ORDER SHEET IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI C. P. NO. D-4645 / 2025

Date

Order with signature of Judge

PRIORITY

- 1) For hearing of CMA No. 19405/2025.
- 2) For hearing of main case.

02.10.2025.

Mr. Adeel Awan, Advocate for Petitioner.

Ms. Mehreen Ibrahim, Deputy Attorney General.

Mr. Agha Shahid Majeed Khan, Advocate for Respondent.

Mr. Agha Shahid Majeed Khan has filed Vakalatnama on behalf of Respondent No. 2.

It is submitted by the learned counsel for the Petitioner that appeal preferred by him against assessment order dated 27.08.2025¹, which is pending before the Collector (Appeals) at Karachi.

Learned Counsel for Respondent No. 2 objected to the grant of provisional release; however, we are inclined to allow the same, since the consignment is incurring the risk of diminution and storage charges at the port. Learned counsel for Petitioner prays for an order that the undisputed quantum of duties and taxes may be deposited with the Collectorate / Department and the disputed amount of the duties and taxes be secured before the Nazir of this Court, by way of pay order(s) / bank guarantee, in respect of the consignment(s) covered by this petition. Order accordingly in as much as there is no issue to the importability of the goods.

Once the amount is secured as noted above, the Nazir shall issue the appropriate certificate(s). If the amount is secured by way of pay order(s), the Nazir shall invest the amount in profit bearing instrument, as per the Rules. The Nazir's fee is settled at Rs. 10,000/- per certificate.

Upon deposit of the undisputed quantum of duties and taxes with the Collectorate/Department and presentation of the certificate(s) issued by the Nazir, the concerned Collectorate / Department shall release the consignment's forthwith.

¹ GD No. KEWB-IB-2831-26-08-2025

The fate of the amount secured supra shall be subject to the outcome of the appeal pending before the Collector (Appeals) Karachi. This petition, along with pending application, is disposed of in terms herein.

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