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|  | Press Release | | The Government of Pakistan bans export of all edible items | Daily Times Newspaper Report 30-04-2020  Daily Dawn Newspaper Report dated 28-04-2020 | 28-04-2020 |
|  | Press Release | | Government of Balochistan approves suspension of Balochistan Infrastructure Development Cess on all items imported in to Balochistan | Daily Business Recorder Report dated 07-04-2020 | 07-04-2020 |
|  | Punjab Revenue Authority Finance Department Government of Punjab | | Punjab Revenue Authority notification to exempt import of all goods from the payment of CESS  (Notification No. PRA/ORDER.06/2019/IDC/153 dated 02-04-2020) | Punjab Revenue Board exempts import of all goods from the payment of whole amount of CESS till 30-06-2020 | 02-04-2020 |
|  | Government of Punjab, Law & Parliamentary Affairs Department | | The Punjab Prevention of Hoarding Ordinance 2020 (VI OF 2020)  (Notification No. Legis:13-09/2020 dated 21-04-2020)  (The Punjab Gazette, Lahore Tuesday, April 21, 2020) | The Governor of Punjab promulgates law for prevention of hoarding in respect of various essential items including food items and medicines, masks, sanitizers etc. in the wake of an emergent situation resulting from the outbreak of the Corona virus pandemic (COVID-19) within the province of Punjab.  The law prescribes hoarding of scheduled items stated therein as an offence punishable with simple imprisonment up to 3 years and fine equivalent to 50% of the value of items involved. | 21-04-2020 |
|  | Government of Pakistan Ministry of Law & Justice | | COVID-19 (Prevention of Hoarding) Ordinance 2020 (Ordinance II of 2020)  (Notification No. E. 2(1)/2020-Pub dated 19-04-2020)  (The Gazette of Pakistan, Registered No. M-302- l.-7646, Islamabad, Monday, April 20, 2020)  [54467(2020)/Ex. Gaz.] | The President of Pakistan promulgates law for prevention of hoarding in respect of various essential items including food items and medicines, masks, sanitizers etc. in the wake of an emergent situation resulting from the outbreak of the Corona virus pandemic (COVID-19) within the Islamabad Capital Territory.  The law prescribes hoarding of scheduled items as stated therein an offence punishable with simple imprisonment up to 3 years and fine equivalent to 50% of the value of items involved. | 20-04-2020 |
|  | | State Bank of Pakistan  (Agricultural & Microfinance Credit Department) | Regulatory Relief to dampen the effects of Covid-19 - Prudential Regulations for Agricultural Financing  (AC&MFD Circular Letter No. 02 of 2020\_ | The State Bank of Pakistan in order to dampen the adverse effects of COVID-19 and to enable the banks/DFIs continue to fulfill their role in funding the real economy, allows following reliefs, among others, for agriculture farmers:   * Banks/DFIs, upon a written request of an obligor received before 30th June 2020, will defer repayment of principal loan amount by one year; provided that the obligor will continue to service the mark-up amount. In case, banks/DFIs decide to decline the request of the obligor, they will record reasons for this decision in their response to the obligor. The banks/DFIs will submit the detail about deferments granted State Bank of Pakistan. * Financing facilities of obligors / agriculture farmers who are unable to service the mark-up amount or need deferment exceeding one year, may be rescheduled / restructured upon their request. * The treatment, specified above, shall not be applicable on non-performing loans as of 31-Dec-2019. | 26-03-2020 |
|  | Government of Pakistan Ministry of Commerce | | S.R.O. No. 238(I)/2020 | Ban on Export of Onions | 24-03-2020 |