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## نان کارپوریٹ ٹرانسپورٹرز کا سیزن ٹیکس اسٹنٹی واپس لینے کی سفارش

تمام مارکیٹ پلیئرز کو برابری کی سطح پر مواقع دیئے جائیں، مسابقتی کمیشن آف پاکستان

کرتے ہوئے سفارش کی ہے کہ اس کو فوری طور پر واپس لیتے ہوئے تمام مارکیٹ پلیئرز کو برابری کی سطح پر مواقع دیئے جائیں۔ سی سی پی نے پنجاب ریونیو اتھارٹی اور سندھ ریونیو بورڈ کی جانب سے جاری کئے گئے سرکلرز کا باقی صفحہ 6 نمبر 35

اسلام آباد (کامرس رپورٹرز) مسابقتی کمیشن آف پاکستان نے پنجاب ریونیو اتھارٹی اور سندھ ریونیو بورڈ کی جانب سے ذیل اور سڑک کے ذریعے انٹرنیٹی تجارتی اشیاء لے جانے والے غیر رکی نان کارپوریٹ ٹرانسپورٹرز کو سیزن ٹیکس پر دیئے گئے اسٹنٹی پر پالیسی نوٹ جاری

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نوس لیا جس میں غیر رکی نان کارپوریٹ ٹرانسپورٹرز کو سیزن ٹیکس پر اسٹنٹی دیا گیا تھا۔ سی سی پی کے مطابق نان کارپوریٹ ٹرانسپورٹرز کو سیزن ٹیکس پر دیئے گئے اس اسٹنٹی سے کارپوریٹ سیکٹور کو امتیازی سلوک کا سامنا ہے جو کہ مسابقت کی روح کے خلاف ہے پالیسی نوٹ میں یہ بھی سفارش کی گئی ہے کہ پنجاب سیزن ٹیکس کے سروسز ایکٹ 2012 میں ترمیم کرتے ہوئے تجارتی اشیاء لے جانے والی گاڑیوں کے انفرادی مالکان کو دی جانے والی چھوٹ بھی واپس لی جائے۔ واضح رہے کہ سی سی پی پالیسی فریم ورک کا جائزہ لیتے ہوئے وفاقی اور صوبائی حکومتوں کو قانون سازی میں ترمیم کی سفارش کر سکتا ہے۔

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# کاروبار کی بات

## پنجاب ریونیو اتھارٹی اور سندھ بورڈ آف ایکسائز اور ڈیوٹیز کے مابین مسابقتی کمیشن

غیر رسمی نان کارپوریٹ ٹرانسپورٹرز کو سٹیز ٹیکس پر استغنی فوری واپس لیتے ہوئے تمام مارکیٹ پلیسز کو برابری کی سطح پر موقوف دینے کی سفارش

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## مسابقتی کمیشن کا پنجاب ریونیو اتھارٹی اور سندھ ریونیو بورڈ کو نوٹس

### تجارتی اشیاء لیجانہ والے غیر رسمی نان کارپوریٹ ٹرانسپورٹرز کو سیز ٹیکس اسٹنڈی پر نوٹس جاری کیا گیا

گیا ہے کہ مختلف کاروباری اداروں کے لئے ترجیحی بنیادوں پر ٹیکس کا نفاذ مسابقتی خدشات کا باعث ہوتا ہے کیونکہ یہ خدمات فراہم کرنے والوں کے بیچ تفریق کا باعث بنتا ہے، اس امتیازی سلوک سے ایک گروپ کی خدمات کی لاگت کم ہو جاتی ہے جو کہ کسی موثر انتظام یا معاشی عنصر کے بجائے حکومت کی جانب سے دیے گئے فائدے کی بنا پر ہوتا ہے۔ پالیسی نوٹ میں یہ بھی سفارش کی گئی ہے کہ پنجاب سیز ٹیکس کے سرورسز ایکٹ 2012 میں ترمیم کرتے ہوئے تجارتی اشیاء لے جانے والی گاڑیوں کے انفرادی مالکان کو دی جانے والی چھوٹ بھی واپس لی جائے۔ یہ پالیسی نوٹ مسابقتی کمیشن ایکٹ 2010 کے سیکشن 29 کے تحت جاری کیا گیا ہے جس کے مطابق سی سی پی پالیسی فریم ورک کا جائزہ لیتے ہوئے وفاقی اور صوبائی حکومتوں کو قانون سازی میں ترمیم کی سفارش کر سکتا ہے۔

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## تمام کمارکیٹ پبلسیزرز کو برابری کی سطح پر متوقع دیے جائیں؟

مسابقتی کمیشن نے پنجاب اور سندھ ریونیو اتھارٹیز کی جانب سے گزشتہ برس جاری کیے گئے سرکلرز کا نوٹس لیا

نان کارپوریٹ ٹرانسپورٹرز کو سبیل ٹیکس پر دیے گئے اسٹیج سے کارپوریٹ سیکٹر کو امتیازی سلوک کا سامنا ہے سی سی پی

کے مطابق نان کارپوریٹ ٹرانسپورٹرز کو سبیل ٹیکس پر دیے گئے اس اسٹیج سے کارپوریٹ سیکٹر کو امتیازی سلوک کا سامنا ہے جو کہ مسابقت کی روح کے خلاف ہے۔ پالسی نوٹ میں کہا گیا ہے کہ مختلف کاروباری اداروں کے لیے ترجیحی بنیادوں پر ٹیکس کا نفاذ مسابقتی خدشات کا باعث ہوتا ہے۔

واپس لیتے ہوئے تمام مارکیٹ پبلسیزرز کو برابری کی سطح پر متوقع دیے جائیں۔ سی سی پی نے پنجاب ریونیو اتھارٹی اور سندھ ریونیو بورڈ کی جانب سے یکم ستمبر 2015 اور 24 جولائی 2015 کو جاری کیے گئے سرکلرز کا نوٹس لیا جس میں غیر ری مان کارپوریٹ ٹرانسپورٹرز کو سبیل ٹیکس پر اسٹیج دیا گیا تھا۔ سی سی پی

کراچی (کامرس رپورٹر) مسابقتی کمیشن نے پنجاب ریونیو اتھارٹی اور سندھ ریونیو بورڈ کی جانب سے ریل اور سڑک کے ذریعے انٹرنیٹی تجارتی اشیاء لے جانے والے غیر ری مان کارپوریٹ ٹرانسپورٹرز کو سبیل ٹیکس پر دیے گئے اسٹیج پر پالیسی نوٹ جاری کرتے ہوئے سفارش کی ہے کہ اس کو فوری طور پر