

## New ST return form

# Taxpayers must report exemptions and concessions: FBR

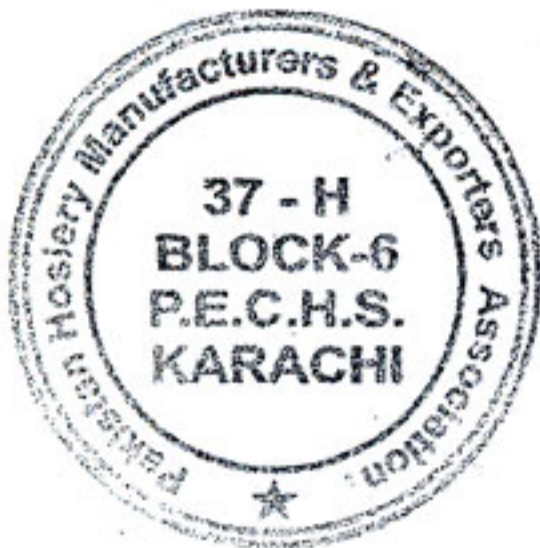
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ISLAMABAD: The Federal Board of Revenue has made it

mandatory for the registered persons, availing sales tax or federal excise duty exemptions or concessions, to specifically report the relevant notification, Schedule of the Sales Tax Act 1990 or exemption order under the new sales tax return form.

Tax experts told Business Recorder here on Thursday that now the taxpayers have to give details about concessionary rates, sales tax/FED exemptions and reduced rate of sales tax under the new sales tax return forms. The registered person has to monthly justify concessionary rate of sales tax or exemption under the new return form. If a taxpayer is not charging standard rate of 16 percent sales tax, he has to report proper SRO to verify exemption/reduced rate in the return form. Previously, there was no condition for the registered persons to specifically mention such exemption notification or legal SRO to justify reduced rate etc. Under the past practice, registered person usually only write exempt sales and the system did not ask for further queries for filing of monthly sales tax returns. Now through new sales tax return, when a registered person would report exemption in the new sales tax return, the system gives available options of

SROs, Schedule etc. Proper options are given in the sales tax returns where the taxpayer has to select the relevant notification/schedule according to their sales. In case of filling Annex-C of the new return form, if the taxpayer claims exemption on sales, he has to specifically give the legal backing for availing such exemption. The new return form has specified the list of the exemption SROs to be given by the registered persons for availing sales tax exemptions. Even specific customs notifications dealing with the customs, sales tax and withholding tax exemptions has also been mentioned in the list of the SROs given in the sales tax return.

The registered persons have to select one of the following SROs for availing exemption or concession of sales tax/ excise duty under new return form:- SRO No.1007(I)/2005, SRO No.164(I)/2010, SRO No.172(I)/2006, SRO No.326(I)/2008, SRO No.408(I)/2012, SRO No.539(I)/2008, SRO No.542(I)/2008, SRO No.554(I)/2008, SRO No.727(I)/2011, SRO No.76(I)/2008, SRO No.880(I)/2007, 6th Schedule Table I and 6th Schedule Table II.



Being circulated to all valued members for their information.