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PTA Chairman's deep concern over opposing ban on export
Of live animals

Karachi: 15th October'2011: Chairman, Pakistan Tanners Association, Mr. S.M. Naseem expressed deep concern over the statement of some parties who have opposed ban on export of live animals demanded repeatedly by the leather sector industry. He said that the Ministry of Commerce considered PTA demand as justified and referred its recommendation to the Economic Coordination Committee of the Cabinet for imposing ban on the export of live animals.

Mr. Naseem emphasized the need for banning the export of livestock on permanent footings and also to strictly control smuggling of live animals from Pakistan as it is causing acute shortage of healthy live animals and raw materials needed for the tanning industry.

He further averred that the cost of Hides & Skins in Pakistan are on the very higher side and if smuggling and export of live animals are not banned the prices of such raw materials will further go up tremendously. The tanners can not compete the world market because of being under capacity. As a result of shortage of hides & skins cost of production will be increased and it will be not impossible for the leather exporters to meet foreign buyers orders.

He added that because of devastating floods lacs of live animals have already submerged and due to its smuggling and permitted export the prices of sacrificial animals will be quite unaffordable for the common-men in the forthcoming Eid-ul-Azha. Meat prices will be beyond the purchasing capacity of the people and there will be a problem of protein deficiency.

All the leather related Associations have requested the President, the Prime Minister and the Commerce Minister through a joint Appeal published in public Newspapers to impose ban on the export of live animals and control smuggling thereof from Pakistan to save the leather sector industry from total collapse which will also cause unemployment in the country. The working force employed in these industries have already reduced from 700,000 to 500,000.

The Chairman, PTA sincerely appeals to the Government to control continued smuggling strictly and to impose ban on the export of live animals permanently in the ultimate national interest.
