if applicable	Exclusion, if any
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	Restaurants	9801.2000 9801.7000	Where – a. the restaurant is operating otherwise than as part of a food court; and b. the facility of air-conditioning is not installed or available in the premises.
2.	Hotels, motels, guest houses, marriage halls, Marquees, clubs including race clubs.	9801.1000 9801.3000 9801.4000 9801.5000 9801.6000 9801.7000	Where— a. The covered area is less than 4500 sq. feet b. the facility of air-conditioning is not installed or available in the premises.
3.	Inter-city travel by road.	9803.9000	Where – a. The taxpayer is only providing non air conditioned travel service; or b. Travel service maintaining a fleet of less than ten vehicles.

4.	Courier services and cargo services	9808.0000 98.04	Where – a. the taxpayer is not a company; and b. the taxpayer is offering only domestic courier or cargo service.
5.	Services provided for personal care by beauty parlours, clinics and slimming clinics, body massage centres, pedicure centres; including cosmetic and plastic surgery by such parlours / clinics,	9810.0000 9821.4000 and 9821.5000	Where – a. The covered area is less than 1000 sq. feet; or b. the facility of air-conditioning is not installed or available in the premises.
6.	Medical practitioners and consultants	9815.1000	Where – a. the consultation is being provided at a place other than a hospital or Poly-Clinic; and b. the consultation fee is less than Rs. 1500/-.
7.	Pathological laboratories, medical diagnostic laboratories including X-Rays, CT Scan, M.R. Imaging etc.	98.16 98.17	Where – c. the taxpayer is not a company; and d. the taxpayer is not maintaining more than one branch whether under its own name or through an associate.
8.	Hospitals or medical care centres providing medical consultation, hospitalization or other ancillary services	Respective headings	
9.	Health clubs, gyms, physical fitness centres, and body or sauna massage centres	98.21	Where – a. The covered area is less than 1000 sq. feet; or b. the facility of air-conditioning is not installed or available in the premises.
10.	Photographers	-	Photographers charging less than Rs. 100,000 per event
11.	Accountants	-	Accountants who are not operating as part of a firm or a company
12.	Pharmacies		Where – a. the taxpayer is not a company; and b. the taxpayer is not maintaining more than one branch whether under its own name or through an associate.

THE SCHEDULE - II
[see rule 33A(b)]

S.No	Description
(1)	(2)
1.	Karachi
2.	Lahore
3.	Islamabad
4.	Rawalpindi
5.	Faisalabad
6.	Multan
7.	Peshawar
8.	Gujranwala

[F.No. 4(19)IT-Budget/2020]


(Dr. Muhammad Nauman Anees)
Second Secretary (CM) IR Policy

Government of Pakistan
Ministry of Commerce

F.No. PSO/SC/2020

Islamabad, the 9th April, 2020

Subject: **OPENING OF INDUSTRIAL UNITS WITH CONFIRMED EXPORT ORDERS**

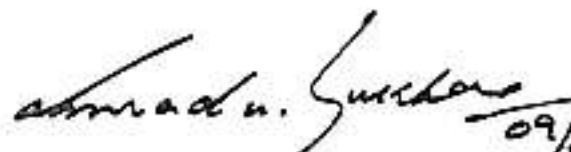
A presentation was made by the Ministry of Commerce (MoC) on April 9, 2020 to the National Command and Control Centre (NCOC) on steps taken so far towards mitigation of COVID-19 related issues of industries and opening of industrial units with confirmed export orders. It was decided by the Chair that MoC will hold consultations with all the provinces for finalizing the procedure for opening of the industrial units with confirmed export orders, and present its final proposal to NCOC on April 11, 2020.

