

# SENATE OF PAKISTAN



## REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

ON

THE PAKISTAN STANDARD AND QUALITY CONTROL  
AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023”, INTRODUCED BY  
SENATOR DR. ZARQA SUHARWARDY TAIMUR” AND REFERRED  
BY THE HOUSE IN ITS SITTING HELD ON 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2023

PRESENTED BY

SENATOR SARDAR MUHAMMAD SHAFIQ TAREEN

CHAIRMAN

## SENATE SECRETARIAT

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I, Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen, Chairman Standing Committee On Science and Technology have the honour to present, on behalf of the Committee, this report on the bill titled "The Pakistan Standard and Quality Control Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2023", referred by the Senate in its sitting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 to the Committee for consideration and report.

2. The composition of the Committee is as under:

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| 1. Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen | Chairman          |
| 2. Senator Muhammad Humayun Mohmand      | Member            |
| 3. Senator Sana Jamali                   | Member            |
| 4. Senator Kamran Murtaza                | Member            |
| 5. Senator Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi         | Member            |
| 6. Senator Dr. Afnan Ullah Khan          | Member            |
| 7. Senator Muhammad Asad Ali Khan Junejo | Member            |
| 8. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz             | Member            |
| 9. Senator Dr. Khalida Sikandar Mandhro  | Member            |
| 10. Minister for Science and Technology  | Ex-Officio Member |

3. The Committee took up discussion on the Bill at 'Annexure-A' in its meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2023. The following members of the Committee were in attendance:

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| i. Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen | Chairman |
| ii. Senator Muhammad Humayun Mohmand     | Member   |
| iii. Senator Kamran Murtaza              | Member   |
| iv. Senator Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi        | Member   |
| v. Senator Dr. Afnan Ullah Khan          | Member   |
| vi. Senator Dr. Khalida Sikandar Mandhro | Member   |
| vii. Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur | Mover    |

4. Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur, mover of the bill, briefed the Committee that Pakistan Standard and Quality Control Authority (PSQCA) performs a very important function role in establishing an efficient standardization regime for the uplift of the economy. In this regard, the performance and financial audit of the authority, are vitally important and


the subject Bill is aimed to strengthen the Parliamentary oversight over the Auditor General Pakistan (AGP) reports on Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority by making it obligatory on the AGP's to present it in both Houses of the Parliament.

5. Secretary, Ministry of Science and Technology stated that audit reports of Pakistan Standard and Quality Control Authority (PSQCA) as well as performance reports of the allied institutions of the Ministry are publicly available for inspection. However, he stated the Ministry has no objection to the bill presented as this will further complement the Parliamentary scrutiny.

6. The Chairman Committee put the Bill to vote and was passed unanimously by the Committee.

7. The Committee unanimously recommends to the Senate that "The Pakistan Standard and Quality Control Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2023", as introduced in the Senate may be passed.

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



(Muhammad Salman)  
A.D / Acting Secretary Committee



(Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen)  
Chairman Committee

*further to amend the Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority Act,  
1996*

**WHEREAS** it is expedient further to amend the Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority Act, 1996 (VI of 1996), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows: -

**1. Short title and commencement.** - (1) This Act may be called the Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority (Amendment) Act, 2022.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment of section 34, Act VI of 1996.**- In the Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority Act, 1996 (VI of 1996), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 34, in sub-section (2), after the words, "Federal Government", the words, "and both Houses of the Parliament" shall be inserted.

**3. Amendment of section 36, Act VI of 1996.**- In the said Act, in section 36, in sub-section (1), after the words, "Federal Government", the words, "and both Houses of the Parliament" shall be inserted.

#### **STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority established through the Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority Act, 1996, performs a very important role in establishing an efficient standardization of the regime for the uplift of our economy. In this regard, the performance, as well as the financial audit of the authority, holds special significance which should pass through a meticulous oversight of the public representatives. The Auditor General of Pakistan is appointed under the Constitution of the country. His reports are laid before the National, Provincial, and District Assemblies and are considered in the Public Accounts Committee of the respective Assemblies. His mandate enables him to strengthen legislative oversight by providing an independent and objective assessment of the process of governance both at the Federal and Provincial levels. The purpose of the bill is to strengthen Parliamentary oversight over the AGP's reports on Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority to be laid in both Houses of the Parliament.

2. The Bill has been designed to achieve the aforementioned purpose.

**SENATOR DR. ZARQA SUHARWARDY TAIMUR  
MEMBER-IN-CHARGE**