

As the fair HEIMTEXTIL 2008 is approaching, the Consulate General in Karachi would like to take this opportunity to convey the necessary information about visa requirements (valid only for the HEIMTEXTIL).

I. Requirements:

1. Two application forms, completed and signed by applicant, including statement and undertakings.  
(These can be downloaded at our website [www.karachi.diplo.de](http://www.karachi.diplo.de))
2. Three recent passport-size photographs not older than six months.
3. Passport, valid for at least six months beyond intended stay.
4. Previous passport(s), if any.
5. Photo copies of pages 1-4 of current passport and of all previous Schengen visas.
6. Covering letter from the company of the applicant in Pakistan .
7. Companies exhibiting their products: Proof of booking and payment of exhibition fees  
OR

Visitors: Invitation letter by an official exhibitor and entry-card voucher and Proof of sufficient financial means for the planned stay (bank statements)

8. Travel health insurance valid for the Schengen states and covering up to at least Euro 30,000 of medical expenses.
9. Flight and hotel reservations (printout).

II. Please note:

- LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION : 14 December 2007
- Processing time is 10 weekdays
- All applicants have to appear personally except regular visitors of Heimtextil for the last two (2) years.
- Companies exhibiting in the HEIMTEXTIL should send their employees in a group to apply for the visa.
- Only complete applications will be accepted.
- The Consulate might ask for additional documents if found necessary.
- Visa applications can be submitted weeks ahead. Dates of validity on the visa sticker will be according to the dates as per application, reservations & travel health insurance.
- Long-term visas can be issued only in exceptional cases.
- Spouses accompanying their partners on a business trip/to a fair have to fulfill the visa requirements of a tourist.
- Original passports can be withdrawn after submission of application for travels (except Schengen States) during the processing time.
- No other charges except the visa fee is applicable.

- Opening hours of the Visa section are: 8.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. for submission of applications (Mondays-Fridays); 12.00 p.m. to 13.00 p.m. for collection of passports. (all working days)