2. MoC proposes the following procedure for considering applications of industrial units with confirmed export orders for exemption from the lockdown: -

- i. Any such industrialist may apply either to the Deputy Commissioner of the district in which the industry is situated or to the Regional Office of the Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP).
- ii. The applicant shall include the following documents as proof of the confirmed export order:
 - a. L/C of confirmed orders
 - b. Proforma Invoice of confirmed orders
 - c. Confirmed Purchase Orders with specific details of seller & buyers
 - d. Undertaking on stamp paper of Rs.100/-from the exporter that the product/commodities will not be sold in the domestic market and the mentioned order is bonafide
- iii. In case of lack of capacity in the DC office for examining proof of confirmed export order, the Focal Persons of the DC office will furnish the same to the designated focal person of TDAP Regional Office, either through email or WhatsApp. Contact list of all the Focal Persons of TDAP will be furnished to the Provincial Focal Person of each Province so that necessary coordination could be done.
- iv. Focal person of TDAP shall examine and give his opinion to the Focal Person of the DC office concerned by same means of communication, within 24 hours, whereby the district administration may take a decision on the application.

- v. Where applications are received by MoC/TDAP, the same will be forwarded to the Provincial Focal Person for further necessary action as outlined above.
- vi. For convenience of the provincial government/DC concerned, all applications referred to MoC/TDAP shall be forwarded to the Provincial Focal Person with the proposal that an undertaking shall be obtained from the applicant industrialist that they will operate the unit subject to the following terms & conditions:
 - a. Compliance with all federal/provincial SOPs that have been or shall be notified / issued for Health, Safety and Environmental (HSE) protocols
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 - d. Only bare minimum required labour would be allowed to work within the approved time frame
 - e. Any other law/regulation/order that the respective provincial government may notify in future
 - f. The industry owner will produce proof of the export order for provincial/district authorities at the time of obtaining NOC as given at Sr. 2(ii) above

3. It is requested that the above proposal may kindly be examined and either the above proposal may kindly be confirmed or an alternate proposal be furnished to this office by 12 pm on 10th April, 2020, by return fax on 051-9203104 or email on astd.moc@gmail.com.


(Sardar Ahmad Nawaz Sukhera) 09/04/2020

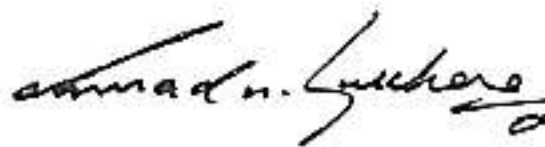
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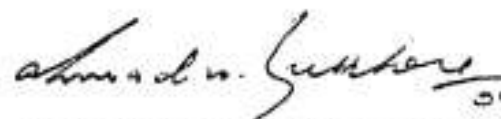
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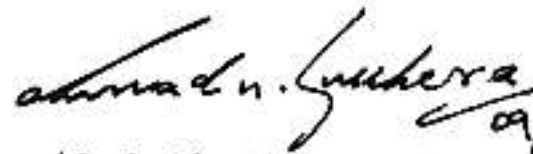
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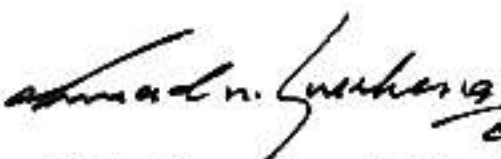
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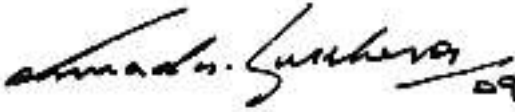
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GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
(REVENUE DIVISION)
FEDERAL BOARD OF REVENUE

Islamabad, the 8th April, 2020.

NOTIFICATION
(SALES TAX AND FEDERAL EXCISE)

S.R.O. 295(I)/2020.-- In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 4 and section 40 of the Federal Excise Act, 2005, section 219 of the Customs Act, 1969 (IV of 1969), section 50 of the Sales Tax Act, 1990, read with sub-section (2) of section 8, clause (ii) of sub-section (2) of section 8B, sections 9, 10, 14, 21 and 21A, clause (c) of sub-section (1) of section 22, first proviso to sub-section (1) of section 23, section 26, section 40C, sub-section (6) of section 47A, sections 48, 50A, 52 and 52A thereof, the Federal Board of Revenue is pleased to direct that the following further amendment shall be made in the Sales Tax Rules, 2006, namely:-

In the aforesaid Rules, in form STR-7, in Annex-K, under the heading "Part A-Steel Melting and re-rolling", for the first table, the following new table shall be substituted, namely: -

"

A	S.No.	Consumer number of Electricity Meter	Electricity units consumed during month (kwh)
	Total		

"

[C.No. 3(5)ST-L&P/2007]


