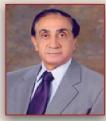


Annual Elections of Pakistan Tanners Association

For Office Bearers & Central Executive Committee Members for the Year 2015-2016



Mr. Tanveer Aslan Chawla Sr. Vice Chairman



Mr. Gulzar Firoz



Mr. Rehan Sheikh Hannan

Annual Elections of the Office Bearers of Pakistan Tanners Association for the year 2015-16 were held on 30th September'2015. Mr. Gulzar Firoz of M/s. Firoz International, Karachi was elected unopposed as Central Chairman while Mr.Tanveer Aslam Chawla of M/s. Chawla Tanneries, Kasur elected as Senior Vice Chairman and Mr. Rehan Shaikh Hannan of M/s. Khas (Pvt) Ltd., Karachi elected as Vice Chairman of the Central Executive Committee, PTA for the year 2015-16.

The members of the Central Executive Committee of Pakistan Tanners Association (PTA) elected for the year 2015-2016 are as follows

- 01. Mr. Amanullah Aftab M/s. Hafiz Tannery, Karachi.
- 02. Mr. Azam Malik M/s. Leathertex Gloving (Pvt) Ltd., Lahore.
- 03. Mr. Badre Alam M/s. Badre Alam Traders, Lahore.
- 04. Mr. Danish Naseem M/s. MIMA Leather (Pvt) Ltd., Karachi.
- 05. Mr. Faraz Haleem M/s. Muhammad Shafi Tanneries (P) Ltd,KHI.
- 06. Mr.Fazal-ur-Rehman Sheikh M/s. Rehman Brothers & Co., Kasur.
- 07. Mr. Hamid Arshad Zahur M/s. Noor Leather Garments (P) Ltd., Karachi.
- 08. Mr. Muhammad Musaddig M/s. Siddig Leather Works (Pvt) Ltd., Lahore.
- 09. Mr. Nasir Anwer M/s. Elegant (Pvt) Ltd., Lahore.
- 10. Mr. Shafique Ahmed M/s. Shafique Leather Enterprises, Karachi.
- 11. Mr. Usman Umer M/s. S. Mohamed Saeed Goreja & Co., Karachi.
- 2. Kh. Muhammad Mehr Ali M/s. Khawaja Tanneries (Pvt) Ltd., Multan.
- 13. Ch. Ahmed Zulfiqar Hayat. M/s. Leather Town, Sialkot.

Important Events:

- PTA's Delegation Meeting with the Chief Commissioner, Sales Tax on 15.10.2015.
- Meeting of the Chairman, PTA with Project Director of Pakistan Leather Competitiveness Improvement Program (PLCIP) by EU on 22.10.2015.
- Mr. Vu Viet Dzung, 2nd Secretary, Head of Vietnam Trade Mission visited PTA-Central Office on 22.10.2015.
- PTA delegation met FBR High-ups on 13th November 2015 at Islamabad.
- ✓ High Commissioner Kenya, Prof. Julius Kibet Bitok, PHD visited PTA Central Office on 14th November 2015
- ✓ PTA delegation met the Chairman, FBR in LTU, Karachi on 18.11.2015.
- Chairman, PTA attended EDF Board Meeting at Islamabad on 20.11.2015.
- The Collector of Customs, MCC Appraisement (East) visited PTA Central Office on 23.11.2015.
- ✓ Zonal Activities PTA-SZ-Karachi
 UP-COMING EVENTS
- Lineapelle Fair -23-25th February'2016 at Milan, Italy.
- Asia Pacific Leather Fair (APLF) 30th March to 1st April, 2016, Hong Kong.
- Export Statistics -> July-Oct 2015 VS 2014



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Glimpses PTA Elections

2015-16



A group photograph of the Members with newly elected Chairman, PTA (Central), Mr. Gulzar Firoz



Mr. Tanveer Aslam Chawla, newly elected Sr. Vice Chairman, PTA (Central) snapped with the Members at PTA-NZ Office, Lahore



