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Pakistan Textile Council Urges Clarification on Export Facilitation Scheme Amendments

Islamabad, August 27th, 2025 — The Pakistan Textile Council (PTC), representing Pakistan’s leading textile and apparel exporters, has formally taken up with the **Federal Board of Revenue (FBR)** and the **Ministry of Commerce** the operational challenges created by the recently notified amendments to the Export Facilitation Scheme (EFS) vide **S.R.O. 1435(I)/2025 dated August 5, 2025**.

PTC Chairman **Fawad Anwar** stated that while the PTC **does not support the policy in its amended form**, as exclusion of key raw materials undermines the facilitation intent of the scheme and weakens the export sector’s competitiveness, the **absence of clarity on specific HS codes/tariff lines** excluded from the scheme is causing **serious procedural bottlenecks**. The amendments exclude cotton, cotton yarn, and cotton grey cloth from the scheme, but without notifying the exact tariff lines, both exporters and customs authorities are left uncertain.

“This ambiguity is already leading to delays, inconsistent implementation, and risks disrupting the smooth functioning of supply chains in Pakistan’s textile sector – the country’s largest export-earning industry,” said Anwar.

The PTC has urged the FBR to **immediately issue a clarification** identifying the precise tariff lines excluded from EFS to ensure exporters and customs officials can operate with certainty and uniformity.

While reiterating PTC’s opposition to the exclusion of essential raw materials from EFS, the Chairman emphasized that this request has been made in the **national interest**, to prevent avoidable disruption to export operations and safeguard the competitiveness of Pakistan’s textile sector.

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