

FBR DIRECTED TO WITHDRAW NOTICE OF WHT MONITORING TO DECEASED

ISLAMABAD: While disposing of a complaint, the Federal Tax Ombudsman (FTO) has directed the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) to withdraw the notice of monitoring of withholding tax and to cancel registration/NTN of deceased person.

Briefly, the deceased person was a registered taxpayer but the FBR kept on issuing notices even after his death. An application for closure of NTN to Income Tax office was made but did not get any response. Therefore, the matter was taken up with the Federal Tax Ombudsman. The complaint was further referred to Secretary Revenue Division for comments. The chief commissioner stated that no death intimation was ever submitted by his family members or his authorized representative.

A notice under Section 161(1A) of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001 for tax year 2018 was issued. However, after issuance of reminders his family member submitted death intimation. It was on record that taxpayer filed return of income for tax year 2020 as well as for tax year 2021 in which he declared business income, agricultural income and turnover, in spite of the facts that the tax payer had already expired.

FTO in its findings has stated that taxpayer registration profile was registered in income tax in 2010 and in sales tax in 2015 as a distributor of fertilizer. He expired in 2019. As per provisions of Income Tax Ordinance, the commissioner may cancel the registration/NTN on the death of individual proprietor in terms of Rule 82(5) of Income Tax Rules 2002. It was also averred that even after the death of the taxpayer, the returns were regularly filed on behalf of the deceased. Issuance of notice for monitoring of withholding taxes to the deceased after the receipt of his death intimation tantamount to maladministration.

Tax ombudsman has directed the FBR to withdraw notice of monitoring of withholding tax to the deceased for tax year 2018, necessary proceedings to be conducted in the case of successor and also to deregister the deceased person on its merit in accordance with law.

JUL-DEC: CUSTOMS KARACHI ACTIONS RESULT IN RS10BN DETECTIONS

ISLAMABAD: The Chief Collector of Customs (Enforcement), Karachi on Friday informed that the enforcement and anti-smuggling activities in Karachi has resulted in massive detections of Rs 10 billion during the first six months (July-December) 2022-23 against Rs 2.5 billion in the same period of 2021-22, reflecting an increase of Rs 7.5 billion.

A meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance and Revenue was held in Karachi in the Customs House and Karachi Port Trust under the Chairpersonship of Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh, MNA. Briefing the National Assembly Standing on Finance on Friday, Chief Collector of Customs (Enforcement) Karachi stated that the value of the detections of smuggled, non-duty paid or undervalued goods amounted to Rs 10 billion during the first half of the current fiscal year. On the other hand, the value of detections remained Rs 2.5 billion in the July-December period of 2021-22. The amount of detections has been very high due to the effective enforcement actions during the said period.

The Chief Collector of Customs Appraisement (South) Karachi briefed the committee that the Chief Collector Office has launched the "Automated Complaint Management System" to immediately address the complaints of the importers and exporters. The "Automated Complaint Management System" would be monitored by the Chief Collector as well as Collector. Through the new system, the importers can make direct complaint to the Collector and Chief Collector without going to their office or documentation etc. The complaints of the importers will be immediately available in the personal inbox of the Chief Collector of Customs for redrassal of complaints. After live demonstration of "Automated Complaint Management System" and new system to checkunder-invoicing, the Committee highly appreciated the efforts of the Customs department. Qaiser Sheikh, Chairman of the committee said that Customs department has improved its performance due to automation and reforms and there are very less complaints against the Customs department due to speedy processing and clearance of imported consignments.

The committee was briefed by officials of Revenue division about efforts to enhance revenue collection and various issues pertaining to it. There has been a fall this year in growth of custom duty and sales tax collection. The committee inquired about issues in application of super tax and removal of duties on some luxury electric vehicles.

The committee was also informed about a new module being introduced to give fair assessment value to different items. This module was prepared by looking at different international best practices and consulting various international journals.

The committee was also briefed about efforts of Enforcement (South) Customs to decrease smuggling. The committee appreciated the efforts of Pakistan Customs in improving its performance through various initiatives but also directed them to improve their appraisal and clearance time.

The committee further visited Karachi Port Trust to look into clearance mechanism of port and discuss various issues faced by businesses. The committee was informed that discussions are on going with Korea to construct a dedicated elevated expressway from KPT for easing of traffic and efficient operations.

The committee decided to call a joint meeting of the committees of Maritime Affairs and Finance & Revenue to find solutions for problems faced by both organisations. The meeting was attended by Members of National Assembly; Nafisa Shah, Ali Pervaiz, Sami Hassan Gillani and Wajiha Qamar. The meeting was also attended by senior officers of both organisations.

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FBR NOTIFIES TRANSFERS AND POSTINGS OF 25 PCS OFFICERS

KARACHI: Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has notified transfer and postings of 25 Pakistan Customs Service (PCS) officers of BS-20, BS-19 and BS-18 with immediate effect.

Accordingly, Mr. Muhammad Mohsin Rafiq (Pakistan Customs Service/BS-20) is transferred to the office of Collector, Collectorate of Customs Appraisal (SAPT), Karachi moved from the post of Collector, Collectorate of Customs Enforcement, Lahore.

Mr. Amjad-ur-Rahman (Pakistan Customs Service/BS-20) is moved to Chief, Federal Board of Revenue (HQ), Islamabad from Collector, Collectorate of Customs Appraisal, Peshawar.

