

Textile units in EPZs get drawback facility

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KARACHI, Oct 8: The ministry of textile industry has allowed drawback on local taxes and levies to textile units located in export processing zones (EPZs).

According to a ministry's notification issued on Sept 1, 2009, all manufacturing units having processing, knit-to-shape or in-house stitching and cutting facility in garments, home textiles and processed fabrics will be entitled for drawback on local taxes.

The facility became effective immediately and all shipments made on or after Sept 1, will be eligible for getting drawback on taxes.

However, the most confusing thing about this notification is that initially it allowed drawback to units located in tariff areas of the country but only five days later the same facility was extended to units located in EPZs.

Exporters see a major flaw in this facility as all units in

EPZs enjoy immunity from taxes and duties, therefore, there was no reason to allow them the drawback facility as was allowed to the units located in tariff areas, they added.

The State Bank has given separate country-code to the Export Processing Zones Authority because all supplies from Pakistan (tariff areas) to EPZ units are made against E-form and are treated as exports, hence are entitled to all incentives available on exports made overseas.

Exporters requesting anonymity further said that fabrics and garments exported from Pakistan to EPZ units were entitled to claim drawback, therefore, exports from EPZs to abroad can not be considered for drawback as it would lead to double claims.

As a result of this flaw exports destined for overseas would be routed through the EPZs to claim double benefit of drawback, thus defrauding

the government.

The exporters said that since units located in EPZs did not pay contributions on account of social security, old age benefits, export development fund and property tax, there was not reason, whatsoever, to allow them the drawback facility.

They further argued that exports of these units did not form part of exports from Pakistan as their shipments were exempted from submission of E-form.

Furthermore, since Foreign Exchange Act is not applicable to EPZ units, export remittances are not surrendered to the State Bank and retained in foreign exchange by the EPZs exporters.

They urged the textile minister to personally intervene and correct the flaw as it would badly damage the interest of the tariff area units and would hamper their exports.

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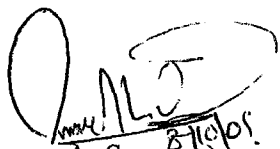
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Please find enclosed herewith copy of advertisement published in "Daily Dawn" dated 8th October '09 for the subject events.

Trade Development Authority of Pakistan has issued this advertisement for seeking applications from interested companies to participate in two Int'l exhibitions.

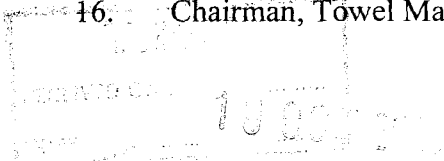
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Respectful Regards,


(Zameer A. Soomro)
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Dated: October 9, 2009

Mr. Waqar Alam,
Chairman,
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Karachi.

SUB: "DECORATION + DESIGN" (D + D), SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA, FROM 3RD TO 5TH FEBRUARY, 2010.

Dear Sir,

We would like to inform you that our Company represents International Fair Organizers of different countries in Pakistan for different Products.

We are pleased to inform you that an important Exhibition under the name and style "DECORATION + DESIGN" (D + D) is being organized in Sydney, Australia, from 3rd to 5th February'2010. It is an old, established and potential Exhibition in Australia for all sorts of Home Decoration Products including Towels.

We enclose herewith a Brochure of the above subject Fair your kind information.

For more detail about the Fair, please visit the Website: <http://www.aec.net.au/dad>

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Note: one Australian Dollar (AU\$) is equivalent to 70/- Pak Rupees.

It would be highly appreciated if you kindly advise the Secretariat to circulate the details of this Fair advising the honourable Members of your esteemed Association to contact our Office, if they are interested to participate in the above subject most important and potential Fair.

Your kind co-operation in this matter will be highly appreciated.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,


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Subject: TRAINING COURSE ON SA-8000

Dear *Muhammad Alam Sahib,*

*بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم
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Please refer to your letter dated 02-10-2009, it is indeed a matter of great encouragement to learn that our industry is not oblivious of the fact that social compliance has now become peremptory to international trade. As you know, that SA-8000 now stands much trumpeted slogan after ISO standards, there is a need to have total grasp on its knowledge/application. We appreciate your this keen gesture and offer 02 days training course on SA-8000. The main objectives of this course are:

- Acquaint the participants with the knowledge of SA-8000
- Impart training on SA-8000 implementation techniques.
- Prepare the middle tiers for third party audit.

This course covers every aspect of SA-8000. It will be appreciated if this course is run in the month of November. We would also appreciate if a tentative schedule is given for the course.

May I also add that we don't charge anything from participants except the food and light refreshment charges for 02 days including provision of training material which comes to a total of Rs. 2000/- per participant

We look forward for purposed tentative dates. It will also be much appreciated if CCI Karachi and other Trade Organizations are also incorporated in this program.

With profound regards

*Pls circulate the
 information to all
 members of enterprise*

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(Signature)

(Rana Muhammad Daniyal)
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