(Tauqeer Ahmed)
Secretary (ST & FE-Budget)

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
(REVENUE DIVISION)
FEDERAL BOARD OF REVENUE

C.No. 2020/63909-R

Islamabad, the 2nd April, 2020

To : All Chief Commissioners-IR
LTUs/CRTOs/RTOs

Subject:- **PM PACKAGE FOR BUSINESS COMMUNITY – SPEEDY CLEARANCE
OF GENUINE TAX REFUNDS**

I am directed to refer to above subject and to state that honourable Prime Minister has announced relief package for the industry which include tax refund of Rs. 100 Billion to Industrial Sector. Currently huge amount of sales tax refund claims are pending for replication / processing in each RTO/LTU- In this emergency situation the genuine businesses / industries need liquidity to pay salaries to their employees. It is, therefore, decided to process the sales tax refund claims immediately on urgent basis and sanction the admissible amount to the refund claimants as per law.

2. I am further directed to request all CCIRs to monitor the process in order to maintain transparency and fairness. A compliance report in this regard shall be furnished to Member (IR-Operations) on daily basis in following format:-

Total Claims Processed	Refund Claimed	Sanctioned Amount


(Aamer Amin Bhatti)
Chief (IR Operations-II)

02.04.2020

Copy to: Member (IR-Operations), FBR.



No. 1(2)/2020-DS(A)-Misc
Government of Pakistan
Ministry of Commerce



Islamabad, the 30th March, 2020

SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE REQUIRED BY PAKISTANI EXPORTERS IN EUROPE AND AMERICAS DUE TO PREVAILING COVID19 SITUATION

You are well aware that the COVID-19 has now spread to 199 countries across Europe, Asia, the Middle East and the Americas. Currently, USA and Europe have become the epicenter of this pandemic, with Italy surpassing China in terms of number of fatalities. The global economic and trade activities have been severely impacted as port operations remain partially suspended and major markets including US, EU and Middle East have largely slowed down while global financial markets and stock exchanges have nosedived. The Ministry of Commerce is cognizant that the spread of COVID-19 pandemic and consequent lockdowns and closure of retail stores worldwide has caused a negative demand shock which can substantially impact our export orders.

2 It is pertinent to mention here that despite of lockdowns and closures of retail stores, Pakistan's export has registered an impressive double digit growth of 13.2% in the month of February-2020. The positive trend has so far continued in the first 20 days of March-2020 as export have risen by 8.8%. This rise is even more significant in the face of fierce competition in international prices. This rise shows the resilience and growing competitiveness of our export sector.

3 In order to maintain the pace of growth in export, the Ministry of Commerce has formulated an outreach strategy to help our export industry to retain and expand the export orders. The Pakistani exporters who are in need of any assistance either in Europe

or in Americas are requested to contact our Trade and Investment Officer posted in the country where export order is cancelled with the following details;

- Contact details
- Order details
- Particular intervention required from TIOs


The contact details of all Trade and Investment Officers of Pakistan posted in various trade missions across Europe and Americas is given below:

S. #	Country	Name & Designation of Officer	Telephone Number (Office)	Email Address
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4. Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry is, therefore, requested to circulate this information among all concerned.


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Please find attached to this email Ministry of Commerce's letter on the above subject dated today.

Regards,

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No. 01(03- IPPS) 2020

Government of Pakistan
Ministry of Energy
(Power Division)

Islamabad the, 26th March 2020

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Subject: EXEMPTION TO IPPS OPERATIONAL STAFF FROM LOCK DOWN
ANNOUNCED BY PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS

It is extremely important that country continues to have sufficient power supply available at all times for the people during this pandemic, without any interruption. To meet this key objective, it is essential that all Power Plants remain fully staffed and available to the Power Purchaser and National Grid.

2. It is, therefore, requested, in the best national interest to allow unhindered movement of Independent Power Producers (IPPs)(list attached) including their Contractors, Subcontractors, Personnel, Equipment and Vehicles so that uninterrupted supply of vital energy requirements of the Country may be ensured during crisis situation as a result of COVID -19 pandemic.

