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PART II

Statutory Notifications (S. R. O.)

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN

COMPETITION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

NOTIFICATION

Islamabad, the 5th June, 2012

S. R. O. 696 (I)/2012.—In exercise of the powers conferred under section 58 of the Competition Act, 2010 (the Act), the Competition Commission of Pakistan (the Commission) is pleased to make the following further amendments in the Regulations, namely:—

COMPETITION (GENERAL ENFORCEMENT) REGULATIONS, 2007

In the aforesaid Regulations;-

(i) after Part IX, following new PART X shall be inserted, namely:---

"PART X

PROCEDURE FOR TREATMENT OF INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM ANONYMOUS INFORMANTS

58. The information received by the Commission from an anonymous informant, which for reasons to be recorded and on the basis of

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supportive evidence, is believed to be authentic, may be treated as a complaint in terms of section 37 of the Act and necessary fee thereon shall stand waived.

- 59. Such information, soon upon its receipt, shall be forwarded to the Member/authorized officer concerned to determine, whether the information received merits a formal enquiry under section 37(2).
- 60. If the Member/ authorized officer decides to proceed with formal enquiry, he shall be authorized to appoint the enquiry officer/enquiry committee, as he may deem fit, for conducting the enquiry".
- (ii) regulation 25 shall be substituted with the following, namely:—
 - "25. Interim Order.—(1) Where, during the course of any proceeding in cases of contravention of statutory provisions of the Act, the Commission is of opinion that the issue of a final order in the proceedings is likely to take time and that, in the situation that exists or is likely to emerge, serious or irreparable damage may occur and an interim order is necessary in the public interest, it may, after giving the undertaking concerned an opportunity of being heard, by order, direct such undertaking to do or refrain from doing or continuing to do any act or thing specified in the order.
 - (2) The Commission may pass an interim order, if considered necessary as a matter of urgency for the purpose of:—
 - (a) preventing serious, irreparable damage to a particular person or class of persons; or
 - (b) protecting the public interest, the Commission may give such directions as it considers appropriate for that purpose.
 - (3) The Commission may, subject to sub-regulation (2) above read with section 32 of the Act, on the application of a party or of its own initiative, after giving the undertaking concerned an opportunity of being heard, by order direct such undertaking to dc or refrain from doing or continuing to do any act or thing specified in the order.

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- (4) The Commission shall exercise its power under these regulations by taking into account all the relevant circumstances, including:—
 - (a) the urgency of the matter;
 - (b) the effect on the party making the request if the relief sought is not granted; and
 - (c) the effect on competition if the relief is granted.
- (5) Any order or direction issued under these regulations shall be in accordance with the provisions of section 32, and shall remain in force for such a period as may be specified therein but not beyond the date of final order made under section 31."

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MOHAMMED HAYAT JASRA, Secretary.