Mr. Muhammad Naseem Shafi, Senior Member, PTA congratulating Mr. Rehan Shaikh Hannan, newly elected Vice Chairman, PTA (Central) alongwith Mr. Gulzar Firoz, Chairman, PTA (left)



PTA's Delegation Meeting with the Chief Commissioner, Sales Tax at FBR Regional Office, Karachi

PTA's Delegation led by Mr. Habibur Rehman Shaikh, Chairman, Taxation Sub-Committee, PTA(Central) alongwith Mr. Rehan Sheikh Hannan, Vice Chairman, PTA and some senior members held a meeting with Chief Commissioner of Sales Tax, Mrs. Nausheen Javaid Amjad on 15.10.2015 at FBR's Office, Karachi to discuss various related issues received from the members.

A brief outcome of the meeting is furnished hereunder:

Different Notices issued to our members on Sales Tax Matters

It was pointed out that several notices on different accounts are receiving for which request was made by the delegation to consider to streamline this system for issuance of one Notice in combined mode for which Chief Commissioner assured to take up the matter with FBR, Islamabad for amendments in prescribed law.

Prior consultation with PTA before attachment of Bank account of our members

Mrs. Nausheen Javaid Amjad, Chief Commissioner issued directives during the meeting to the Commissioner, Mr. Abdul Rehman Bullo to issue ATLEAST 2 Show Cause Notices before suspension of the

PTA's Delegation led by Mr. Habibur Rehman Shaikh, Chairman, Taxation S/C, PTA (L) discussing Sales Tax related issues with Chief Commissioner Sales Tax, Mrs. Nausheen Javaid Amjad on 22.10.2015 at FBR's Regional Office in Karachi

Registration of Sales Tax & attachment of Bank account in future, while the Association (PTA) may also be kept on board before proceeding for suspension of Registration or attachment of bank account of the firm concerned. She also clarified that the concerned member can write to the Commissioner for set off of demand against pending refunds.

Release of pending/deferred sales tax refund claims to PTA members

The Chief Commissioner also issued directives to release all pending Sales Tax claims & current deferred claims without delay to PTA's members.

Crest system is not working properly it defers some original invoices and takes long time in completion of process is slow.

The Chief Commissioner also assured to PTA's Delegation to get the needful for smooth & fast function of new Crest System with required changes for the convenience.

Meeting of the Chairman, PTA with Project Director of Pakistan Leather Competitiveness Improvement Program (PLCIP), Lahore funded by EU at PTA Central Office, Karachi Mr. Gulzar Firoz, Chairman, PTA held meeting with Mr. Usman H. Malik, Project Director, Pakistan Leather Competitiveness Improvement Program (PLCIP), PITCO, Lahore funded by EU on his visit to PTA Central Office, Karachi on 22nd October'2015 to discuss modalities for the betterment of Leather Sector of Pakistan and their

support in organizing 2nd Pakistan Mega Leather Show-2016 to be held in Lahore International Expo Centre in January from 27-29, 2016.

After getting consensus of PTA and PLCIP-PITCO following decisions have been taken for the up-lift of Leather Sector subject to the final approval of the EU:



To share 50% of the total cost of the Advertisements of PMLS-2016 to be published in 3-International Leather Magazines and leatherbiz website.



A Press conference to be organized on 3rd December, 2015 at any prominent Hotel in Islamabad with Lunch for PMLS'2016, Lahore.



To conduct Seminar on GSP Plus status of Pakistan on 28th January'2016 at Lahore International Expo Centre from 3 to 7 PM with Dinner for 100 - 150 persons).



To sponsor PTA's proposed Delegation (12-15 delegates) visit to Turkey from 20-24th April, 2016.



To invite 6-Foreign Journalists with sponsorship package for participation in 2nd PMLS-2016 as was done in last year's Show.