(M. Zargham Eshaq Khan)

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	Project	Location
1	Hub Power Project, (HUBCO)	Tehsil Hub, District Lasbela, Balochistan
2	La pir Limited	Mehmood Kot, Muzaffargarh, Punjab
3	Pak Gen. (Pvt) Limited	Mehmood Kot, Muzaffargarh, Punjab
4	Altern Energy Limited	Fateh Jang, Attock
5	Fauji Kabinwala Power Company	Kabinwala, District Khanewala
6	Gul Ahmed Energy Ltd. (GAEL)	Korangi Industrial Township, Karachi
7	Habibullah Coastal Power (Pvt) Co.	Quetta
8	Japan Power Generation (Pvt) Limited	17 km Jia Bagga, Off Raiwind Road, Lahore
9	Kohinoor Energy Limited	Raiwind-Manga Road, Near Lahore
10	Liberty Power Project	Daharki, Distt. Ghotki, Sindh
11	Rousch (Pakistan) Power Limited	Abdul Hakeem Barrage, District Khanewala
12	Saba Power Company Limited	Farouqabad, Sheikhupura, Punjab
13	Southern Electric Power Company Limited	Raiwind Lahore, Punjab
14	Tapal Energy Limited	District West, Karachi
15	Uch Power Limited	Dera Murad Jamali, District Nasirabad, Balochistan
16	Davis Energen Power Project	Jhang, Punjab
17	Kot Addu Power Company Limited (KAPCO)*	Kot Addu District, Muzaffargarh, Punjab
18	New Bonga Escape Hydropower Project	7.5 km Downstream Mangla Dam, Azad Jammu & Kashmir
19	Attock Gen Limited	Rawalpindi, Punjab
20	Atlas Power Limited	Sheikhupura, Punjab
21	Engro Energy Limited	Qadirpur, Sindh
22	Saif Power Limited	Sahiwal, Punjab
23	Hamore Power Generation Company Limited	Bhikki District Sheikhupura- Punjab
24	Hub Power Project - Narowal	Narowal - Punjab
25	Liberty Power Tech	Faisalabad (near M-3 Industrial Estate)
26	Nishat Power Limited	Near Lahore
27	Nishat Chunian Limited	Near Lahore
28	Orient Power Company Limited	Balloki, District Kasur, Punjab

29	Foundation Power Company (Daharki) Limited	Daharki, Sindh
30	Sapphire Electric Company Limited	Muridke, District Sheikhupura, Punjab
31	Juch-I Power Project	Dera Murad Jamali, Balochistan
32	Patrind Hydropower Project	Muzaffarabad AJK
33	Gulpur Hydropower Project	Poonch River, Gulpur, AJ&K
34	Sahiwal Coal Power Project	Qadarabad, Sahiwal
35	Port Qasim Coal Power Project	Port Qasim, Karachi
36	RLNG based Haveli Bahadur Shah Project	Haveli Bahadur Shah, Jhang
37	RLNG based Bhikki Power Project	Bhikki, Sheikhupura
38	RLNG based Balloki	Balloki, Kasur
39	Engro Thar Coal Power & Mine Project	Thar
40	China Power Hub Generation Company (Private) Limited	Hub, Baluchistan

PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

	Project	Sponsor/ Company Name	Location
1	1263 MW RLNG based Project	PPL	Near Trimmu Barrage, Jhang, Punjab
2	330 MW Thar Coal based Power Project	Thar Energy Limited	Thar Block-I, Sindh
3	330 MW Thar Coal based Power Project	Thar Nova Power Thar (Pvt) Ltd	Thar Block-I, Sindh
4	330 MW Thar Coal based Power Project	Lucky Electric Power Company Ltd.	Port Qasim, Karachi
5	Riali-II Hydropower Project	Riali Hydro Power Co.	Ghoru Wala Nullah, Muzaffarabad, AJ&K
6	Karot Hydropower Project	Karot Power Co. Pvt. Ltd.	Jhelum River, Distt. Rawalpindi, Punjab
7	330 MW Thar Coal based Power Project	Siddisons Energy Limited	Thar Block-I, Sindh
8	1320 MW Thar Coal based Power Project	Thar Coal Block-I Power Generation Co. Ltd.	Thar Block-I, Sindh
9	Suki Kinari Hydropower Project	S.K. Hydro Pvt Ltd	Kunhar River, Mansehra, KP
10	300 MW Imported coal based Power Project	China Communication Construction Co.	Gwadar, Balochistan
11	1320 MW Thar Coal based Power Project	Thar Coal Block-I Power Generation Co. Ltd.	Thar Block-I, Sindh
12	1320 MW Thar coal based Power Project	Oracle Coal Fields PLO Eng. and	Thar Block VI, Sindh
13	Kathai-II Hydropower Project	Kathai-II Hydro (Pvt) Ltd.	Kathai Nullah, Hattian, AJ&K

