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KATI seeks similar standardisations across country

KARACHI: Director General of Pakistan Standard Quality Control Authority (PSQCA), Abdul Aleem Memon has said that the authority had raised the issue regarding multiple standardizations on provincial bases and he is already aware of the complexity of this problem.

“The matter had also been discussed in the Council of Common Interests and hopefully a positive decision would be announced soon,” he assured.

Speaking at a meeting of Korangi Association of Trade and Industry (KATI), he said that a proposal regarding concern on double marking fee issue also had been sent to the ministry concerned and this issue would be resolved soon.

While responding to the questions, he said that the establishment of a Halal Food Authority would be announced soon.

He said that PSQCA has generated 6094 standards on its own and adopted 16059 international standards as per the country’s need and conditions.

He said maintaining standard and quality of industrial production is our top most priority along this we also understand the importance of ease of doing business for the prosperity of national economy.

President of KATI Sheikh Umer Rehan demanded similar implementation of standardizations for entire country.

He urged that standardization of industry should be similar for all provinces and asked to revoke double marking fee on Ghee and edible oil industry.

Rehan said that PSQCA is a vital institution for the development and maintaining standards of Industry in the country.

He said that after establishment of Provincial Food Authorities, there is a confusion prevailed in the industry regarding localized standardizations and from the platform of KATI we demand for single system of standardization for the entire country.

He cited that Prime Minister Khan always emphasizes on ease of doing business and lower cost of doing business.

He said that keeping in this view double marking fee on Ghee and Edible oil industry should be immediately revoked.

Abdul Haseeb Khan said that the industry is ready to cooperate on every level to maintain production standards and we expect the same spirit from the authorities concerned.

Chairman & CEO KITE Zubair Chhaya was of view that similar standardization is the basic need to provide viable conditions to the industry inside the country.

The head of KATI's standing committee on Food Security & Health Omer Qasim said that Pakistan's share is negligible in trillions of dollars Halal food Industry, we should focus on the opportunities in the industry.

Syed Farukh Mazher said that increase of exports largely depends on standardizations and there is need to focus on this sector for the sake of economic growth of the country.

Senior Vice President KATI Muhammad Ikram Rajput, Vice President KATI Syed Wajid Hussain, Senior Vice Chairman PVMA Sheikh Basit Ikram, Director PSQCA Irshad Ali Ansari, Akhtar A Bughio and others attended the meeting.