

**PAKISTAN TANNERS ASSOCIATION  
(CENTRAL OFFICE)**

PTA-174/2023/

11<sup>th</sup> August'2023

**SUB : MINUTES OF THE 3<sup>RD</sup> MEETING OF THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PTA HELD ON THURSDAY, THE 10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST'2023 THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCE SIMULTANEOUSLY IN PTA (CENTRAL OFFICE), KARACHI AND PTA (NORTHERN ZONE) OFFICE, LAHORE :**

The **3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting** of the Central Executive Committee of Pakistan Tanners Association for the year **2022-2023** was held on Thursday, **the 10<sup>th</sup> August'2023 at 3:30 p.m. simultaneously** in PTA Central Office, Karachi and PTA (Northern Zone) Office, Lahore through Video Conference.

Following Central Executive Committee members attended as well as Special Invitee the Meeting :-

<u>Sl. #</u>	<u>Name of Member</u>	-	<u>Designation</u>
01.	Mr. Muhammad Mehr Ali	-	Chairman
02.	Mr. Muhammad Shafi	-	Sr. Vice Chairman
03.	Mr. Fazalur Rehman Sheikh	-	Vice Chairman
04.	Mr. Agha Saiddain	-	Member
05.	Mr. Asdaque Sultan	-	- do -
06.	Mr. Tanveer Aslam Chawla	-	- do -
07.	Mr. Waqas Shakil	-	- do -
08.	Sheikh Muhammad Shafi	-	- do -
09.	Mr. Amanullah Aftab	-	Special Invitee
10.	Mr. Afzal Hussain	-	- do -
11.	Mr. Shafique Ahmed	-	- do -

The meeting commenced with recitation from the Holy Quran by Sheikh Muhammad Shafi Saheb.

Before taking-up the Agenda, the House was apprised of the sad demises of i) Late Khawaja Muhammad Iqbal Saheb son of Khawaja Muhammad Masood Late, Chairman Mahmood Group of Industries, Multan ii) Late Sheikh Abdul Latif father of Sheikh Muhammad Shafi and Mr. Imran Sheikh of M/s. Pan Asia International, Lahore iii) Late Sheikh Anwer Iqbal Vohra of M/s. National Tannery / Elegant, Lahore iv) Late Mr. Mushtaq Ahmed Vohra son of late Haji Muhammad Ismail. (Father-in-Law of Mr. Irfan Iqbal). The members present in the meeting offered Fateha praying to rest the departed souls in eternal peace and grant strength to the respective bereaved family members to bear the great loss.

The Committee accordingly adopted the following Condolence Resolution in this regard :-

**RESOLUTION**

“BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS RESOLVED THAT THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PTA CONDOLED THE SAD DEMISE OF LATE KHAWAJA MUHAMMAD IQBAL SAHEB SON OF KHAWAJA MUHAMMAD MASOOD LATE, CHAIRMAN MAHMOOD GROUP OF INDUSTRIES, MULTAN II) LATE SHEIKH ABDUL LATIF FATHER OF SHEIKH MUHAMMAD SHAFI AND MR. IMRAN SHEIKH OF M/S. PAN ASIA INTERNATIONAL, LAHORE III) LATE SHEIKH ANWER IQBAL VOHRA OF M/S. NATIONAL TANNERY / ELEGANT, LAHORE IV) LATE MR. MUSHTAQ AHMED VOHRA SON OF LATE HAJI MUHAMMAD ISMAIL.. (FATHER-IN-LAW OF MR.IRFAN IQBAL). THE MEMBERS OFFERED FATEHA PRAYING TO REST THE DEPARTED SOUL IN THE ETERNAL PEACE AND GRANT STRENGTH TO THE RESPECTIVE BEREAVED FAMILY MEMBERS TO BEAR THE GREAT LOSS.”