UP-COMING EVENTS



Lineapelle Fair 23-25th February'2016 MILAN - ITALY





Asia Pacific Leather Fair (APLF)
30th March - 1st April, 2016
HONG KONG



Mr. Vu Viet Dzung, 2nd Secretary, Head of Vietnam Trade Mission visited PTA-Central Office



Mr. Gulzar Firoz, Chairman, PTA (R), Mr. Vv Viet Dzung, 2nd Secretary and head of VTM (C) and Mr.Ghazanfar Ali Khan, Chairman, Pak-Vietnam Business Council addressing PTA Members.

At the instance of Vietnam Trade Mission in Pakistan, Head of Vietnam Trade Mission in Karachi and 2nd Secretary, Mr. Vu Viet Dzung alognwith Mr. Ghazanfar Ali Khan, Chairman, Pak-Vietnam Business Council, Karachi visited PTA's Central Office, Karachi on 22nd October'2015 to meet PTA's members to discuss ways & means for the promotion of bilateral trade between both the two countries to its further extent.

After welcoming Mr. VV Viet Dzung, Head of Vietnam Trade Mission (VTM), Mr. Gulzar Firoz, Chairman, PTA delivered his brief presentation on Pakistani Leather Industry and its Export-Import Trade between both the countries. He pointed out that volume of Pakistani's export of Leather & Leather Products to Vietnam is gradually decreasing and stressed that bilateral trade between both the countries can be enhanced by adopting business friendly policies like ...

- To execute FTA between Pakistan & Vietnam.
- To reduce Custom Duty when import into Vietnam.
- Holding of Single Country Exhibition and Exchange of Trade Delegations.
- To execute joint ventures in the field of Finished Leather and Leather Footwear.
- To issue 1-year Multiple Visa with simple procedure to PTA members on PTA recommendation.
- To invite Vietnamese Importers / Buyers to participate in 2nd Pakistan Mega Leather Show-2016.

Mr. Gulzar Firoz, Chairman, PTA invited the 2nd Secretary of Vietnam to visit Pakistan Mega Leather Show scheduled to be held from 27-29th January'2016 at Lahore Int'l Expo Centre, Lahore, which is the unique platform for Leather Sector in Pakistan to witness all sector under one roof and he also requested to motivate Vietnam business community for maximum participation.

Mr. Vv Viet Dzung, 2nd Secretary and head of VTM thanked the Chairman and PTA members for such a meeting to table the proposals of mutual interest aimed to boost exports. He extended his full support for maximum participation of Vietnamese buyers/importers in PMLS-2016.

He suggested PTA members to explore their products in Vietnam by making their frequent visits so that meetings may be arranged with the Vietnamese Importers. He presented a list of top importers/manufacturers of Vietnam for Leather, Leather Footwear, Leather Garments to the Chairman, PTA for dissemination amongst PTA members for their direct access. He also apprised the PTA members that Vietnam signed a TPP recently which is the World Largest Free Trade Agreement between 11-countries encompassing 40% of the global economy.

He also offered PTA members to participate in the up-coming Exhibition Shoes & Leather to be held from July'2016 in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

He assured that Multiple Visa will be issued to PTA genuine members on the recommendation of PTA.

PTA members shared their apprehension that despite huge export of Leather, Leather Footwear, Leather Garments & Products from Vietnam but their main supporters countries are South Korea, Taiwan and China while Pakistani exporters are interested for potential buyers not for supplier. Vietnam government should allow some incentives to Pakistan

The Chairman, PTA thanked the Head of the Vietnam Trade Mission in Karachi for his courtesy of cooperation for extending Visa facilities etc. and shared ideas for bolstering exports.



