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**GOVERNMENT OF SINDH  
EXCISE AND TAXATION DEPARTMENT**

No. SO(B&A)/E&T/7(127)2012

Karachi, dated the 05/08/2013

**SUMMARY FOR THE CHIEF MINISTER SINDH**

**SUBJECT:- INTRODUCTION OF STANDARDIZED SECURITY FEATURED  
NUMBER PLATES IN THE PROVINCE OF SINDH.**

The Excise and Taxation Department, Government of Sindh being pioneer towards computerization of Motor Vehicle Registration and issuance of Standardized registration number plates to motor vehicles, amongst other sister Provinces put one step forward, observing the present world trend, security, safety and proper control over increasing number of vehicles pursuing introduction of Standardized Security Featured Registration Number Plates as in other Provinces. Detail history of all steps and measures are mentioned in the chronology (Annex-I)

2. In response of tender three firms participated viz M/s AGCN, M/s Inbox and M/s Symbol Engineering Services and submitted their Technical and Final proposals along with sample Number Plates, these number plate have to be tested from a testing lab, although it is not mandatory as per SPPRA but just to keep the transparency and fairness this department regularly forwards the current regular number plates to Pakistan Standards Quality Control Authority (PSQCA). PSQCA sent its reports about the samples. These reports were sent to the participating firms for their information, in response they expressed their reservations on the capacity of PSQCA to conduct testing of Number Plates having Retro Reflected Sheets which needs ISO7591/1982 standards as per RFP. Thus requested for testing from some renowned international laboratory.

3. Since these Number Plates are not being manufactured in Pakistan and as Excise & Taxation Department, Government of Punjab has also planned to procure Retro Reflected Security Featured Vehicle Number Plates, a formal request was made to DG Excise & Taxation Punjab to inform this department and how they got these Number Plates tested to meet technical requirements.

4. The report from the Director General Excise & Taxation Punjab is fairly based on general requirement for the competence of testing and calibration of Laboratories through certified, recognized and accredited Internationally testing Laboratories who perform test as per international standards ISO 7501/1982 to ensure the quality and durability of the Retro Reflected Security Featured Number Plates. Since, no accredited lab was found after research to be able to test on International Standards required for Security Featured and Retro Reflected sheets, they opted the testing of these number plates from MPA Hannover (Germany) to ensure transparency, fairness and the similar testing have been adopted by their department. (Annex-II). They also suggested to this department that Retro Reflected Security Featured Number Plates should be tested from such international testing labs as mentioned in their letter.

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32. Procuring Agency was required to finalize the procurement in the same financial year and issue work order within validity period in terms of Rule-49 of SPP Rules, 2010. However, Government (i.e. Chief Minister Sindh) has power to provide exemption from SPPRA Act or rule under Section-21(1) of SPPRA Act (amended) 2013, which stipulates as under:

**“Section-21(1) of SPP (Amendment) Act, 2013**

Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or any other law and rules or regulations made thereunder, for the time being in force, Government shall have the power to grant exemption to procurement of an object or class of objects in the national interest from the operation of this Act or any other law or rules or regulations made thereunder regulating public procurement.”


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In view of the above, a request was made to PSQCA to know if the laboratory of PSQCA is recognized/accredited/authorized by any international authority to perform the test and give report as per ISO 7591/1982 standards (Annex-III).

In response of this letter PSQCA replied that "Though presently their labs, are not accredited but are performing as good as any accredited labs performs and they have the capabilities to do so (Annex-IV). They further mentioned that they are in the process of accreditation as per ISO 17025 rather ISO 7591/1982 standards which needs as per our RFP.

7. Keeping in view of the above position, it is submitted that there are four firms participating in the tender of Excise & Taxation Punjab out of three are also participating in this department's tender, therefore it is proposed that the same reports may be revalidated from the testing lab MPA Hannover (Germany) at the participating firm's expenses.

8. Further it is also submitted that a contract agreement will be signed between E&T Department and successful bidder for the three (3) financial years. Delivery schedule and Payment Plan will be the part of contract. Therefore the validity of the quoted prices by the participating bidders may be allowed for the finalization of the tender process.

9. The Honorable Chief Minister Sindh may like to approve the proposals at paragraphs 7 & 8 above, to proceed further in the matter accordingly.

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*It is a good project, if implemented fairly. May be approved.  
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23. Pursuant of the para 8/n above of the approved summary of Chief Minister Sindh, the Testing/Technical Reports of the sample Number Plates have been received from M/s HP Hannover Germany, now this department is in the position of finalizing the procurement process.

24. Since the procurement was initiated in Dec 2012 (Financial year 2012-13), the procurement process was to finalize/complete within the bid validity period as required under Rule 38(5) of SPPRA due to extensive technical evaluation procedure which compulsory to adopt for acquiring of quality product. As these Number Plates are not being manufactured in Pakistan and for maintaining of transparency and quality assurance of said Number Plates several steps/measures were taken. During the process steps taken were in the notice of high-ups & all concerns at the time of submitting several summaries/ correspondence.

25. After completion of all formalities the testing reports of the Sample Number Plates received from M/s HPA Hannover Germany, Technical Evaluation Report was sent to SPPRA for hoisting of the same on website of the SPPR Authority to proceed further in the matter (Annex-V).

26. SPPRA raised certain observations and asked for justification and reason of the delay. Accordingly reply was submitted with all justifications/reasons including the reference of the approved summary of Chief Minister Sindh where in the **"the validity of the quoted prices (means bid validity) by the participating bidders till the finalization of the tender process."** was obtained.

27. The opinion of SPPRA was of that the expiry of bid validity and seeking extension through summary for Chief Minister Sindh does not serve the purpose. Since the NIT in question was floated/published in the financial year 2012-13. Procuring agency has to finalize the procurement process within its original / extended bid validity period in terms of Rule 38(5) of SPP Rules 2010, Rule 25 & 26 is advisable in the circumstances (Annex-VI).

28. In this connection an informal meeting was held in the office of MD SPPRA, and advised by SPPRA that this summary may be submitted to the Chief Minister Sindh for exemption of application of the Rule38(5) [specific to this procurement] being competent authority under Section 21 (Chapter VI) of SPPRA.

29. In view of the importance and impacts of the project, like deteriorating law and order situation specially the snatching of cars and vehicle related crimes it was necessary to introduce high security and tampered resistant number plates in the province. It is also to be worth mentioning that security features and reflected number plates had already been introduced in the sister provinces of the country. In view of narrated facts it is requested that the Honorable Chief Minister Sindh being competent authority may kindly exempt this case/procurement in the light of para 28 and provided in Section 21 (Chapter VI) of SPPRA Act 2009 to finalize the procurement process in view of above narrated facts.

30. The Honorable Chief Minister Sindh may kindly approve the para 29 please.

*my 26/5/2014*  
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# GOVERNMENT OF SINDH FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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14. The Finance Department supports to introduce high security vehicle number plate project. However, PSCQA intimated to Excise & Taxation Department vide Annex-IV that samples of above three companies were found non-conforming to ISO 7591-82. Therefore, in order to ensure transparency in the project, it is proposed that reputed international laboratory be selected for sample testing in consultation with the PSQCA. The other formalities required as per SPPRA may also be observed while implementing the project.

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15. ADVISOR TO CHIEF MINISTER SINDH FOR FINANCE SINDH *As Counselor of Punjab has got the test of chip at the facility in Germany at the cost of the 2013 bidders, we should do the same as proposed in para 7. Para 8 for extending the validity of the quoted (not costed) prices by the bidders is also endorsed.*

16. CHIEF SECRETARY SINDH

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