

Government of Pakistan
(Revenue Division)
Federal Board of Revenue

Notification

Islamabad, the 12th July, 2023.

S.R.O. 917 (I)/2023.- The following draft of certain further amendments in the Customs Rules, 2001, which is proposed to be made by the Federal Board of Revenue in exercise of the powers conferred by section 219 of the Customs Act, 1969 (IV of 1969), section 50 of the Sales Tax Act, 1990, section 40 of the Federal Excise Act, 2005 and section 237 of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001 (XLIX of 2001), is hereby published for information of all persons likely to be affected thereby and, as required under sub-section (3A) of the said section 219, notice is hereby given that objections or suggestions thereon, if any, may for consideration by the Board be sent within fifteen days of publication of the draft amendments in the official Gazette. Objections or suggestions which may be received from any person, before the expiry of the aforesaid period, shall be taken into consideration by the Board, namely:-

DRAFT AMENDMENTS

In the aforesaid Rules,-

- (1) in rule 871,-
 - (a) in clause (i), after the word “company”, the words “authorized under these rules” shall be inserted;
 - (b) in clause (l), after the words “such exporter”, the words “authorized under these rules” shall be inserted;
 - (c) in clause (k), the sub-clause (b), shall be deleted.
 - (d) after clause (s), the following new clause (sa) shall be inserted:-
 - “(sa) “online market place” means an electronic interface such as a market place, e-commerce platform, website portal or similar means which facilitate export of goods, including third party export.”; and

- (e) in clause (v), after the phrase “the head office of the applicant” the phrase “or principle manufacturing unit” shall be inserted;
- (2) in rule 874,-
- (a) in sub-rule (1), in clause (i), after the phrase “annual production” the phrase “or exports with minimum value of USD 20 million,” shall be inserted; and
- (b) in sub-rule (1), in clause (ii), after the phrase “being exported” the phrase “excluding those having exports with minimum value of USD 20 million” shall be inserted;
- (3) in rule 875, in sub-rule (2), for clause (vii), the following shall be substituted, namely:-
- “(vii) export performance for last two or three years whichever is applicable, supported by a summary of foreign exchange realized through e-forms if applicable.”;
- (4) in rule 877,-
- (a) in sub-rule (4), after the word “input” occurring second time, the word “output” shall be substituted for the word “out”; and
- (b) in sub-rule (5), for the full-stop at the end, a colon shall be substituted and thereafter, the following provisos shall be added, namely:-
- “Provided that the Regulatory Collectorate shall issue analysis certificate within 3 days of application by the user provisionally as per declared input output ratios and wastages pending final determination or revision by IOCO or EDB, as the case may be;
- Provided further that the quantity equivalent to hundred percent capacity of the producing or manufacturing unit may be approved provisionally by the Regulatory Collectorate, as applied by the user. However, up to fifty percent quantity may be allowed to be used by the time IOCO or EDB, as the case may be, determines output and input ratios.”;
- (5) in rule 881, after sub-rule (2), the following new sub-rule shall be added, namely: -

“(3) The Regulatory Authority, on submission of an application by the EFS user, may allow sale or transfer of plant, machinery, equipment and apparatus from one EFS user to another EFS user. In case, both the units fall under jurisdictions of different Collectorates, sale or transfer may be allowed subject to obtaining no objection certificate from the destination Collectorate. Any stated sale or transfer shall be subject to security and indemnity bond for the remaining period as prescribed in Appendix-VI deposited at the time of import. After sale or transfer of plant, machinery, equipment and apparatus, EFS user shall provide certificate to the respective Collectorate to the effect that such sale or transfer has been completed as per prescribed procedure and this procedure shall apply mutatis mutandis in case of merger or acquisition of EFS users.”;

(6) after rule 883, the following proviso shall be inserted:-

“Provided that the said period may be extended for export of output goods only by the Chief Collector of respective jurisdiction for six months’ period in cases of exceptional circumstances and in case of extension such fresh securities as mentioned in rule 876 covering the extension period shall be obtained.”;

(7) in rule 885,-

(a) for sub-rule (2), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

“(2) The user shall provide I-Form of nil remittance value for input goods duly approved by the authorized dealer concerned.”;

(b) after sub-rule (2), amended as aforesaid, the following clause shall be inserted, namely:-

“(2A) At the time of import, the system shall debit the revolving insurance guarantee balance of the importer or accept the Indemnity Bond and Post Dated Cheque, as the case may be, for an amount equivalent to the duties and taxes leviable on the imported goods.”;

(c) for sub-rule 3, the following shall be substituted, namely:-