Mr. Gulzar Firoz, Chairman, PTA presenting PTA's Crest to the Chief Guest, Mr. Vu Viet Dzung, Second Secretary and Head of Vietnam Trade Mission, Karachi





PTA's Delegation led by the Mr. Gulzar Firoz, Chairman, PTA comprising Mr. Naveed Ahmed, Vice Chairman, PTA (Southern Zone) and Shaikh Saqib Saeed Masood, Member, PTA visited FBR's office, Islamabad on 13th November'2015 to discuss issue arising out due to FBR clarification issued for admissibility of SRO 1125(I)/2011dated 31.12.2011. Mr. Fawad Ijaz Khan, Patron-in-Chief of PLGMEA was also accompanied the delegation

PTA delegation visited Islamabad FBR to meet FBR High Ups

The Meeting held with following high-up of the Federal Board of Revenue:-

- 01. Mr. Tariq Bajwa, the then Chairman, FBR.
- 02. Mr. Nisar Memon, Member/FBR
- 03. Mr. Shahid Hussain Asad, the then (Member IR/Sales Tax Policy)
- 04. Mr Abdul Hameed Memon, Chief of Sales Tax/FBR
- 05. Mr. M. Zaheer Qureshi (Secretary Tax/Policy)

PTA explained their apprehension and clarification on the above Circular issued by FBR regarding SRO 1125(I)/2011 dated 31.12.2011 under which all raw materials specially imported raw hides & skins/pickled leather qualified at 3% of Sales Tax. The Delegation clarified in detailed with real interpretation of Notification and requested to resolve the ambiguity immediately to save the leather importers/exporters from unnecessary hardship and financial burden.

After patient hearing the FBR team assured PTA delegation that the matter will be further clarified and resolved soon.



VISIT OF PROF. JULIUS KIBET BITOK, PhD KENYA HIGH COMMISSIONER TO PTA-CENTRAL OFFICE

At the instant of High Commission of Kenya, Islamabad, Prof. Julius Bitok, PHD, High Commissioner visited PTA Central Office, Karachi on 14th November'2015 to meet PTA members for discussion on various issues related to promotion of bilateral trade between Kenya and Pakistan. Mr. Gulzar Firoz, Chairman, PTA alongwith Mr. Rehan Shaikh Hannan, Vice Chairman, PTA and Mr. Massod Hassan participated in the Meeting.

Following issues/proposals were discussed between PTA members and Kenya High Commissioner:-

1. Primarily, counterparts in leather trade i.e. Kenyan Tanners Association, Kenyan Leather Development Authority and Pakistan Tanners Association should exchange information and hold b2b meetings to increase trade between the 2-Countries.



Mr. Gulzar Firoz, Chairman, PTA discussing with the High Commissioner of Kenya

- 2. To study the possibility of giving Technical knowhow by the Pakistani Tanners to Kenyan Tanners for improvement in quality of Raw & Wetblue leather produced in Kenyan Tanneries, since Pakistani Tanners are producing high quality leather & possessed good technology.
- 3. To invite Kenyan Tanners to visit 2nd Pakistan Mega Leather Show to be held from 27-29th January'2016 at Lahore International Expo Centre so that the Kenyan Tanners can see the quality of Leather produced in Pakistan and to assess the requirement of the leather industry so that Kenyan Tanners can offer their raw materials to Pakistani Tanners and importers.

Chairman, PTA, Mr. Gulzar Firoz thanked his Excellency Prof. Julius Bitok, PHD, Kenya High Commissioner to meet PTA members and his interest for expansion of trade between both the countries. On the occasion, Mr. Gulzar Firoz, Chairman, PTA cordially invited him to visit 2nd Pakistan Mega Leather Show to be held in Lahore Expo Int'l Centre from 27th to 29th January'2016.



A group photograph of PTA members with Prof. Julius Bitok, PhD, Kenya High Commissioner (C)





PTA delegation led by Mr. Gulzar Firoz, Chairman, PTA visited Large Taxpayers Unit (LTU), Karachi on 18th November 2015 and participated in the meeting chaired by Mr. Nisar Muhammad Khan, Chairman, Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) for discussion regarding Sales Tax issues of the exporters.

PTA delegation met Chairman, FBR in LTU, Karachi

Chairman, PTA apprised Mr. Nisar Muhammad Khan, Chairman, FBR of the issue being faced by PTA member exporters/importers on the recent clarifications of the FBR reading admissibility of SRO 1125(I)/2011 dated 31.12.2011 vide its letter dated 16th October 2015 and 17th November 2015 respectively containing clarification about import of Raw, Pickled and Wet Blue Hides & Skins.

