

Custom Duty Exemptions vide Fifth Schedule, in Part-I, in column (1), in S. No. 1, in column (2) for sub-serial (K)

**Framework for Registration of
Fish/ Shrimp Farms/Hatcheries/ Feed Mills and
Seafood Processing plants
Under FBR's Duty incentives for Fisheries Sector
(For Budget 2024-25)**



1. Introduction

Pakistan aquaculture industry is now expanding and emerging as a successful business, producing increasing numbers of fish and other aquatic foods for human use, a trend that is expected to continue. Although the expansion of aquaculture has the potential to meet the growing demand for aquatic foods and to contribute to food security, poverty reduction, and, more broadly, to achieving sustainable development, the requirements of its production method must be closely monitored in the current situation for better marketability.

Critical gaps in the aquaculture sector, such as the availability of high-quality seed, feed, and other inputs, the implementation of a robust genetic improvement program, increased investment in technology (including equipment and machinery), proper technology infusion and adoption, necessary infrastructure, value addition, and the shortage of skilled manpower, must be addressed. Additionally, enhancing forward and backward linkages, establishing comprehensive traceability, and creating a definite mechanism for certification and standardization are essential to realizing the full potential of aquaculture growth.

The Fisheries Development Board (FDB) is actively working to promote technology, develop infrastructure, and build capacity for modern aquaculture in Pakistan. The government has identified aquaculture as a high-growth sector with the potential to significantly boost exports while providing the local population with high-quality nutrition. Government of Pakistan has provided relief on duties for importing all kinds of machinery, equipment, capital goods, and materials necessary for setting up, modernizing, replacing, or expanding hatcheries, farms, feed mills, and seafood processing units. However, to ensure this benefit is exclusive to fisheries-related businesses, two conditions have been imposed:

1. Imports must be made by fish/shrimp hatcheries, farms, feed mills, and seafood processing units registered under the Sales Tax Act, 1990 and with the Fisheries Development Board or the concerned Ministry.
2. The Ministry of National Food Security and Research must certify, as per the prescribed format (As at Annex-1), that the imported goods are bona fide requirements. The Authorized Officer will provide all relevant information online to the Pakistan Customs Computerized System using a specific user ID and password obtained under Section 155D of the Customs Act, 1969.

2. Registration Process

- Fish Shrimp Farmers, hatchery operators, Feed millers and Processing plant owner Companies and individuals who wish to import any kind of machinery, equipment, capital goods, and materials necessary for setting up, modernizing, replacing, or expanding hatcheries, farms, feed mills, and seafood processing units are required to register with Fisheries Development Board to get incentive as per

clause 18th in the fifth Schedule Part-1, Serial No.-1, Sub serial (K) under the Federal Budget 2024-25.

- Eligibility criteria for each category: fish and shrimp farmers, hatcheries, feed mills, and processing plants are given below
 1. A person or company must be registered with FBR as income tax filler and must on active tax payer list.
 2. Involved in the business of fish/shrimp farming or fish/shrimp hatchery operation, or fish/shrimp feed production or fish/shrimp processing plant operation.
- List of documents required for registration, including one photograph of the business, copy of CNIC/Passport (in case of foreign investor), National Tax number, proof of ownership or lease agreements with the owner and Certificate for not being defaulter of any Bank/government department.
- The interested parties can obtain the application form from the FDB office at Islamabad or Karachi or can download the form from FDB website. The filled form having all required information and supporting documents and proof of fee payment, shall be submitted to the FDB office Islamabad at the address given below:
 - The Chief Executive, Fisheries Development Board (FDB), Ministry of National Food Security & Research, Government of Pakistan Gate # 2, NARC, Park Road, Islamabad.
- **Fees**
 - Details of registration fee and renewal fees for each category is given below:
 - Fish/Shrimp Farms: Rs. 1000/=
 - Fish/Shrimp Hatchery Rs. 2000/=
 - Fish/Shrimp feed mill Rs. 5000/=
 - Seafood Processing Plant Rs. 5000/=
 - Non-refundable application fee (for due diligence) shall be paid through online or in the form of Demand Draft from a scheduled commercial Bank located in Pakistan in favour of the “Fisheries Development Board” payable at Islamabad. The bank account details for online payment of application fee are as detailed below:
 - Account Title: Fisheries Development Board
 - Account Number: 0341003035 236304
 - Branch Code #: 0341
 - Branch Address: National Bank of Pakistan (NBP) Main Branch Islamabad, Civic Centre G-6, Islamabad

