



Government of Pakistan
Directorate General of Trade Organizations
(Office of Regulator of Trade Organizations)
Ministry of Commerce,
State Life Building No. 7, 2nd Floor, Blue Area,



F. No. 6(49)/2023-TO

Islamabad, the December 6th, 2023

ORDER IN ORIGINAL NO 81/2023

Passed by Mr. Umar Dad Afridi, Regulator of Trade Organizations

Mr. Omer Sarfaraz nominee of Pakistan Steel Pipe Line Association

Versus

Election Commission of Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry
(FPCCI)

Present in the hearing.

1. **Mr. Ali Nawaz Kharral, Advocate on behalf of Appellant**

.....Appellant/Complainant

1. **Ms. Mahreen Razzak (on behalf of Secretary General FPCCI)**

.....Respondents

2. **Mr. Arshad Khurshid (Member Election Commission of FPCCI)**

3. **Mr. Anjum Rasheed Bawa (Member Election Commission of FPCCI)**

4. **Mr. Ghulam Sabir, Advocate (on behalf of Respondents)**

Date of Hearing: 01-12-2023

**Place of Hearing: OFFICE OF REGULATOR OF TRADE ORGANIZATIONS,
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF TRADE ORGANIZATIONS,
STATE LIFE BUILDING NO.7, 2ND FLOOR, BLUE AREA,
ISLAMABAD.**

Date of issuance of Order: 06-12-2023

UMAR DAD AFRIDI
Regulator of Trade Organizations
Directorate General of Trade Organization
Ministry of Commerce, Islamabad

By this order the undersigned intends to dispose of an appeal filed by Mr. Omer Sarfaraz nominee of Pakistan Steel Pipe Line Association against decision of Election Commission of Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) regarding inclusion of nominees of Pakistan Hardwar Merchants Association (PHMA). The case was fixed for hearing on 01-12-2023 which was attended by both sides.

2. The background of the case is that the Election Commission FPCCI vide decision No. 08, declined the appeal of the appellant, by setting aside the decision of the Secretary General, FPCCI and included the both nominees of PHMA in the provisional voters list.
3. The Consul of the applicant, raised serious allegations on Pakistan Hardware Merchants Association, as defunct and non-compliance Trade Organization. As per office of the DGTO's Order No. 122/2021 (F.No. 6(72)/2021-TO) dated 3rd December 2021, in line with the Order Sheet under C.M.A. No. 17 of 2021 of Honorable High Court of Islamabad issued on 5th November 2021, the nominations from PHMA in the provisional voters list are invalid.
4. The counsel of the Respondent submitted that PHMA is a valid and compliant TO and DGTO, renewed the license of the Association up to 30th June, 2026.

FINDINGS:-

As per record of DGTO Office, license of PHMA is valid and has been renewed up to 30th June, 2026. Therefore, the nominations on behalf of PHMA are valid.

ORDERS:-

Arguments heard, record perused and relevant provisions of law examined in light of the above the following orders are passed:

- i. The instant appeal is dismissed and the decision of Election Commission FPCCI is hereby upheld. The Secretary General is directed to include the nominees of PHMA in the voter list of FPCCI election 2024-25
- ii. The matter stands disposed of accordingly.

(Umar Dad Afridi)
Regulator (TO)

Announced Dated:06-12-2023.

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