Thereafter, the proceeding on the Agenda of the Meeting started seriatim as under :-

**01. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> MEETING OF THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FY 2022-2023 HELD ON 10.12.2022 AT KARACHI & LAHORE VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE :**

Minutes confirmed as proposed by Mr. Agha Saiddain and seconded by Mr. M. Shafi. While confirming to the Minutes, a query against Point # 3 was raised for awarding “**Posthumous Award**” to the founder members of PTA specially Mr. S.M. Muneer & Mr.S.M. Saleem for which it was decided to convene a Steering Committee already formed in the last CEC meeting to finalise all modalities, list, specimen for Award with SOP in this regard for finalizing to award the Posthumous Award during **AGM to be held on 30.09.2023 for finalization.**

**02. TO REVIEW STATUS OF DECISIONS TAKEN DURING THE 2<sup>ND</sup> CEC MEETING OF PTA FY 2022-23 HELD ON 10.12.2022 :**

Implementation to the decision were reviewed & approved by the House with satisfaction.

**03. TO DISCUSS OUTCOME OF THE MEETING OF PTA DELEGATION MEETING HELD WITH THE DIRECTOR, IOCO ON 25.05.2023 AT CUSTOMS HOUSE, KARACHI :**

It was informed to the House that a meeting held with IOCO, Karachi on **25.05.2023** as per attached Minutes of the meeting already shared. PTA has already submitted the revised Calculation sheet with all supportive GD's effective from January'2023 to June'2023 to IOCO, Karachi within the time line and got the acknowledgement from them on 19.07.2023 before the deadline and proposed rates as below in comprising with existing rates and accordingly the IOCO's reply in this regard for finalization or reply :-

Sl #	FINISHED LEATHER OF :	New DDB Rate (Proposed)	Existing DDB Rate as per SRO # 930	Average FOB price per SQ.FT.
1.	<b>Cow/Buffalo</b> (shoe upper/made-ups)	4.93%	3.73%	US\$ 1.42
2.	<b>Goat/Sheep Skin</b> (shoe upper/made-ups)	4.86%	1.78%	US\$ 1.20
3.	<b>Upholstery</b> (Furniture leather)	9.90%	3.93%	US\$ 0.50
4.	<b>Cow/Buffalo Upper &amp; Lining Crust</b> (H.S.# 4104.4100 in addition)	8.78%	1.94%	US\$ 0.90

**04. TO DISCUSS SALIENT FEATURES OF FEDERAL BUDGET 2023-24 :**

The salient features of Federal Budget for the year 2023-24 were reviewed by the House as there was No major changes related to Tanning Industry was revealed except induction of local supply in EFS facility/system which is facilitative to the exporters as well. Besides, the Chairman, PTA, Mr. Mehr Ali informed to the House that in EDF facility system the rate of Duty Drawback is fixed while consumption to all commodities of Leather i.e. cow, buffalo, sheep & goat skins is fixed/determined with certain formula which is also informed to the House with all technicalities and assured to share the calculation in this regard separately to the members for information & facilitation in discussion with IOCO for revision of DDR for finished leather.

**05. TO DISCUSS INCOME TAX NOTICE ISSUED TO PTA FOR THE PERIOD OF 2014 AND STAY ORDER ALREADY OBTAINED FOR 7 DAYS FOR FURTHER COURSE OF ACTION IN THIS REGARD :**

The House was informed in brief about the history of the Income Tax for the year 2014 on accumulated of PTA Central, NZ/ & SZ surplus amount of Rs.7.1 Million, which was actually carry forward surplus amount. Earlier case which was for Withholding Tax on revenue of fee for Int'l Fairs was resolved by Jami Law & Associates, Lahore without any charge and accordingly this case was referred to the firm concerned with their associated Lawyer in Karachi Taimoor Law Associates. Earlier the case was for Withholding Tax resolved with help of Mr. Anjum Zafar and accordingly for Income Tax the case referred to the same Lawyer, M/s.Taimoor Law Associates, Karachi again to plead with the Order passed in 2023 for the recovering of Rs.35.4 Million against the Order for Income Tax. However, the matter was immediately brought to the notice of the present Chairman & CEC Members and prompt intervention we got, initially 7 days Stay Order and thereafter we got 60 days Stay order from Tribunal and removed "D" block from PTA Central account to keep operation smooth & on.

