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No. F. 2(1)/2019-pub.—The following Ordinance promulgated on 26th December, 2019 by the President is hereby published for general information:—

ORDINANCE NO. XXVI OF 2019

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further to amend certain tax laws

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend certain tax laws for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

AND WHEREAS, the Senate and the National Assembly are not in session and the President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary to take immediate action;

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NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (1) of Article 89 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance:—

1. **Short title and commencement.**—(1) This Ordinance shall be called the Tax Laws (Second Amendment) Ordinance, 2019.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendments in the Customs Act, 1969 (IV of 1969).**—In the Customs Act, 1969 (IV of 1969), the following further amendments shall be made, namely:—

(1) after section 3CC, the following new section shall be inserted, namely:—

“3CCA. **Directorate General of Law and Prosecution.**— The Directorate General of Law and Prosecution shall consist of a Director General and as many Directors, Additional Directors, Deputy Directors, Assistant Directors, Special Public Prosecutors and such other officers as Board may, by notification in the official Gazette, appoint.”;

(2) in section 6, in sub-section (1), after the word “Banks”, the expression “in accordance with the legal framework notified by the Board” shall be inserted;

(3) in section 7, after full stop at the end, the expression “The provision of assistance so requested shall be binding.”, shall be added;

(4) in section 139, the existing provision thereof shall be re-numbered as sub-section (1) thereof and after the proviso to the re-numbered sub-section (1), the following new sub-section shall be added, namely:—

“(2) In case of recovery or seizure subsequent to false declaration or failure to declare under sub-section (1) of the items notified under clause(s) of section 2, offence shall be treated at par with clause(s) of section 2.”;

(5) in section 156, in sub-section (1), in the Table, in column zero,—

