

PAKISTAN TANNERS ASSOCIATION

(Central Office)

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SUB : **MINUTES OF THE EMERGENT 6TH MEETING OF THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PTA HELD ON THURSDAY, THE 7TH JULY'2011 THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCE IN PTA CENTRAL OFFICE, KARACHI AND PTA NORTHERN ZONE OFFICE, LAHORE** :

The **Emergent 6th Meeting** of the Central Executive Committee of Pakistan Tanners Association was held on **Thursday, the 7th July'2011 at 11:00 a.m.** through Video Conferencing System linking between PTA (Central Office), Karachi and PTA (Northern Zone) Office, Lahore under the Chairmanship of **Mr. Khurshid Alam** to discuss one point Agenda on Export/Smuggling of live animals from Pakistan.

Following Members of the Central Executive Committee of PTA as well as special invitees attended the Meeting in Karachi & Lahore held simultaneously :-

<u>Sl. #</u>	<u>Name of Member</u>	-	<u>Designation</u>
01.	Mr. Khurshid Alam	-	Chairman
02.	Mr. Fawwad Shafi	-	Vice Chairman
03.	Mr. Aziz Ahmed	-	Vice Chairman
04.	Mr. Azam Malik	-	Member
05.	Mr. M. Khurshid Ahmed	-	- do -
06.	Mr. Naeem Akhtar	-	- do -
07.	Mr. S. Anjum Zafar	-	- do -
08.	Sh. Muhammad Naim	-	- do -
09.	Mr. Usman Umer	-	- do -
10.	Mr. Agha Saiddain	-	Special Invitee
11.	Mr. Badre Alam	-	- do -
12.	Mr. Mansoor Iqbal	-	- do -

The meeting commenced with recitation from the Holy Quran by Mr. Badre Alam.

At the outset, Chairman, PTA, Mr. Khurshid Alam thanked all the participants for sparing their time to attend the emergent meeting on a short notice. He apprised the members of his meeting held with Mr. Kamran Ali Qureshi, Addl. Secretary, Ministry of Commerce as well as different higher authorities in the Ministries of Interior, Livestock and representatives of FBR at Islamabad accompanied by Mr. Azam Malik, M/C member who actively stood by him to represent Pakistan Tanners Association on the main crucial issues of permitted export of live animals, smuggling thereof via Iran and Afghanistan as well as export of Wet Blue Leather & Wet Blue Split Leather through mis-declaration of HS. Codes and under invoicing etc. by some unscrupulous so called exporters as a consequence of which leather industry is badly affected by the shortage of this precious raw materials and its impeccable image is tarnished as well.

Mr. Khurshid Alam also averred that the Livestock Ministry's officials presented wrong statistics being 55 Million US\$ export of live animals on Government's permission, veracity of which was vehemently challenged by him on the spot. He further revealed that a petition was filed in the Sindh High Court against the proposed imposition of ban on export of livestock on which the Court issued Stay Order resultantly such export would continue as usual.

The situation having been found highly critical and detrimental to leather industry, the Committee, after listening view points of the members present in the meeting at Lahore and Karachi one by one on the above hot topics, contemplated consideration decided unanimously to take following remedial measures without delay :-

- (i) To engage an expert Lawyer to obtain copies of the Petition and Stay Order from the Sindh High Court and proceed to file constitutional writ petition in all the High Courts of the four provinces as well as Islamabad and plead the case regarding smuggling & permitted export of live animals.
- (ii) To launch effective campaign through electronic & print media specially TV channels, Geo, Express, Duniya, Business Plus, CNDC AND Newspapers: Jang, Nawa-i-Waqt, Business Recorder, Dawn, The News International.

All members were of the opinion that all possible measures should be taken in launching the campaign successfully to save the industry from total collapse.

For achieving the above objectives, it was decided that both the Zones would call emergent Meetings in their respective Zones for fund raising to finance the proposed campaign with the cooperation of their Zonal Members. It was also agreed due to shortage of time that both the zones will pay Rs.1.5 Million each immediately to be replenished after fund raising and Rs.2.0 Million by PTA (Central) so that the campaign is launched before announcement of Trade Policy which is expected in 3rd or 4th week of JULY. The Chairman, PTA (SZ) stated that he would seek decision in this regard from the zonal committee shortly.

In order to make the campaign a real success, it was also decided to take all the leather related associations, PLGMEA, PGMEA and PFMA as well as FPCCI and all the Chambers of Commerce & Industry on board for supporting PTA's rational and justified cause.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

As pre-arranged, the Chairman, Mr. Khurshid Alam addressed a Press Conference in PTA (Northern Zone) Office, Lahore just after the end of the said meeting and apprised the representatives of print & electronic media of the sorrowful affairs under which the leather/tanning industry is groaning because of ill-treatment of the Government being meted out despite persistent meetings with all the authorities concerned as none of the core issues as discussed above including, inter-alia, continued power & gas load shedding has so far been resolved. The Chairman sought due cooperation from the media-men to highlight all the burning issues of leather sector industry to attract the attention of the Ministries/authorities concerned on priority to ventilate the real grievances for the uplift of tanning industry in the ultimate national interest.

The media covered the Press Conference widely the next day.

APPROVED:

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**(KHURSHID ALAM)
CHAIRMAN**

Yours faithfully,
For: PAKISTAN TANNERS ASSOCIATION

**(MOINUDDIN QURAIHI)
SECRETARY**