

Textile exporters urge govt to allow GDs for duty drawback

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KARACHI: Textile exporters have urged the federal government to allow Goods Declaration (GDs) generated till 30th June 2018 for applying for the duty drawback Scheme.

Muhammad Jawed Bilwani, Chairman, Pakistan Apparel Forum in a letter to Mian Misbah-ur-Rehman Federal Minister Commerce and Textile Industry raised the issue of claims under Duty Drawback of Taxes.

He said as per Ministry of Textile Industry's notification dated 12th December 2017 on Duty Drawback of Taxes 2017-18, exporters are required to submit claims on shipment date basis and drawback will be allowed for the shipments made from

1st July 2017 to 30th June 2018.

He said that export consignment reaches at the port or terminal in time for shipment abroad but does not board the ship as consignment is marked for examination by ANF/Customs or non-availability of space in vessel.

A number of exports were not dispatched due to Shut Out Container - a container that enters the terminal as export for a vessel as indicated by VCN/VIAN and is not connected to the vessel for whatsoever reason and is lying in the container yard.

He proposed that the shipment date of exports, GDs of which generated till 30th June 2018, should be extended till 10th July 2018 to enable exporters to applying the drawback under FY18 and to avail incremental drawback.

He said if the shipment date will not extend for 10 days, a number of exporters will remain unable to avail of the duty drawback scheme.

Chairman Pakistan Apparel Forum said the same request was sent to secretaries of Ministry Commerce and Textile for extension in date of shipment by 10 days. However, these ministries have replied that the extension can only be allowed by the Economic Coordination of Cabinet (EEC).

"However, we understand that extension may be allowed by the Ministry as per

procedural requirement to facilitate exporters and genuine submission in the interest of
Textile Industry,” he added.