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#### **Budget Brief Prologue**

The information contained in this briefing is based on the Finance Bill 2023-24. This given information is correct to the best of our knowledge. This briefing is intended to provide a general outline of the subject covered which includes the important changes proposed through the Finance Bill 2023-24. The Memorandum included comments on the highlights of the changes brought through by the Bill in Income Tax Ordinance 2001, Sales Tax Act 1990.

### **Income Tax**

- 1. Super tax rationalized under section 4C for all incomes above PKR 150m
- 2. Three new income slabs have been added for the above mentioned with the tax charged as follows
  - Rs.350m-Rs.400m taxed at 6%
  - Rs.400m- Rs.500m taxed at 8%
  - Rs.500m-and above taxed at 10%
- 3. Imposed tax on cash withdrawal @ 0.6%
- 4. Withholding tax on supply of goods excluding supply of rice, cotton, edible oil increased by 1%. This also applies to services taxed at 3% concessionary rate.
- 5. 0.5% increase in withholding tax rate on import of goods falling in Part III of Twelfth Schedule to the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001.
- 6. Imposed tax on issuance of bonus share @ 10%
- 7. Increase in withholding tax rate from 1% to 5% on payment to non-resident through debit/credit or prepaid cards. (2% to 10% for Non-ATL person).
- 8. No change on concessionary fixed tax rate of 0.25% for IT & ITES exports for Tax years 2024, 2025 and 2026.
- Foreign Remittance monetary limit falling under section 111 (4) increased for PKR 5m to PKR equivalent USD 100,000.
- 10. Waiver of 2% final withholding tax on purchase of immovable property for nonresident individual POC/NICOP holder where immovable property is acquired through foreign remittances remitted from abroad.
- 11. 10% reduction in tax liability or Rs. 5 (m) whichever is lower for a builder and 10% reduction or Rs. 1 (m) whichever is lower for an individual for own construction of house for three years. Additional tax @2% introduced for person having income more than Rs. 300 Million.
- 12. Encouraging export of commodities (Agriculture produce, gems, metals etc.) through online platform by providing 1% concessionary final tax rate to indirect exporters.
- 13. Reduce minimum tax liability on turnover from 1.25% to 1.0% for companies listed on Pakistan Stock Exchange.

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# Sales Tax

- 1. Sales tax exemption extended for one year till 30-June-2024 to Newly Merged Districts (NMDs) (FATA/PATA)
- 2. Sales tax exemption provided on contraceptive medicine and accessories
- 3. Sales tax exemption provided on agricultural products on plant saplings, combine harvesters, dryer for agricultural products, no-till-direct seeder, planters, trans-planter's other planters and bovine semen
- 4. Sales tax exemption on import of IT products by IT exporters registered with Pakistan Software Export Board
- 5. Sales tax exemption withdrawn on edible products sold in bulk under a brand name.
- 6. Increased reduced rate of sales tax from 12% to 15% on supplies by POS retailer in leather and textile
- 7. Shop area requirement for Tier-1 retailer (1000 sq. ft. . 2000 Sq. Ft for furniture) proposed to be withdrawn

# **Custom Duties**

- 1. Removal of regulatory duty on second hand clothing, fish, tiles, sports goods, IT related equipment, Yarn of Polyester not manufactured locally.
- 2. Export Regulatory Duty on the export of Molasses increased from 10% to 15%.