

## Leading sectors: ST records of importers being probed

Directorate General of Intelligence and Investigation Inland Revenue (IR) is probing sales tax records of importers of leading sectors including lubricating oils, paint & varnish, tiles and auto parts/ accessories of motor vehicles to verify violations of sales tax laws and recovery of evaded amount from them.

Sources told *Business Recorder* here on Tuesday that the sectors under investigation are importers of candies, chocolate, biscuits, prepared pigment colors, paint & varnish, pigments, glazes, tiles, cooking appliances, fans, air conditioner, oven, non electric, refrigerator, heater gas water, washing machine, storage batteries, rechargeable lights, oven, non electric, telephone sets, geyser, television, bulbs, tubes, led bulbs, auto parts and accessories of motor vehicles, revolver and pistols, shot guns rifles and other fire arms, spring, air and gas guns, cartridges (bullets), mattress spring or foam, electric lamp and lighting, lubricating oils and brake fluid.

Sources said that the Directorate General is examining data of various registered importers who are dealing in specified goods under Rule 58S of the Sales Tax Procedure Rules, 2007 as amended vide SRO 896(I)/2013 dated 04.10.2013. The Directorate of I & I (IR), Karachi has so far detected 33 cases of importers where extra tax amounting to Rs 80 million on supplies subsequent to import has not been paid. An amount of Rs 6998,769/- has been recovered and proceeding for recovery of remaining amount are in hand.

Meanwhile, Director, Directorate of Intelligence & Investigation (Inland Revenue), Karachi has informed the directorate that it is examining data of various registered importers who are dealing in goods specified under Rule 58S of Sales Tax Special Procedure Rules, 2007 as amended vide SRO 896(I)/.2013 dated 04.10.2013 and so far 33 cases of importers have been identified who are found not paying Extra Tax levied on their supplies of specified items.

Preliminary scrutiny has revealed non-payment of Extra Tax amounting to Rs 80 million out of which an amount of Rs 6998,769/- has already been recovered and proceedings for recovery of remaining amount are in hand. In order to enhance the pace of work on the issue, data of registered persons engaged in import of specified items is required in respect of importers registered in RTOs/ LTUs of Karachi containing required information for the period from October, 2013 till February, 2016. The data included name and NTN of importer, complete description of goods, import value of specified goods imported and sales tax and value addition tax paid at import stage.

The said information is required in respect of items listed including candies, chocolate, biscuits, prepared pigment colors, paint & varnish, paint & varnish, pigments, glazes, tiles, cooking appliances, fans, air conditioner, oven, non electric, refrigerator, heater gas water, washing machine, storage batteries, rechargeable lights, oven, non electric, oven, non electric, telephone sets, geyser, television, bulbs, tubes, led bulbs, auto parts and accessories of motor vehicles, auto parts and accessories of motor vehicles, revolver and pistols, shot guns rifles and other fire arms, spring, air and gas guns, cartridges (bullets), mattress spring or foam, electric lamp and lighting, lubricating oils, lubricating oils, lubricating oils, brake fluid. The directorate will also take up the issue with Pakistan Revenue Automation Limited (PRAL) for obtaining above data, sources added.

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