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RESPONDENT

### **HEARING # 5 (013 – 032)**

### HEARING CALLED BY THE ELECTION COMMISSION OF FPCCI (FPCCI ELECTIONS 2024-2025)

Please refer to the Appeal dated nil received on 18th November 2023 in FPCCI Head Office Karachi from Mr. Waheed Ahmed , representing All Pakistan Fruit & Vegetable Exporters Importers & Merchants Association, to the Election Commission of FPCCI, against the decision of the Secretary General of FPCCI.

The Election Commission of FPCCI is pleased to grant the appellant(s) and the respondent(s) a hearing opportunity in person or through their authorized representative (with letter of authorization from the Appellant(s) / Respondent(s)) before the Election Commission of FPCCI alongwith all original / relevant documents, as per following schedule:

Day & Date:

Monday, 20th November 2023

Time:

Between 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Venue:

Basement 2, FPCCI Head Office Karachi

FPCCI has arranged special Zoom link facility for the outstation Appellant(s) / Respondent(s). Those who are unable to attend physically may avail the hearing via Zoom Link, by the following link:

Zoom ID:

764 276 3799

Password:

fpcci1214

Link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7642763799

Punctuality of time is requested. Also you are requested to be precise and brief.

In case of non- appearance, the case shall be decided ex-parte.

ARSHAD KHURSHID Member of the Election Commission

ASHFAQ AHMED TUNIO Member of the Election Commission

ANJUM RASHEED BAWA Member of the Election Commission

Copy to:

Directorate General of Trade Organizations, Islamabad Secretary General FPCCI

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## BEFORE THE ELECTION COMMISSION OF THE FEDERATION OF PAKISTAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

Waheed Ahmed, CEO M/s. Iftekhar Ahmed & Co. Plot No. 7, New Fruit & Vegetable Market, Super Highway, Karachi nominee of All Pakistan Fruit Vegetable Exporters and Merchants Association, Karachi.

SG-FPCCI ASU(1)

Versus



APPELLANT

- Mr. Omer Sarfraz (Associate) GB as CEO M/s Eagle International (Pvt) Ltd, 46-A, Mall Goddam Near Model Steel Badami Bagh, Lahore, nominee of Pakistan Steel line pipe Industry Association.
- 2. Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Federation House, Main Clifton, Block-5, Abdullah Shah Ghazi, Road, Karachi, Through, its Secretary General.

RESPONDENTS

# APPEAL UNDER RULE 18(6) OF THE TRADE ORGANIZATIONS RULES, 2013 AGAINST THE ORDER PASSED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE FPCCI.

### Respectfully Sheweth:

- That through the instant appeal the appellant respectfully seek to impugn the Order dated 05-11-2023 ("the Impugned Order"). Through the impugned order the Secretary General of the FPCCI, rejected the objection filed by the appellant.
- 2). That the Appellant filed the objection before the Secretary General of the FPCCI against the Respondent No. 1, that the Pakistan Steel Line pipe Industry Association (PSLIA) nominated Mr. Omer Sarfraz (Associate) GB as CEO M/s Eagle International (Pvt) Ltd. The NTN profile of above said individual reflects that no such business is registered with the name and style of M/s Eagle International (Pvt) Ltd, therefore the said individual is not being a director of M/s Eagle International (Pvt) Ltd is also not related to a business Steel Linepipe. Consequently, could not be a member of PSLIA, hence their nominations are liable to be rejected.

3). That the Secretary General of FPCCI through the impugned order failed to appreciate the vital question of law and facts that were urged before the Secretary General Respondent and is liable to be set aside on the following amongst other grounds:-

### GROUNDS

- a). That the impugned order is against the law, facts and circumstances of the case available on record.
- b). That the Secretary General while passing the impugned order did not apply its judicial mind and rendered the order contrary to the law hence the impugned order is not sustainable in the eyes of law.
- c). That the impugned order was passed without application of mind and reasoning while deciding the objection, thus the same is non speaking order and cannot be sustained in the eyes of law.

That the Pakistan Steel Line pipe Industry Association (PSLIA) nominated Mr. Omer Sarfraz (Associate) GB as CEO M/s Eagle International (Pvt) Ltd. The NTN profile of above said individual reflects that no such business is registered with the name and style of M/s Eagle International (Pvt) Ltd, therefore the said individual is not being a director of M/s Eagle International (Pvt) Ltd is also not related to a business Steel Linepipe. Consequently, could not be a member of PSLIA, hence their nominations are liable to be rejected but the Secretary General dishonestly not given finding upon the said facts. The counsel for the Respondent failed to provide any documents at the time of hearing and sought time for submission of document but not provided any documents.

- d). That the impugned order was passed out side of the scope and limitations of the law and is not sustainable.
- e). That the Secretary General FPCCI passed the impugned order in sheer violation of the Trade Organizations Rules, 2013 and the Trade Organization Act, 2013, which provides the complete mechanism for the inclusion/exclusion/deletion of any entry in the Provisional/Final voter list hence the impugned order is not sustainable in the eyes of law.
- f). That the impugned order was passed in violation of Fundamental Rights and Principles of natural justice. That Rule of Justice demands that before any adverse order, penalty or liability was passed or imposed upon a party, it

should be afforded full opportunity to meet the case and rebut the evidence used against it hence the impugned order is not sustainable in the eyes of law.

- g). That the learned Secretary General while passing the impugned order overlooked the factum that the Trade Organization Act,2013 which stipulates the procedure in case of contravention of any provision of the Act or any rule or order or instruction, the impugned order was passed by the learned Election Commission arbitrarily, illegally and tantamount to abuse of law, authority as well as the infringement of constitutional and fundamental rights of the appellant ensured under the constitution of Pakistan, hence the impugned order is void, unfair, unjust, unwarranted, arbitrary, malafide, illegal and ineffective qua the rights of the petitioner.
- h). That the impugned order was passed without application of his independent mind and without even realizing that the impugned order not only illegal but also against the Article 17 of the Constitution of Pakistan, 1973, hence the respondent failed to discharge his duties as per exigencies of his statutory responsibilities and acted in excess of their statutory responsibilities and acted in violation of his lawful authority and in violation of law and constitutional mandate. Therefore, the conduct of the respondent no.1 & 2 is violative of the dictates of the Honble Superior Court and needs to judicially reviewed by this Learned Authority.
- i). That the impugned order is based on conjectures and surmises which is not sustainable in the eyes of law.
- j). That while deciding the case and passing the impugned order, the Secretary General did not properly appreciate the documents/evidence on record hence the impugned order is the result of misreading and non-reading of the evidence.

### Prayer

In view of the foregoing, it is therefore, most respectfully prayed that while accepting the present appeal the impugned order may kindly be set aside in the interest of justice and the names of the Respondent No. 1 may kindly be excluded in the Final Voter List of the FPCCI.

Any other relief that this Authority Court deem fit and proper may also be granted to the Appellant Company.

APPELLANT

Through

MALIK GHULAM SABIR Advocate High Court