

PAKISTAN TANNERS ASSOCIATION

PRESS RELEASE

LEATHER EXPORT DECLINE IN QUANTITY

Karachi: 24th July, 2012: Mr. S.M. Naseem, Chairman, Pakistan Tanners Association, said in a press statement issued today according to export figures released by Pakistan Bureau of Statistics for the period July-June 2011-12, the export of leather of all kinds has shown alarming declining trend. Total quantity exported is "24.956 Million SQM" as compared to the same period of last year July-June 2010-11 at "28.694 Million SQM", which shows declining trend in quantity of leather i.e. 15%

It has already been articulated by the Chairman, PTA, Shaikh Muhammad Naseem in various Press Statements issued earlier and letters already sent to the Ministries concerned and Government Departments, showing the apprehension of declining trend for the up-coming months in view of NO attention has been paid by the Government as yet on our proposals and not a single proposal has been entertained.

Chairman, PTA emphasized again the need for providing level playing field for leather sector by considering the PTA's proposals for incorporation in the up-coming Trade Policy 2012-13 specially (i) to stop export and smuggling of Live Animals from Pakistan (ii) Reduction in import duty on basic Chemicals i.e. Chromium Sulphate, Formic Acid, Fat Liquors & Buffing Paper (iii) Increase in Duty Drawback Rates for Leather and for other incentives, to enable our members to compete in international market.

It is possible to increase the export upto US\$ 2 Billion for leather sector in next 3-years if PTA is consulted and a favorable policy adopted.

Leather industry desperately needs the incentives as requested by PTA to be able to continue to play its viable role by fetching precious foreign exchange failing which, it may be disastrous for leather industry in view of prevailing circumstances.

Chairman, PTA, Shaikh Muhammad Naseem, strongly appeals to the Government to consider PTA's proposals/suggestions favorably for incorporation in the forthcoming Trade Policy 2012-13 which could facilitate to arrest the declining trend of leather sector for boosting country's export to the desired extent.