13	Azad Pattan Hydropower Project	Azad Pattan Power (Pvt) Ltd.	Lehnum River, Sudhnoti, AJ&K
14	Kohala Hydropower Project	Kohala Hydro Company Limited	Jhelum River, Kohala, AJ&K
15	Ashkot Hydropower Project	Ashkot Energy (Pvt) Ltd.	Neelum River, AJ&K
16	Wahi Hydropower Project	CWE Investment Corporation, China Three Gorges & Trans Tech Pakistan	Lehnum River, AJ&K, Punjab
17	Athmugam Hydropower Project	Korea Hydro and Nuclear Company	Neelum River, AJ&K
18	Tudongas-Uzghor Hydropower Project	SinoHydro-Sachal Consortium	Golen-Gol River, Chitral Valley, KP
19	168MW Imported coal based Power Project	Grange Power Limited	Arifwala, Punjab
20	Kaigah Hydropower Project		Kaigah, Indus River, KP
21	Chakothi-Hattian Hydropower Project		Muzaffarabad, AJ&K
22	Rajmahi Hydropower Project		Poonch River, AJ&K
23	Neckeherdin-Pajur Hydropower Project		Yarkun River, Chitral Valley, KP
24	Madian Hydropower Project		Swat River, KP
25	Sehra Hydropower Project		Poonch River, AJ&K

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1	Maitan-Lahore HVDC Transmission Line Project	China Electric Power Equipment and Technology Co. Ltd. (CET), State Grid Corporation of China (SGCC)	Maitan to Lahore (Approx 580 Km)

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
REVENUE DIVISION
FEDERAL BOARD OF REVENUE
ISLAMABAD

C.No. 9 (11) ST-LPE/Misc/2016

Islamabad, 31st March, 2020

All Chief Commissioners Inland Revenue,
Large Taxpayers Units (LTUs)/ Regional Tax Offices (RTOs)

Subject: **EXTENSION IN DATE OF PAYMENT OF SALES TAX AND
FEDERAL EXCISE FOR THE TAX PERIOD OF FEBRUARY, 2020.**

I am directed to refer to the subject and to say that in exercise of the powers conferred under section 74 of the Sales Tax Act, 1990 and section 43 of the Federal Excise Act, 2005, the Federal Board of Revenue is pleased to further extend the date of payment upto **12.04.2020** of Sales Tax and Federal Excise Return for the tax period of **February, 2020**.


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No. 1(2)/2020-DS(A)-Misc
Government of Pakistan
Ministry of Commerce



Islamabad, the 30th March, 2020

SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE REQUIRED BY PAKISTANI EXPORTERS IN EUROPE AND AMERICAS DUE TO PREVAILING COVID19 SITUATION

You are well aware that the COVID-19 has now spread to 199 countries across Europe, Asia, the Middle East and the Americas. Currently, USA and Europe have become the epicenter of this pandemic, with Italy surpassing China in terms of number of fatalities. The global economic and trade activities have been severally impacted as port operations remain partially suspended and major markets including US, EU and Middle East have largely slowed down while global financial markets and stock exchanges have nosedived. The Ministry of Commerce is cognizant that the spread of COVID-19 pandemic and consequent lockdowns and closure of retail stores worldwide has caused a negative demand shock which can substantially impact our export orders.

2 It is pertinent to mention here that despite of lockdowns and closures of retail stores, Pakistan's export has registered an impressive double digit growth of 13.2% in the month of Febury-2020. The positive trend has so far continued in the first 20 days of March-2020 as export have risen by 8.8%. This rise is even more significant in the face of fierce competition in international prices. This rise shows the resilience and growing competitiveness of our export sector.

