

**Government of Pakistan
Ministry of Textile Industry
Textile Commissioner's Organization Karachi.**

**Subject:- Minutes of the Sub-Committee Meeting held on 15.12.2007 for
Resolving the problems of H.S. Code Claims under R&D Support.**

Venue : Committee Room Textile Commissioner's
Organization Karachi.
Time : 10:30 AM
Chaired by : Textile Commissioner
Participants : List Annexed.

A meeting of Sub-Committee for resolving the problems of H.S. Code Claims under R&D Support to Textile Industry was held on 15th December, 2007 under the Chairmanship of the Textile Commissioner, list of participants is Annexed.

02. The Chairman briefed the participants about the back ground of the R&D Support to Textile Industry & its impact to sustain its position in global market. He further briefed that the basic Idea of grant of facility of R & D support was to support the Industry to maintain their competitiveness in the market during the initial period so that they would be in a position to develop their core competitiveness in the global market in future. Certain difficulties in the form of H. S. Code had been observed. The issue was discussed in the meetings held on 20.12.2007, 27.12.2007 & Custom convened a meeting on the subject on 11.07.2007, State Bank desired that in cases where customs corrected the H.S. Code they should issue a correction certificate. The customs were of the view that it was not possible to verify after the goods had been exported. SBP contended that under the current scenario, if the Customs is not issuing separate correction letters in respect of correction of H.S. Code due to one reason or the other, correction on the GDF duly stamped and signed by them may be considered provided the Customs conveys to SBP the name and specimen signatures of their officials who are authorized to make the correction.

03. After hearing the views of the Trade Associations, representatives of State Bank of Pakistan and customs.

The following decisions were made:-

- i. It was decided that the old cases in which customs had changed the H.S. Code by cutting and the same has not been cleared by State Bank would be re-examined by the concerned Trade Associations with due diligence and send these cases to State Bank of Pakistan. SBP would in turn send them to the customs authorities for verification. On receipt of verification from customs, the cases will be cleared/disposed off by SBP, if otherwise in order
- ii. The above facility has been allowed one time and the Target date has been fixed on 31.01.2008, where as cases submitted up to the date of issue of minutes will only be entertained
- iii. In future if the customs change the H.S. Code, it would be listed and sent to State Bank of Pakistan by authorized Officer of customs.
- iv. Cases having wrong/ineligible H/S. Code and not corrected by the Customs also came under discussion, it was decided that since the H. S. Code and description of goods both are part of SRO, therefore, it was not possible for SBP to entertain the same just on the basis of description of goods only. The committee was of the view that the issue required further deliberation of the Stakeholders which may be reviewed in due courses.
- v. Customs and State Bank of Pakistan offered related training workshop to Trade Associations and Banks at Karachi, Lahore, Faisalabad & Multan, if requested by them.

The Chair concluded the meeting with a vote of thanks.

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