

SENATE OF PAKISTAN



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THE TRADE ORGANIZATIONS ACT, 2013 (THE TRADE
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PRESENTED BY
SENATOR ZEESHAN KHANZADA
CHAIRMAN

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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I, Senator Zeeshan Khanzada, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Commerce and Textile Industry have the honour to present, on behalf of the Committee, this report on the Bill to amend the Trade Organizations Act, 2013 (The Trade Organizations (Amendment) Bill, 2021), moved by Senator Fawzia Arshad in the Senate Sitting held on 27th September, 2021.

2. The Honourable Chairman Senate referred the matter to Standing Committee on the Commerce and Textile industry for consideration and report.

3. The composition of the Committee is as under:

1.	Senator Zeeshan Khanzada	Chairman
2.	Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi(Dy.Chairman)	Member
3.	Senator Fida Muhammad	Member
4.	Senator Saleem Mandviwalla	Member
5.	Senator Nuzhat Sadiq	Member
6.	Senator Ahmed Khan	Member
7.	Senator Imamuddin Shouqeen	Member
8.	Senator Manzoor Ahmed Kakar	Member
9.	Senator Danesh Kumar	Member
10.	Senator Palwasha Muhammad Zai Khan	Member
11.	Senator Muhammad Qasim	Member
12.	Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir	Member
13.	Senator Muhammad Ayub	Member
14.	Minister for Commerce	Ex-officio Member



) 4. The Committee discussed the matter in its meeting held on 7th October, 2021. The meeting was attended by the following members:

1. Senator Zeeshan Khanzada	Chairman
2. Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi(Dy.Chairman)	Member
3. Senator Fida Muhammad	Member
4. Senator Saleem Mandviwalla	Member
5. Senator Nuzhat Sadiq	Member
6. Senator Palwasha Muhammad Zai Khan	Member
7. Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir	Member
8. Senator Fawzia Arshad	Mover

5. The mover of the Bill, Senator Fawzia Arshad, briefed the Committee that the proposed Amendment Bill is introduced as the current tenure of the office bearers of all trade organizations is one year, which is too short to serve the organizations by the chosen representative in an efficient manner. An increase in the tenure of office-bearers to two years would improve policy continuity within trade organizations and allow office bearers sufficient time to initiate and complete projects for the welfare of trade in Pakistan.

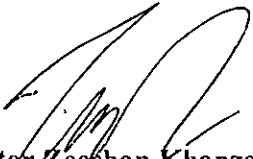
6. Discussing the Bill, President FPCCI told the Committee that under the proposed amendment in the Bill, there would be a president from each province who would be elected every two years (earlier the tenure was one year). The Committee appreciated that since Punjab and Sindh have reduced their terms from two to one year, it will result in an equitable representation in holding this office between the federating units.

7. Senator Nuzhat Sadiq, in her dissent, called for further discussion on the Bill. While representatives of Sarhad and Islamabad Chambers opposed the Bill, the President FPCCI informed the Committee that the executive members of both these chambers had also unanimously supported this amendment at an executive Committee meeting of the federation which was held in September 2020.

8. After detailed discussion and deliberations the Committee, with a majority vote, recommends to the Senate that the Bill as introduced in the Senate may be passed.

9. The Bill as introduced in the Senate is placed at Annex-"A".


(Iffat Mustafa)
Secretary Committee


(Senator Zeeshan Khanzada)
Chairman Committee

As
~~[TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]~~

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BILL

to amend the Trade Organizations Act, 2013

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Trade Organizations Act, 2013 (II of 2013) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement. - (1) This Act may be called the Trade Organizations (Amendment) Act, 2021.

(2) It shall come into force at once and shall be deemed to have taken effect on and from the 1st January, 2021.

2. Amendment of Section 11, Act II of 2013. - In the Trade Organization Act, 2013 (II of 2013), in section 11, in sub-section (1),-

- (a) for the words "one year", the words "two years" shall be substituted;
- (b) in clause (a), the expression "to the 31st day of December" shall be omitted; and
- (c) in clause (b), the expression "to the 30th day of September" shall be omitted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Trade Organizations are backbone of the economy of any country. It resolves the issue of trade, industry and safeguards the interests of the private sector through constant dialogue with the Government. The current tenure of the office bearers of all trade organizations is one year which is too short to serve the organization by the chosen representative in an efficient manner.

The short tenure is the main hurdle in proper working of such organization a most of the duration of the tenure of the elected representative is exhausted in elections campaign of upcoming elections of the chambers, associations and federation which usually starts after three to four months of last election. An increase in tenure of office bearers to two years would improve policy continuity within Trade Organizations and allow office bearers sufficient time to initiate and complete projects for the welfare of Trade in Pakistan.

Through the proposed legislation, the organization will perform a better role in the interest of the public sector.

SENATOR FAWZIA ARSHAD
Member in-charge