

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
(REVENUE DIVISION)
CENTRAL BOARD OF REVENUE

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CUSTOMS GENERAL ORDER NO.15/2007.

SUBJECT: **FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF CHIEF COLLECTORS OF CUSTOMS.**

The Board-in-Council has approved new structure of Customs department in the country. The new structure is based on re-organizing the department on functional lines, as far as possible.

2. In the new structure, the country has been divided into two regions, North and South. The North Region will consist of the following:

- (i) Model Customs Collectorate, Peshawar;
- (ii) Model Customs Collectorate, Rawalpindi;
- (iii) Model Customs Collectorate, Lahore;
- (iv) Model Customs Collectorate, Multan;
- (v) Model Customs Collectorate, Sambrial;
- (vi) Model Customs Collectorate, Faisalabad.

The South Region will consist of the following:

- (i) Model Customs Collectorate of PACCS, Custom House Karachi;
- (ii) Model Customs Collectorate of Appraisement, Custom House Karachi;
- (iii) Model Customs Collectorate of Exports, Custom House, Karachi;
- (iv) Model Customs Collectorate of Port Muhammad Bin Qasim, Karachi;
- (v) Model Customs Collectorate of Preventive, Custom House, Karachi;
- (vi) Model Customs Collectorate of Post Clearance Audit, Custom House, Karachi;
- (vii) Model Customs Collectorate , Hyderabad;
- (viii) Model Customs Collectorate , Quetta;
- (ix) Model Customs Collectorate , Gwadar.

The two regions will be headed by a BS-21 officer with the designation as Chief Collector. The main objectives for the appointment of Chief Collectors is to provide senior level operational heads in the field so that day to day operational issues faced by the Collectorates and by the clients of the Customs department are addressed to and resolved expeditiously, enabling the Board to concentrate on Policy development and formulation. Chief Collectors will report to Member (Customs).

3. Office of the Chief Collector (North) will be located in Custom House, Lahore and of Chief Collector (South) in Custom House, Karachi. The number of posts, logistic support and budgetary allocation for the offices of the Chief Collectors are being issued separately by the Admn Wing of the Board.

4. **Operational Functions and Powers of the Chief Collectors:** The operational and administrative powers and functions of the Chief Collectors will be as follows:-

- (i) Chief Collectors will be the focal persons for implementation of all reform initiatives and programmes under TARP.
- (ii) They would also be responsible for all development and welfare schemes (other than TARP) and for coordination of capacity building programmes in the region.
For the above Chief Collectors shall coordinate with respective Members of the Board and DG (Training).
- (iii) Chief Collectors may exercise the powers of all officers of Customs (under the Custom Act, 1969) subordinate to them in their respective jurisdiction.
- (iv) The Chief Collectors shall supervise and monitor the performance of the Collectorates in their jurisdiction, and would advise them appropriate measures to improve their working.
- (v) The Chief Collectors will coordinate with the Provincial Government, other law enforcement agencies and specialized organizations of the CBR within their respective jurisdiction.
- (vi) Chief Collectors shall keep a close liaison with the Federation of Pakistan, Chambers of Commerce and Industry and other trade bodies for redressal of their grievances.
- (vii) Chief Collectors shall provide input to the CBR for policy formulation. All proposals for changes in policy made by the Collectorates will be endorsed to the Chief Collector.

Administrative powers:

- (i) The Chief Collectors in respect of their own offices, shall exercise the powers of a head of a department under the fundamental rules and supplementary rules.
- (ii) They shall be the appointing authority for their offices (of the staff up to BS-15).
- (iii) They shall initiate Performance Evaluation Reports of all Collectors of Customs in their jurisdiction and shall be the countersigning officers for additional Collectors of Customs in their jurisdiction.
- (iv) They shall have the powers of inter-Collectorate transfer of officers (BS 16 to 18) within their jurisdiction. However, Inter-regional transfer/posting of BS-17 and above officers would continue to be made by the Board.

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