**In final conclusion**, Mr. Taimoor of Taimoor Law Associates has pleaded the case at Tribunal in the hearing and ultimately settled the case with the **Order passed by the Tribunal in favour of PTA** to close this matter perpetually, while this time PTA had paid necessary fee for Rs.300,000/- to Lawyer, Mr. Taimoor against their services with other Tax expense/out of court expense. The total expenditure incurred on this head was Rs.13,50,000/- defrayed by PTA Central Office.

**06. TO INFORM THE UPDATE FOR 75% LAB TESTING CASES WITH BRIEF DETAILS ALREADY SUBMITTED TO TDAP FOR RELEASE :**

To inform the House the update about the subsidy for 75% Lab testing and shared the names of total 15 firms claims submitted to PTA Central and PTA has already submitted all 15 firms claims to the Auditor concerned for scrutiny & approval so that issuance of cheques would be made smoothly with due approval of Auditor.

The House was also informed that PTA Central is actively pursuing the matter with the Auditor for the approval and removal of their small queries making on some cases specially conversion rates of foreign currency, cheques copies against the invoices with slight other issues as the Auditor is making minute scrutiny of each claims & papers before the approval. The House was informed also that major claims/cases would hopefully be approved shortly for onward disbursement

It was also decided by the House that out of total 15% on approved amount of claims which was decided in earlier CEC Meeting to share **5% Each i.e. Central**, Northern Zone & Southern Zone @ 5% each to facilitate specially to N/Z Office, who is in financial suffering severely as revealed during the meeting.

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**07. TO INFORM THE UPDATE ON PENDING MATTERS :****A) REMOVAL OF HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE IMPORT & EXPORT OF FINISHED LEATHER :**

The house was informed that 2 meetings in this regard were held on 27.07.2022 & 06.04.2023 and Minutes of the meeting were also shared with the House and also written a comprehensive letter with reminder on 08.08.2023 for issuance of SRO with due amendments to be made in Import Bill 2022 for Import of raw hides, skins & wet blue / pickled with submission of health quarantine certificate which was already decided during the above Two Meeting and recorded in the Minutes with 16 H.S. codes exemption for ensure implementation.

**B) IMPORT OF SODIUM SULPHIDE FROM CHINA INTO PAKISTAN :**

It was also informed to the House PTA is vigorously committed with persistent follow up making with Ministry of Food & Research & Ministry of Foreign, Islamabad and so far updated that they are to accept "user end certificate" to be attested /verified by PTA for releasing the Sodium sulphide shipment from China with attestation from Ministry of Foreign Affairs. It was also revealed that most of companies/members of PTA have already got authorization with License/quota for the import of sodium sulphide from China as the severity of the case seems normalized to some extent as majority of our members are importing sodium sulphide from China against authorization already obtained by them.

**C) INCLUSION OF INT'L FAIRS IN ABP OF TDAP FOR THE YEAR 2023-24 FOR PAK RS.145 MILLION BEING 40% SUBSIDY ON INT'L FAIRS FOR FINAL APPROVAL FROM EDF :**

The house was also informed by virtue of PTA's persistent follow up & reminders the total Int'l funds requirement for total 8 fairs to the tune of Rs.145 Million with 40% subsidy on stand cost was approved/included in TDAP's ABP for the year 2023-24 (July-June) out of which PTA has so far received 3 allocation letters from TDAP with approved subsidy @ 40% i.e. 1) Lineapelle Fair, Sept'23, Italy 2) ACLE, Sept'23, Shanghai, China and 3) APLF ASEAN, 25-27<sup>th</sup> Oct., 2023 at Bangkok, Thailand, while Two more i.e. 1) Lineapelle Fair, Feb'24, Italy and APLF March'24, Hongkong are in pipeline for allocation to PTA with approved subsidy, which is really big achievement of PTA as praised by the House to the chairman, PTA, Mr. Mehr Ali and Chairman, Int'l Mr. Amanullah Aftab and SG/PTA, Mr. Muhammad Ali. It was also informed to the House necessary budget is still available in TDAP for allocation of 3 More events for allocation for which the House decided to search productive destinations with Int'l Fairs with concurrence of members for participation to apply to TDAP for allocation for our members participation.

