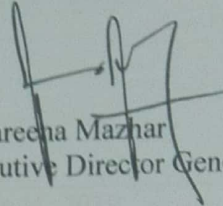


Islamabad, March 28, 2019

Subject: **Minutes of the Meeting on Trading Across Borders**

Enclosed please find the Minutes of the subject meeting held in Board of Investment on March 21, 2019 for initiating action as per relevant decision, please.


Fareeha Mazhar
(Executive Director General)

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Minutes of the Meeting on Trading Across Borders

A meeting was held on March 21, 2019 at 1400 Hrs in Board of Investment, Islamabad. The meeting was chaired by Chairman BoI. List of participants are attached. Agenda of the meeting was to improve ranking in Trading Across Borders by looking into various recommendations for reducing time and cost in the subject indicator. After detailed discussion, following decisions were made;

Action	To be Taken by	Deadline
Introduce tiered-tariffs to incentivize importers to lift their consignments out of port soon after customs clearance or reduce the free time of 05 days.	Karachi Port Trust	March 31, 2019
BoI may initiate discussion with the relevant agencies in Karachi for the possibility to allow day time escalation from the port to the transporters.	BoI, Local Administration in Karachi	March 31, 2019
DOC labor are paid double fee on weekends (Saturday, Sunday) for loading on the ships, this issue also needs to be addressed as it increases cost and time for shipment. BoI will take up the matter with relevant department	BoI, Ministry of Maritime Affairs in consultation with Labour Union, Government of Sindh	March 31, 2019
Preparation of I-form takes around 75 hours, BoI will set a meeting with SBP for reducing this time.	BoI/SBP	March 30, 2019
Anti-Narcotics Force will issue notification that sealed containers will not be opened for rechecking.	Anti-Narcotics Force	March 26, 2019
Customs and Karachi Port Trust (KPT) will provide list of parties/companies importing auto parts from Thailand and export cotton go China, BoI will have in depth meetings with those parties to discuss issues and reforms in TAB.	FBR/KPT	March 29, 2019
Chief Custom will notify issuance of alerts in WeBOC for delays, so that time can further be minimized.	FBR	March 29, 2019
FBR/Customs and KPT will share recommendations in writing, so that BoI may take up each proposal with relevant department.	FBR/KPT	March 30, 2019

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PAKISTAN DOING BUSINESS REFORMS – TRADING ACROSS BORDERS
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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

S.#	Name	Designation	Department
01.	Mr. Haroon Sharif	Chairman	Board of Investment
02.	Sardar Ahmad Nawaz Sukhera	Secretary	BoI
03.	Fareena Mazhar	Executive Director General-II,	BoI
04.	Syed Shakeel Shah	Chief Custom	FBR
05.	Muhammad Sohail Naumani	Director	M/o Ports & Shipping
06.	Mr. Ashfaq Ahmad	Director	M/o Commerce
07.	Mr. Khizar Iqbal	Dy. Director	Anti Narcotics Force, Narcotics Control Division
08.	Muhammad Ayub Chaudhary	Additional Secretary	M/o National Food Security & Research
09.	Mr. Ali Mardan Abbasi	Traffic Manager	Karachi Port Trust
10.	Mr. Kazim Abbas	Harbour Master	Port Qasim Authority