Mr. Gulzar Firoz Clarified to the Chairman, FBR that all the Raw Materials such as Raw Hides & Skins, Pickled & Wetblue Hides & Skins have already been eligible under SRO 1125(I)/2011 dated 31.12.2011 with Sales Tax concessionary rate and not levy-able at 17% and these items have been covered under PCT Heading under 41.

He also pointed out that these Articles have already been included in the 6th Schedule of the Sales Tax Act, 1990 under which these are exempted from Sales Tax 17%. He requested the Chairman, FBR to issue another Clarification to allow Sales Tax at concessionary rate to leather industry's exporters as per SRO 1125(I)/2011.

Mr. Nisar Muhammad Khan, Chairman, FBR assured to resolve the problems of the genuine exporters soon.

Mr. Gulzar Firoz, Chairman, PTA attended Meeting of the EDF Board held in Islamabad on 20th November'2015 chaired by Mr. Muhammad Shehzad Arbab, Secretary, Ministry of Commerce.

Chairman, PTA, Mr. Gulzar Firoz attended EDF Board Meeting at Islamabad

During the Meeting Chairman, PTA requested the Board for allocation of fund for holding of 2nd Pakistan Mega Leather Show to be held from 27th to 29th January'2016 at Lahore Int'l Expo Centre and apprised him that necessary working papers for PMLS-2016 have already been sent to MOC for consideration and approval.

After due deliberation, the EDF Board agreed to refer PTA proposal to the Finance Committee of the Ministry of Commerce for consideration.

Mr. Abdul Majid Yousfani, Collector Of Customs, Model Customs Collectorate Appraisement (East) Visited PTA Central Office Karachi

Central Office, Karachi on Monday, 23rd November'2015 and met PTA's members for the purpose to apprise them about the procedure of the E-filing System adopted by Customs for the facilitation of the Exporters. The meeting attended by a large number of PTA members.

At the instance of PTA. Collector of Customs, Model Customs Collectorate Appraisement (East), Mr.Abdul Majid Yousfani alognwith Mr. Naveed Abbas Memon, Deputy Director, Mr. Arshad Hussain, Manager, PRAL visited PTA's

During his Workshop on E-Filing System of the Custom he apprised the following main features of E-filing for the awareness of PTA members:

- 1. To save extra ordinary manual filing system required number of carbon copies.
- To save transportation & travelling.
- 3. To save time and doing business.

- To save from corruption and mis-happening from the un-known persons as happened in past due to manual filing.
- 5. To simply get log-in and file case by E-filing containing data about the Exporters concerned. Any exporter and their authorized representative log-in any where any time. Weboc is proving 24 hours facility for filing to facilitate zexporters in real sense.
- E-Filling required Authorized Banks only licenced by SBP. All the authorised Banks have already listed in the relevant option.
- 7. To mention approx. cost / value in E-Form so that at the time of remittance the value mentioned in GDs shouldnot vary with actual cost and more or less equal to the value as per E-Form.
- 8. Bank concerned may accept and approve the form with-in 15-Days.
- 9. Exporters can file GDs with-in 45-Days after the approval of the Bank concerned.
- 10. For any trouble shooting Exporters concerned can contact at Email : support.weboc@pral.com.pk .



Mr. Abdul Majid Yousfani also informed the members about computerized issuance of Certificate of Origin which would be linked with E-filing and hopefully will be launched in July'2016. Exporter concerned may get printout of the C.O.O. by their own as and when their required. He also informed that in next phase the DDB system will also be linked with E-filing system so that exporters / claimants concerned can get their refund claims without any delay and hurdle.

