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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: CLARIFICATIONS ON SROS 927(I)/2019 AND 928(I)/2019 DATED 9TH AUGUST, 2019

Please refer to this Division's letter of even No. dated 9th August, 2019 wherein the subject SROs were forwarded for necessary action. The business community of Pakistan has been approaching the Commerce Division for clarification(s) regarding the scope, date of implementation of the subject SROs and the fate of shipments in the pipeline/ transit.

2. The following clarifications are offered in this regard:

- i) The above-mentioned SROs do not affect the shipments in the pipeline for which L/C or B/L have been issued prior to August 09, 2019 since in terms of proviso to paragraph 4 of the Import Policy Order, 2016, "the amendments brought in this Order [Import Policy Order 2016] from time to time shall not be applicable to such imports where Bill of Lading (B/L) or Letters of Credit (L/C) were issued or established prior to the issuance of amending Order".
- ii) The subject SROs do not affect trade under the Afghanistan-Pakistan Transit Trade Agreement (APTTA), 2010.

3. The concerns have been raised that suspension of bilateral trade with India might result into increase in smuggling of Indian goods, import of Indian origin goods by mis-declaration through third countries, and smuggling under the APTTA. Therefore, the Federal Board of Revenue is requested to take necessary enforcement measures to prevent mis-declaration and smuggling.

4. Furthermore, it is requested that an effective anti-smuggling campaign may be launched immediately against smuggled Indian goods that may be available in the markets across the country.

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