3 In order to maintain the pace of growth in export, the Ministry of Commerce has formulated an outreach strategy to help our export industry to retain and expand the export orders. The Pakistani exporters who are in need of any assistance either in Europe or in Americas are requested to contact our Trade and Investment Officer posted in the country where export order is cancelled with the following details;

- Contact details
- Order details
- Particular intervention required from TIOs.

The contact details of all Trade and Investment Officers of Pakistan posted in various trade missions across Europe and Americas is given below:

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Fleet Operators Association of Pakistan

March 27, 2020

Mian Anjum Nisar Sahib,
President,
The Federation of Chambers of Commerce & Industry,
Federation House, Clifton, Karachi.

Dear Sir,

Subject: Appeal for Immediate Relief Measures for COVID19 pandemic


"Fleet Operators Association of Pakistan" (FOAP) FOAP.com.pk/ is a registered association acting as a forum of all fleet operators of Pakistan having ownership of at least 25 vehicles or more and other related associates. FOAP represents the logistic industry with 41 major players having fleet of Trucks, Tankers and specialty carriers for transport. FOAP is a member of International Road Transport Union IRU.org, enabling us to collaborate TIR & CMR convention implementations.

FOAP is also an active member of FPCCI under your leadership. With your kindness, FOAP founder member and former chairman, Mr. Rana Asim Shakoor Sb. is currently Convener of FPCCI Central Standing Committee on "Logistics" and was convener for 2019 SC on Logistics as well.

We hereby request your kind office to use your influence, while attending the meetings with government officials, please suggest the immediate relief sought by the associations regarding transport and logistics industry. We have attached here a letter written to PM, CMs, Chairman FBR, Chairmen of regional revenue authorities, Governor SBP, Chairman NHA, Chairperson Ehsaas/BISP and DG FWO. Our supply chain staff is ensuring the necessary medical and food security supplies all over Pakistan bracing the COVID19 pandemic. The government must attend to the genuine issues raised for the sustenance and maintainability of this supply chain. Please go through the letter attached and raise our concerns to the officials concerned.

Thanking you for your kind consideration and efforts,

For Fleet Operators Association of Pakistan


Zahoor Iqbal Awan
Secretary General



Fleet Operators Association of Pakistan

March 26, 2020

Honourable Mr. Imran Khan,
Prime Minister of Pakistan
PM Secretariat, PM House
Islamabad

Subject: **APPEAL TO HONOURABLE PRIME MINISTER OF PAKISTAN, CHIEF MINISTERS OF ALL THE PROVINCES, CHAIRMEN - FBR/SRB/PRA/DRA/KPRA**

Dear Prime Minister,

"Fleet Operators Association of Pakistan" (FOAP) FOAP.com.pk/ is a registered association acting as a forum of all fleet operators of Pakistan having ownership of at least 25 vehicles or more and other related associates. We are the only trade association representing this sector, which is duly licensed by Directorate General – Trade Organizations dgo.gov.pk, Government of Pakistan and registered with Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan sec.gov.pk as a corporate body. FOAP represents the logistic industry with 41 major players having fleet of Trucks, Tankers and specialty carriers for transport. FOAP is also member of International Road Transport Union IRU.org, enabling us to collaborate TIR & CMR convention implementations.

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In this process, our personnel are bracing the challenges of this epidemic, ensuring safety and well being of themselves, their families, own and customers staff and all people they met on their journey to the destination. This is all we are doing to ensure continuity of trade and business at the gravest of the risk the world is facing all over. They ensure that perishable goods and food items reach grocery stores, all basic necessity items are delivered to meet public demands and maintain sanity and peace in the country, which otherwise would create law and order situation due to shortage of commodities.

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Government of Pakistan
Ministry of Energy
(Power Division)
Power Coordination, Policy and Finance Wing

No. 01(74)2019-20-PF

Islamabad dtd, 26th March 2020Subject: EXTENSION IN ELECTRICITY BILL PAYMENT DATE TILL 07.04.2020

I am directed to refer to the subject noted above and inform that the Competent Authority has decided to extend payment date of electricity bill to 07.04.2020 without Late Payment Surcharge (LPS). Every such bill needs to carry the actual instalments.

