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further to amend the Cotton Standardization Ordinance, 2002

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Cotton Standardization Ordinance, 2002 (LXIV of 2002), for the purposes hereinafter appearing:

It is hereby enacted as follows:

1. **Short title and commencement.-** (1) This Act may be called the Cotton Standardization (Amendment) Act, 2008.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of Section 5, Ordinance LXIV of 2002.-** In the Cotton Standardization Ordinance, 2002 (LXIV of 2002), in section 5, --

(i) in sub-section (1), in clause (b) after the words “one representative each of the” the words and comma “Ministry of Textile Industry,” shall be inserted; and

(ii) in sub-section (2), for the words and comma “Food, Agriculture and Livestock” the words, “Textile Industry” shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Cotton Standardization Ordinance was promulgated in 2002 according to which, the administrative entity, namely, Pakistan Cotton Standards Institute was under the administrative control of the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock. As such, the Board of Directors of the Institute comprised, inter alia, representatives of the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock, Section 5(1) (b) and similarly, in terms of section 5(2). Secretary, Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock was to be the chairman of the Board of Directors of PCSI.

2. With the establishment of Ministry of Textile Industry in September, 2004 in pursuance of amended Rules of Business 1973 notified vide SRO No.403(I)/2005 dated May 09, 2005, the administrative control of PCSI was transferred to MINTEX from MINFAL. The new arrangement warrants amendments to the Ordinance in its sub section (1) (b) and (2) of section (5) to that effect that the Board of Directors of the Pakistan Cotton Standards Institute shall be headed by the Secretary, Ministry of Textile Industry and shall also include a representative of that Ministry, for the smooth functioning of the official business of PCSI.

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