

Tobacco business is a centuries old business. It has also been controversial over a period of time and has always been subject of many types of criticism. But apart from all these people do smoke and always want to keep it. We must work to make it less harmful.

For such purpose 1968 PTB was found, one of the main function of which is to regulate, control and promote the export of tobacco and tobacco products and to maintain grading standards.

The tobacco is one of the major exports of the country and its farming is the backbone of exports. Tobacco crop is a highly attention demanding crop and needs special care of cultivation during all stages of cultivation from Nursery level to Curing and marketing. Best quality of tobacco will indeed attract large number of blenders and not only will domestic industries flourish but it will help to increase in demand for Pakistani tobacco internationally.

Tobacco is a plant product containing mainly nicotine, cellulose, ammonia and protein. In order, for tobacco, to be suitable for human consumption the tobacco leaves are dried and cured after picking them. Various types of products can be manufactured from these processed dried leaves e.g. cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, pipe tobacco and sheesha tobacco.

Pakistan has great potential to export both manufactured and unmanufactured (cured tobacco leaves). The chemistry of various types of tobacco can be seen at R&D Lab. We welcome all the importers.

To import from Pakistan for good quality and high flavor tobacco. The details are given:

## **EXPORT**

### **Procedure for exports**

1. Desirous Company/Person shall apply for tobacco requirement for export to PTB before 31<sup>st</sup> October each year.
2. Cess is not applicable if the tobacco out of the declared requirement is exported in the same financial year.
3. Persons/companies having no declared requirements are also allowed to export subject to payment of Cess.
4. As per Section-18 of PTB Ordinance 1968 export licence issued by PTB is mandatory for the export of tobacco, tobacco products or tobacco seeds.
5. Following documents are required for the issuance of export license:
  - An application giving details of quantities to be exported
  - A copy of Commercial Invoice

- A copy of Form E
- Bill of lading /Airway Bill
- NTN/Sales Tax Registration Number issued by FBR
- Membership Certificate from Chamber of Commerce & Industry
- A copy of Goods Declaration (GD)