Ms. Ambreen Ahmad Tarar (Pakistan Customs Service/BS-20) is transferred to Collector, Collectorate of Customs Appraisal (East), Lahore from Collector, Collectorate of Customs Appraisal, Lahore.

Mr. Shafqat Ali Khan Niazi (Pakistan Customs Service/BS-20) to Director, Directorate of Intelligence & Investigation, FBR, Peshawar from Chief, Federal Board of Revenue (Hq), Islamabad.

Mr. Munib Sarwar (Pakistan Customs Service/BS-20) is transferred from Collector, Collectorate of Customs Appraisal (West), Lahore and he is awaiting posting (stationed at Lahore).

Mr. Muhammad Ismail (Pakistan Customs Service/BS-20) to Collector, Collectorate of Customs Enforcement, Sargodha from Collector, Collectorate of Customs (Adjudication), Quetta.

Mr. Muhammad Ashfaq (Pakistan Customs Service/BS-20) to Collector, Collectorate of Customs Appraisal, Peshawar from Director (Staff), Chairman Secretariat Federal Board of Revenue (Hq), Islamabad.

Ms. Neelofar Shahzad (Pakistan Customs Service/BS-20) is posted as Director, Directorate of IPR Enforcement (North), Islamabad moved from Chief, Federal Board of Revenue (Hq), Islamabad.

Mr. Naveed Illahi (Pakistan Customs Service/BS-20) to Collector, Collectorate of Customs, Islamabad International Airport, Islamabad from Chief, Federal Board of Revenue (Hq), Islamabad.

Dr. Nasir Khan (Pakistan Customs Service/BS-19) to Chief (OPS) (International Customs), Federal Board of Revenue (HQ), Islamabad from Chief, (OPS) Admin Pool Federal Board of Revenue (Hq), Islamabad.

Syed Ali Abbas Gardezi (Pakistan Customs Service/BS-19) to Collector, (OPS) Collectorate of Customs Enforcement, Lahore from Additional Collector, Collectorate of Customs, Allama Iqbal International Airport, Lahore.

Mr. Taimoor Kamal Malik (Pakistan Customs Service/BS-19) to Additional Director, Directorate of IPR Enforcement (North), Islamabad. The officer will continue to hold look after charge of the post of Additional Director, Directorate of Law & Prosecution, Peshawar in addition to his own duties.

Syed Imran Sajjad Bokhari (Pakistan Customs Service/BS-19) to Collector (OPS), Collectorate of Customs Enforcement, Khuzdar from Additional Collector, Collectorate of Customs Appraisal (East), Custom House, Karachi.

Mr. Naveed Iqbal (Pakistan Customs Service/BS-19) to Collector, (OPS) Collectorate of Customs, (Appeals), Karachi from Director, (OPS) Directorate of Intelligence & Investigation, FBR, Peshawar.

Mr. S. M. Ali Zaman Gardezi (Pakistan Customs Service/BS-19) to Director (OPS), Directorate General of Risk Management, Karachi. The officer will assume his charge after completion of his SMC. He was Additional Collector, Collectorate of Customs Appraisalment, Port Muhammad Bin Qasim, Karachi.

Ms. Mehreen Naseem (Pakistan Customs Service/BS-19) to Additional Collector, Collectorate of Customs, Allama Iqbal International Airport, Lahore from Additional Collector, Collectorate of Customs Enforcement, Lahore.

Mr. Muhammad Talib Hussain (Pakistan Customs Service/BS-19) to Additional Director, Directorate of Transit Trade, Lahore Additional Collector, Collectorate of Customs (Adjudication), Faisalabad.

Mr. Muhammad Ahsan Khan (Pakistan Customs Service/BS-19) to Collector, (OPS) Collectorate of Customs (Adjudication), Quetta from Additional Director, Directorate of Input Output Coefficient Organization (South), Karachi.

Ms. Saima Ayyaz (Pakistan Customs Service/BS-19) to Additional Collector, Collectorate of Customs Appraisalment (East), Lahore from Additional Director, Directorate of Transit Trade, Lahore.

Mr. Ali Zeb Khan (Pakistan Customs Service/BS-19) to Additional Collector, Collectorate of Customs Appraisalment (West), Lahore from Additional Collector, Chief Collector of Customs Appraisalment (Central), Custom House, Lahore.

Ms. Asma Bashir (Pakistan Customs Service/BS-19) to Additional Director, Directorate of Post Clearance Audit (Central), Lahore from Additional Collector, Collectorate of Customs Appraisalment, Lahore.

Mr. Falik Shair (Pakistan Customs Service/BS-19) to Additional Collector, Office of the Chief Collector of Customs Appraisalment (Punjab), Custom House, Lahore from Additional Collector, Collectorate of Customs Appraisalment, Lahore.

Ms. Saima Zaib Butt (Pakistan Customs Service/BS-18) to Deputy Director, Directorate of Post Clearance Audit (Central), Lahore from Deputy Director, Directorate of Post Clearance Audit (South), Karachi.

Mr. Tanveer Ahmad (Pakistan Customs Service/BS-18) to Deputy Director, Directorate of Post Clearance Audit (South), Karachi from Deputy Collector, Collectorate of Customs Enforcement, Multan.

Mr. Muhammad Ahmad Zaheer (Pakistan Customs Service/BS-18) to Deputy Director, Pakistan Customs Academy (PCA), Lahore from Deputy Director, Directorate of Post Clearance Audit (Central), Lahore.

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