**08. TO GRANT POST-FACTO APPROVAL TO OPEN ANOTHER PTA'S CENTRAL OFFICE ACCOUNT IN FAYSAL BANK, DHA, KARACHI IN PARALLAL WITH MEEZAN BANK DHA, KARACHI BEING ALTERNATIVE :**

Approval granted by the House.

**09. TO PROPOSE 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER'2023 (SATURDAY) FOR HOLDING OF AGM AND ELECTIONS OF THE CHAIRMAN, SR. VICE CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF PTA (CENTRAL) FY 2023-24 :**

Approved the proposed Schedule of Election in PTA Central on 30.09.2023 with all features as per DGTO Rules & Regulation 2013.

**10. TO GRANT EX-POST FACTO APPROVAL FOR 10% INCREASE IN PTA'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL/SUBSCRIPTION FEE FY 2023-24 AS PROPOSED BY PTA-SZ EFFECTIVE FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL'2023 :**

Approved the increased fee and directed to get it approved from AGM also to meet constitutional requirement for record please.

**11. ANY OTHER MATTER WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR :**

**a) PROPOSAL OF PCSIR FOR RS.484 MILLION :**

After due deliberation on the proposal it was decided by the House to oppose the project of PCSIR for Rs.484 Million from EDF, MOC and convey the consent of PTA thru letter to EDF/MOC accordingly, as the proposal would not be in favor of PTA's members as we are already getting 75% subsidy on lab testing for Int'l lab testing from the Government, which could be hurted if we support to PCSIR's proposal, while the Int'l Buyers/customers would nominate Lab testing laboratory for lab testing and our members are compelled to get the needful from the nominated/authorized Lab rather than PCSIR, which is not accredited internationally and acceptable by foreign buyers/customers so far, resultantly the huge amount on establishment of lab would be futitied.

**b) PROPOSAL FOR THE SUPPORT CENTRE FOR LEATHER INDUSTRY (SCLI) AT SIALKOT FOR RS.921 MILLION :**

It was revealed during the meeting similar kind of proposal was received during Dec'2022 and PTA has raised objection on huge amount and already replied vide its letter dt. 12.12.2022 to MOC/EDF and same reply would be conveyed to EDF/MOC against this proposal with attached copy of our previous letter dt. 12.12.2022.

**c) REQUEST TO MEMBERS FOR THE ADVERTISEMENT IN PTA'S ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23:**

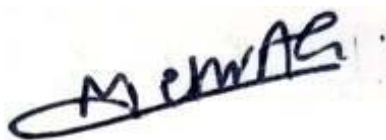
On request made during the meeting, Mr. Asadaq Sultan has assured to arrange 10 Advertisements from his allied persons for PTA's Annual Report 2022-23 @Rs.25,000/- each for ordinary page colour advertisement WHILE Mr. Muhammad Shafi, Sr. Vice Chairman ,PTA has also announced 2 Advertisements for publication.

**d) UPDATE FOR THE PART PAYMENT TO EXPO CENTRE FOR PMLS'24, LAHORE :**

It was informed to the House that necessary part payment for around Rs.1 Million was paid by PTA Central from its account to Expo Centre Management, Lahore for reservation of front Hall # 2 for PMLS, 26-28<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 at Lahore Int'l Expo Centre, Lahore

Since there being no other matter to discuss, the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

**APPROVED :**



**MUHAMMAD MEHR ALI  
CHAIRMAN**

Yours faithfully,  
For: Pakistan Tanners Association



**( MUHAMMAD ALI )  
SECRETARY GENERAL**

