PART II

Statutory Notifications (S.R.O.)

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN

OIL AND GAS REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NOTIFICATION

Islamabad, the 9th July, 2021

S. R. O. 930(I)/2021.—The following draft of certain further amendments in the Pakistan Oil (Refining, Blending, Transportation, Storage and Marketing) Rules, 2016 which the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority proposes to make in pursuance of Section 41 of the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority Ordinance, 2002 (XVII of 2002), are hereby published as required by sub-section (3) of Section 41 thereof, for information of all persons likely to be affected thereby and notice is hereby given that the draft amendments shall be taken into consideration after fifteen days of its publication in the official Gazette.

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Any objection or suggestion, which may be received by the Secretary of the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority, from any person in respect of the said draft amendments before the expiry of the said period, shall be taken into consideration.

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of section 41 of the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority Ordinance, 2002 (Ordinance No. XVII of 2002), the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority, with the approval of the Federal Government, is pleased to make the following amendments in the Pakistan Oil (Refining, Blending, Transportation, Storage and Marketing) Rules, 2016, namely:

In the aforesaid Rules,

(1) For Rule 7, the following shall be substituted, namely:—

7. Submission of production program to Authority.—(1) Every refinery shall, not less than one month before the commencement of the first or second half of its financial year, submit to the Authority for its approval the program of production which it proposes to follow in that half year having due regard to the economic interests of the country and its own ability to meet the demands of the market as economically as possible.

(2) In rule 7 new subrule (2) shall be inserted, namely:—

(2) Approval of production program.—The Authority may approve a program of production submitted under rule 7 subject to such modifications, if any, as it may indicate in its order of approval:

Provided that no such modification shall be made without giving, the refinery submitting the program, an opportunity of being heard.

(3) In rule 7 new subrule (3) shall be inserted, namely:—

(3) Approval necessary for change in production program.—Every refinery shall carry on its production in accordance with the program of production approved under rule 7(a) and shall not make any change in, or departure from, the program except with the prior approval in writing of the Authority.

(4) Exiting rule 42 shall be read as subrule 42(1):—

(5) In rule 42, new subrule (2) shall be inserted, namely:—
(2) **Conditions for Import of Petroleum Products.**—Where the production of petroleum products by the local refineries is found insufficient, the Authority may, subject to such condition as it may impose, from time to time, direct a marketing company to import such products."

(6) In rule 42, new subrule (3) shall be inserted, namely:—

(3) **Authority to approve agreements.**—No agreement other than with Petrol Pumps, relating to the supply, purchase, sale, storage or export of any imported petroleum products shall be entered into by any person without the prior approval in writing of the Authority.

(7) In rule 42, new sub rule (4) shall be inserted, namely:—

(4) **Authority may prohibit the sale or disposal of any product.**—If the Authority is of opinion that, for preventing the unauthorized export of petroleum products from Pakistan, it is necessary so to do, the Authority may, by an order in writing, prohibit the sale or disposal otherwise of any petroleum product in any area specified in the order except in such form and manner and to such person as may be so specified.

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**MISCELLANEOUS**

(8) New rule 70 (1) and (2) shall be inserted, namely:—

(1) **Notice of closure to Authority.**—Every refinery, blending plant, (reclamation plant) and marketing company shall give to the Authority not less than 30 days’ prior notice in writing of the closure of the refinery, blending plant (reclamation plant) or marketing company or of the stoppage of work therein, together with the reasons for such closure or stoppage and an indication of the period for which it is likely to continue, if such closure or stoppage is likely to effect the overall availability of any of the petroleum products:

Provided that, where such closure or stoppage takes place for any reason beyond the control of the refinery, blending plant, (reclamation plant) or marketing company a notice of the closure or stoppage may be given within four hours of its taking place.
(2) Authority may direct to refrain from closure.-Where the closure of, or stoppage of work in a refinery, blending plant, (reclamation plant) or marketing company is not for any reason beyond its control and the Authority is satisfied that such closure or stoppage is not in the public interest, the Authority may, by an order in writing, direct the refinery, blending plant, (reclamation plant) or marketing company to refrain from the closure or stoppage or, where it has already started, to bring to an end within the time specified in the order.

(9) New rule 71 shall be inserted, namely:—

71. Supply of Petroleum products.- The Authority may, if it is of opinion that public interest so requires, by order in writing, direct any refinery, marketing company or its agent or dealer or a blending plant (or reclamation plant) to supply such quantity of any petroleum product to such person as may be specified in the order.

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