

Government urged to withdraw condition of buyers CNIC details

Chairman Pakistan Chemical and Dyes Merchant Association (PCDMA), Shahid Vaseem has rejected the requirement of CNIC in Sales Tax Invoice in Federal Budget 2019-2020 and asked the government to withdraw the condition to provide CNIC details of buyers in Sales Tax Invoices as it is not possible to comply with the condition with immediate effect.

He said that the requirement of CNIC on invoices is totally unjustified and it's not practicable because commercial importer has already paid 3 percent additional tax for sale to non-filer so why this requirement is included.

He said that this budget seems to make problems for business instead of ease of doing business. Large numbers of importers, traders, member of executive committee and Chairman Pakistan Keryana Merchant Association Nadeem Ur Rehman attended the meeting conveyed by Hafeez Ur Rehman Convener Budget and Taxation in PCDMA.

He said that commercial importer of Industrial raw material pay 6 percent advance non-adjustable tax at import stage therefore it is not justified to withdraw Final Tax Regime FTR from commercial importers without giving them an option of claiming tax refund and facility for issuance of tax extension certificate so the facility of FTR must be restored for commercial importer to make continue production activities to export industries and get industrial raw material at reasonable rate. He also demanded withdrawal of the condition of including commercial importers of industrial raw material in retail tax regime because it is not possible to mention the sales price on every imported consignment because when the exchange rate is fluctuating than how it would be possible to ascertain and mention selling price before clearance of consignment.

He expressed his concerns that due to increase in taxation rate, there are chances of increase in smuggling, which will not only hurt the business but also curtail the revenue of Government.

He also demanded for not to give extra ordinary discretionary power to the officials, which will cause harassment among the business community and hurt the business activities as it is against the slogan of comfort of doing business given by the government. Shahid Vaseem said that the decision of withdrawing the facility of zero rate to 5 export sector and implementing 17 percent tax is not prudent because it will put negative effect on export and increase the dearness and he advised to give facility to export industries and give relief in taxes otherwise the export which has already gone down and will further go down 30 percent.

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