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F. No. 6(102)/2020-TO

Islamabad, the December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**ORDER IN ORIGINAL NO 108/2020**

**Passed by Mr. Riaz Ahmed, Regulator of Trade Organizations**

Mr. Gulzar Firoz nominee of Pakistan Tanners Association

Versus

Election Commission of Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
(FPCCI)

**Present in the hearing.**

1. Malik Ghulam Sabir, Advocate (on behalf of appellant)
2. Ms. Ramsha Banuri, Advocate (on behalf of appellant)

.....Appellant/Complainant

1. Mr. Maher Alam Khan,  
(Acting Secretary General) FPCCI
2. Mr. Arshad Khurshid  
(Member Election Commission of FPCCI)
3. Mr. Shahid Vaseem  
(Member Election Commission of FPCCI)
4. Mr. Ali Nawaz Kharral, Advocate (on behalf of Respondents)
5. Ms. Mahreen Razzak

.....Respondents

Date of Hearing: 02-12-2020

Place of Hearing: OFFICE OF REGULATOR OF TRADE ORGANIZATIONS,  
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF TRADE ORGANIZATIONS,  
STATE LIFE BUILDING NO.7, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, BLUE AREA,  
ISLAMABAD.

Date of issuance of Order: 04-12-2020

**RIAZ AHMAD**  
Regulator of Trade Organizations  
Directorate General of Trade Organization  
Ministry of Commerce, Islamabad

By this order the undersigned intends to dispose of an Appeal filed by Mr. Gulzar Firoz nominee of Pakistan Tanners Association (PTA) against the decision of Election Commission of Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) regarding his exclusion of his name from the provisional voters list for FPCCI elections 2021. The case was fixed for hearing on 02-12-2020 which was attended by both sides.

2. The background of the case is that Election Commission FPCCI excluded the name of Mr Gulzar Firoz as nominee of Pakistan Tanners Association on the basis that he did not qualify to be a member of PTA as per provisions of Section 3(2)(d) of Trade Organizations Act, 2013.

3. The Counsel for the Appellant has argued that Mr. Gulzar Firoz is the CEO of M/s Firoz International is a prominent member of the leather industry; in fact Mr. Firoz has been lauded for his contributions to the Leather industry by one of Ministry of Commerce's attached departments.

4. The Counsel for the Respondent has said that there is no doubt Mr. Gulzar is a prominent part of the leather industry, however he has no relevant business concern to the activity of leather tanning, for which purpose PTA has been established. Furthermore, the Respondent has shown a letter written by PTA to FPCCI in which the association has categorically mentioned that Mr. Gulzar of M/s Firoz International is in the business of leather indenting.

#### **FINDINGS:-**

All the documents submitted by the Appellant have not shown that Mr. Gulzar Firoz is involved in the tanning industry, rather it appears from the documents submitted that he is an indenter which does not merit his eligibility as a member of Tanners Association.

**ORDERS:-**

Arguments heard, record perused and relevant provisions of law examined in light of the above the following orders are passed:

- i) The instant appeal is dismissed and the decision of Election Commission FPCCI is upheld.
- ii) The matter stands disposed of accordingly.

Announced Dated: 04-12-2020.

  
(Riaz Ahmed)  
Regulator (TO)

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