2. In view of aforesaid, all DISCOs are directed to disseminate the decision among their consumers and implement the decision under intimation to this Division accordingly.

3. PEPCO and PITC are directed to strictly ensure the instructions and forward compliance report to this Division urgently.

(Muhammad Farhan)
Section Officer - PF
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March 26, 2020

Honourable Mr. Imran Khan,
Prime Minister of Pakistan
PM Secretariat, PM House
Islamabad

Subject: **APPEAL TO HONOURABLE PRIME MINISTER OF PAKISTAN, CHIEF MINISTERS OF ALL THE PROVINCES, CHAIRMEN - FBR/SRB/PRA/BRA/KPRA**

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March 26, 2020

SBP and PBA issue Relief Package for households and businesses to cope with impact of COVID-19 Pandemic

Amid growing concerns about the potential economic impact of the COVID – 19 pandemic, State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) with the collaboration of Pakistan Banks Association (PBA), has announced a comprehensive relief package. This package will help relevant stakeholders including households and businesses (microfinance, SMEs, corporates, commercial, retail, and agriculture) to manage their finances through this temporary phase of disruption. Key highlights of the package are as follows:

Banks' overall pool of loanable funds has been increased. To support the banking sector to supply additional loans to businesses and households, SBP has reduced the Capital Conservation Buffer (CCB) from its existing level of 2.50% to 1.50%. This will enable banks to lend an additional amount of around Rs. 800 billion, an amount equivalent to about 10% of their current outstanding loans. The reduced CCB level will remain applicable till further instructions by SBP.

The regulatory limit on extension of credit to SMEs has been permanently increased. SMEs typically bear the brunt of credit supply contractions during periods of heightened risk aversion and economic downturn. Therefore, as a tool to incentivize banks to provide additional loans to retail SMEs, the existing regulatory retail limit of Rs. 125 million per SME has been permanently enhanced to Rs. 180 million with immediate effect. This measure will facilitate banks to provide more loans to SMEs, which currently stand at around Rs. 470 billion.

Borrowing limits for individuals have been increased for one year. The capacity to borrow from banks for individuals is limited by their capacity to bear the burden of debt, defined in terms of a percentage of their income and known as a Debt Burden Ratio (DBR). SBP has relaxed the DBR for consumer loans from 50% to 60%. This measure will allow about 2.3 million individuals to borrow more from banks in this time of need.

Payment of principal on loan obligations will be deferred by banks. Banks and DFIs will defer the payment of principal on loans and advances by one year. To avail this relaxation, borrowers should submit a written request to the banks before 30th June 2020. They will, however, continue to service the mark-up amount as per agreed terms and conditions. The deferment of principal will not affect borrower's credit history and such facilities will also not be reported as restructured/rescheduled in the credit bureau's data. The total amount of principal coming due over the next year is about Rs. 4,700 billion.

Regulatory criteria for restructuring/rescheduling of loans have been temporarily relaxed till 31st March 2021. For borrowers whose financial conditions require relief beyond extension of principal repayment for one year, SBP has relaxed the regulatory criteria for restructuring/rescheduling of loans. The loans that are re-scheduled/restructured within 180 days from the due date of payment will not be treated as defaults. Banks would also not be required to suspend the unrealized mark-up against



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such loans. In addition, the timeline for classification of “Trade Bills” has been extended from 180 days to 365 days.

Margin call requirements against bank financing have been reduced. Keeping in view the steep decline in share prices, margin call requirement of 30% vis-à-vis banks’ financing against listed shares has been significantly reduced to 10%. Banks have also been allowed to take exposure on borrowers against the shares of their group companies. Banks have currently extended loans in excess of Rs. 100 billion against listed shares.

SBP and PBA expect that the measures above will help households and businesses in dealing with financial problems arising due to COVID-19. SBP will keep monitoring the economic situation and credit conditions faced by households and businesses closely, and stands ready to take additional needed measures in coordination with PBA to steer the economy during this period of temporary disruption.

**Government of Pakistan
Ministry of Commerce**

Islamabad, the 26th March, 2020

ORDER

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[F. No.2(9)/2019-DD (M&I)]



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[F. No.1 (3)/2018-AC (TP)]



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