Chairman, PTA, Mr. Gulzar Firoz thanked Mr. Abdul Majid Yousfani and other Customs officials for sparing their time and visited PTA for conducting a very useful workshop on E-filing system and informed its procedures in detail in very simple manner. Mr. Gulzar, Firoz, Chairman, PTA presented him a Crest on his visit to PTA Central Office



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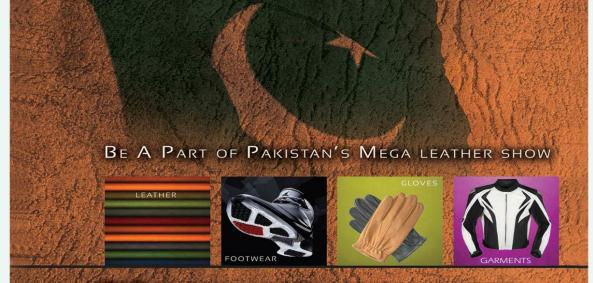
EXPORT OF LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS FROM PAKISTAN DURING JULY-OCTOBER 2014 VIS-A-VIS JULY-OCTOBER 2015

VALUE = (U.S. Dollars in Thousand)

COMMODITIES	UNIT	JULY-OCT 2014		JULY-OCT 2015		% CHANGE	
		QTY	VALUE	QTY	VALUE	QTY	VALUE
LEATHER	'000' SQM	8,464	162,249	5,281	125,770	-37.61%	-22.48%
	AUP/Sq.M		19.17		23.82		24.24%
LEATHER APPAREL & CLOTHING	'000' DOZ	363	137,728	296	111,910	-18.46%	-18.75%
	AUP/Pcs		31.62		31.51		-0.35%
LEATHER GLOVES	'000' DOZ	2,374	75,388	2,010	65,702	-15.33%	-12.85%
LEATHER FOOTWEAR	'000' Pairs AUP/Pair	2,239	5.29 37,844 16.90	1,905	24,613 12.92	-14.92%	-34.96% -23.56%
OTHER LEATHER MANUFACTURES	'000' KGS AUP/Kg	339	4,783 14.11		3,683		-23.00%
TOTAL:			417,992		331,678		-20.65%

Source: Pakistan Bureau of Statistics.

NOTE: Export figures for the months from
September'2015 to October'2015 are Provisional.



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ZONAL ACTIVITEES

PTA-Southern Zone

The Executive Committee PTA (S.Z) has continued its effort for uplift of Tannery Zone and had meetings with the Govt. Officials for getting our problems resolved.



PTA (S.Z) Meeting with Commissioner Karachi Division, along SITE Association of Industries on 22-09-15 at Commissioner Office to discuss water shortage in Tannery Zone and SITE area. It was decided that 12" water line laid between Tannery Zone and Chamra Roundabout be connected with 33" Main Pipri Water Pipeline

A meeting of PTA members was held in PTA Office which was chaired by Chairman PTA (S.Z) with Mr. Fahim Akhtar, Chief Engr. KW&SB regarding acute shortage of water in Sector 7/A.

PTA (S.Z) delegation alongwith Chairman & Vice Chairman and other senior PTA Members had a meeting with CEO, TDAP, Mr. S.M. Muneer on 06-10-15 at TDAP Office to discuss various issues pertaining in Tannery Zone.

SSP-Korangi District Mr. Tanveer Alam Addo visited PTA (S.Z) Office. We thank him for the Security measures taken by him in the meeting with PTA (S.Z) / CPLC-NC PTA on 04-11-15.

We owe our gratitude to Mr. Fawad Jawed, Convener CPLC-NC PTA for his continued efforts for making Tannery Zone and secure.

PTA (S.Z) Chairman alongwith Solid Waste Management Sub-Committee Members held a meeting with Mr. Sohail Ahmed, Director Solid Waste Management reg. cleaning of Tannery Zone an one time cleaning of GC Bin on Road 5000.





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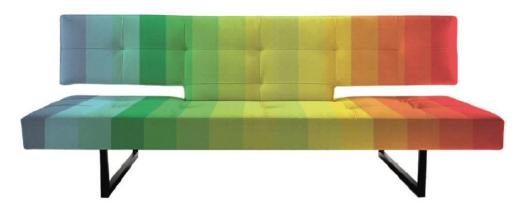






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