

[AS PASSED BY THE MAJLIS-E-SHOORA (PARLIAMENT)]

An

Act

further to amend the Trade Organizations Act, 2013

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

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act shall be called the Trade Organizations (Amendment) Act, 2023.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 2, Act II of 2013.- In the said Act, in section 2, for clause (p), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

“(p) "Regulator" means the Director General or any other officer not below basic pay scale 20 appointed by the division concerned to perform functions under this Act.”.

3. Amendment of section 3, Act II of 2013.- In the said Act, in section 3,-

(a) in sub-section (1), for the words "Federal Government", the word "Regulator" shall be substituted;

(b) in sub-section (2), in clause (b), in the proviso, for the words "Federal Government", occurring twice, the words "division to which business of this Act stands allocated" shall be substituted; and

(c) in sub-section (5), for the words "Federal Government", the word "Regulator" shall be substituted.

4. Amendment of section 4, Act II of 2013.- In the said Act, in section 4,-

(a) in sub-section (2), for the words "Federal Government", occurring twice, the word "Regulator" shall be substituted; and

(b) in sub-section (3), for the words "Federal Government", occurring twice, the word "Regulator" shall be substituted.

5. Amendment of section 7, Act II of 2013.- In the said Act, in section 7,-

- (a) in sub-section (1), for the words "Federal Government", the word "Regulator" shall be substituted;
- (b) in sub-section (2), for the words "Federal Government", the word "Regulator" shall be substituted;
- (c) in sub-section (3), for the words "Federal Government", the word "Regulator" shall be substituted; and
- (d) in sub-section (4), for the words "Federal Government", the word "Regulator" shall be substituted.

6. Amendment of section 8, Act II of 2013.- In the said Act, in section 8, in sub-section (1),-

- (a) in clause (a), for the words "Federal Government", the word "Regulator" shall be substituted;
- (b) in clause (b), for the words "Federal Government", the word "Regulator" shall be substituted; and
- (c) in clause (c), for the words "Federal Government", the word "Regulator" shall be substituted.

7. Amendment of section 9, Act II of 2013.- In the said Act, in section 9, in sub-section (1), for the words "Federal Government", occurring twice, the word, "Regulator" shall be substituted.

8. Amendment of section 11, Act II of 2013.- In the said Act, in section 11, after sub-section(1), the following new sub-section (1A), shall be inserted, namely:-

(1A) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), the tenure for two years of office bearers under sub-section (1), shall apply on office bearer to be elected on and from enactment of the Trade Organization (Amendment) Act, 2023 (of 2023).

EXPLANATION:- Elections of all Trade Organizations shall be held afresh after the enactment of the Trade Organization (Amendment) Act, 2023 (of 2023).

9. Amendment of section 12, Act II of 2013.- In the said Act, in section 12,-

- (a) in sub-section (1), for the words "Federal Government", the words "division to which business of this Act stands allocated" shall be substituted; and

- (b) in sub-section (3), for the words "Federal Government", the words "division to which business of this Act stands allocated" shall be substituted.

10. Amendment of section 13, Act II of 2013.- In the said Act, in section 13,-

- (a) in sub-section (1), for the words "Federal Government", the words "division to which business of this Act stands allocated" shall be substituted; and
- (b) in sub-section (2), for the words "Federal Government", the words "division to which business of this Act stands allocated" shall be substituted.

11. Amendment of section 15, Act II of 2013.- In the said Act, in section 15, in sub-section (3), for the words "Federal Government", the words "Secretary of the division to which business of this Act stands allocated" shall be substituted.

12. Amendment of section 16, Act II of 2013.- In the said Act, in section 16,-

- (a) in sub-section (1), for the words "Federal Government", the words "secretary of the division to which business of this Act stands allocated" shall be substituted; and
- (b) in sub-section (2),-
 - (i) in clause (b), for the words "Federal Government", the words "secretary of the division to which business of this Act stands allocated" shall be substituted; and
 - (ii) in clause (c), for the words "Federal Government", occurring twice, the words "secretary of the division to which business of this Act stands allocated" shall be substituted.

13. Amendment of section 17, Act II of 2013.- In the said Act, in section 17, in sub-section (3), for the words "Federal Government", the words "division to which business of this Act stands allocated" shall be substituted.

14. Amendment of section 19, Act II of 2013.- In the said Act, in section 19, in sub-section (1), for the words "Federal Government", the words "division to which business of this Act stands allocated" shall be substituted.

15. Amendment of section 20, Act II of 2013.- In the said Act, in section 20, in sub-section (1), for the words "Federal Government", the words "division to which business of this Act stands allocated" shall be substituted.