GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF TRADE ORGANISATIONS
(OFFICE OF REGULATOR OF TRADE ORGANIZATIONS)
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NOTIFICATION

Whereas Rule 11(5) of the Trade Organizations Rules, 2013, mandates that the membership of a trade organization shall be renewable on an annual basis, subject to the fulfillment of prescribed conditions, including the payment of the prescribed subscription fee and submission of requisite tax returns within the stipulated time frame, which shall not be later than 31st March of the respective year;

And whereas, the Regulator of Trade Organizations has taken cognizance of the representations made by the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) and other trade bodies regarding the exceptional circumstances arising from the holy month of Ramazan, the ensuing Eid-ul-Fitr holidays, the significant number of members undertaking Umrah travel and the reduced office hours observed nationwide, which have collectively hindered the ability of members to complete the renewal process within the statutory timeframe;

And whereas, it is further recognized that the year 2026 is an Election Year for all registered trade organizations and it is in the public interest to ensure maximum participation and inclusivity of the business community in the forthcoming biennial electoral process;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers vested under the Trade Organizations Act, 2013 and in accordance with the authority to ensure the smooth and representative functioning of trade organizations, the Regulator hereby notifies that the deadline for the renewal of membership of all trade organizations registered under the Act is extended from 31st March 2026 to 20th April 2026.

It is further clarified that:

1. This extension is a one-time facilitation strictly for the year 2026 and shall not be construed as a precedent for any future relaxation, exemption, or amendment of the Trade Organizations Act, 2013 or the Trade Organizations Rules, 2013.
2. Membership renewals completed within this extended timeframe (on or before 20th April 2026) shall be deemed to have been made within the statutory period for the purpose of determining eligibility to vote and contest in the 2026 biennial elections, provided all other conditions prescribed under Rule 11 and Rule 15 are fulfilled.
3. Trade organizations are advised to ensure strict compliance within this extended timeframe. No further extension shall be granted and memberships not renewed by the close of business on 20th April 2026 shall result in the automatic cessation of membership in accordance with the law.
4. All trade organizations shall submit their updated membership lists (hard and soft copies) to the Regulator by 30th April 2026.

This Notification is issued with the approval of the Regulator of Trade Organizations.

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