

CEAFP 00130/6/2019

Dated: 20-6-2019

To,
H.E the Prime Minister,
Islamic Republic Of Pakistan

Subject: Hurdles for overseas Pakistanis due to clause 47A of Custom Act

Sir,

With reference to letter *CEAFP-00129/6/2019*, we requested you to take action and introduce one window operation for clearance of cars, it is taking 35-40 days for the procedure while the procedure itself does not take more than 3-4 days, but due to negligence and existing inefficient facilities, it is taking a lot of time.

First it was **SRO 52(1) 2019** and now, instead of any relief we are getting more difficulties. According to **clause 47A of Customs Act**, if the goods are not declared within 10 days, the overseas Pakistanis will have to pay Rs. 5000/ day for the first 5 days and then *Rs. 10,000 / Day* after it, the overseas Pakistanis has to pay Port demurrage and port wharfage charges as well which will take this loss to *Rs. 500,000* because there is no system or one window operation (OWO). The consignee also has to travel back to Pakistan and do all the verifications as well, instead of facilitating the overseas Pakistanis, the authorities are creating hurdles for them.

We would request you to please remove clause 47A from used car import, it should be implied only on commercial import and not personal import of overseas Pakistani. Overseas Pakistanis are an asset to Pakistan, instead of creating difficulties, the government should formulate new SOP's for swift clearance of used cars and provide ease to Overseas Pakistanis which was one of the aims of Manifesto of **Naya Pakistan**.

Regards

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