- Incomplete applications / not complying with the requirements shall not be considered.
- The FDB after receiving the “application form”, will conduct a due diligence exercise to verify the bonafide of the applicant. The verification process may include online interview, or site visit through FDBs own staff or the staff of provincial fisheries departments or through a third party specifically hired for the purpose.
- Verification schedule will be shared with the applicant in advance on the given landline or mobile number.
- Registration shall be confirmed on verification of documents provided by the applicant and on receipt of a positive site inspection report by the FDB team or partner organization team.
- The Registration number and certificates shall be issued within 15 days after inspection/verification and shall be valid for 3 three years. The certificate shall be renewed after 3 years on payment of renewal fee.
- In case the registration is not granted, a written response shall be provided, stating the reason thereof.
- FDB may occasionally monitor the business facility after registration for its continuous operation and compliance checks.
- The registration would be cancelled, if the business activity is found inactive for a complete one year any time during the monitoring and compliance checks.
- The applicant will be put on blacklist on submission of false information.
- To get incentives as per provision of Budget of 2024-25, the FDB registered persons or companies on import stage shall submit their Good Declaration form along with a list of items their HS Code, description, specification and quantity and measurement unit of the machinery, equipment, capital goods, and materials necessary for setting up, modernizing, replacing, or expanding hatcheries, farms, feed mills, and seafood processing units; to FDB for online certification by the Ministry of National Food Security and Research and the FBR.
- Registration form are for Farm, Hatchery, Feed Mill and Processing Plant are given below in Annexure 2-5:

ANNEXURE – 1

Certificate to be issued by the Ministry of National Food Security and Research, as per the prescribed format (Annex-B of 5th Schedule of custom Act)

Header Information											
NTN/FTN of Importer				Approval No.							
(1)						(2)					
Details of Input goods (to be filled by the authorized officer of the Regulatory Authority)								Goods imported (Collectorate of import)			
HS Code	Description	Specs	Custom Duty rate (applicable)	Sales Tax rate (applicable)	WHT	Quantity	UOM	Quantity imported	Collectorate	GD. No.	GD date & Mach No.
(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)

CERTIFICATE BY THE AUTHORIZED OFFICER OF THE REGULATORY AUTHORITY: It is hereby certified that the imported goods are genuine and *bonafide* requirement of the project and the same are not manufactured locally.

Signature & Seal of the Authorized Officer _____

Designation _____

NOTE:- In case of clearance through Pakistan Customs Computerized System, the above information shall be furnished on line against a specific user I.D. and password obtained under section 155D of the Customs Act, 1969(IV of 1969).

Forms

		Fisheries Development Board Government of Pakistan Ministry of national Food Security & Research Application for Registration of Shrimp & Fish Farmers			
Section 1. Applicant Details					
1.	Name of Farmer/ Agency				
2.	Full Address for Correspondence:				
3.	Type of agency (Tick <input type="checkbox"/> anyone)	Proprietorship ()	Partnership Firm ()	Public Ltd. Company ()	Private Ltd. Company ()
4.	Name of the Authorized signatory/Head of the Organization & Designation				
5.	CNIC/Passport Number:				
6.	Email ID				
7.	Phone number of the firm				
8.	Mobile no of contact person				
9.	GST No (if obtained)				
10.	Photograph				
Section 2. Farm Detail					
11.	Farm name				
12.	Location				
13.	GPS Coordinates				
14.	At least 2 farm photographs				
15.	Area (in acres)				
16.	Type of Farming (Fish/Shrimp/Both)				
17.	No. of ponds & other facilities on the farm				
18.	Production capacity in tons				
19.	No. of employees				
Section 3. Required Documents					
20.	Copy of CNIC/ Passport				
21.	National Tax Number (NTN):				
22.	Proof of Ownership/Lease Agreement				
23.	Certificate for not being defaulter of any Bank/ Government				

- **Section 4. Declaration:**

I, _____, S/D/W/o _____, as authorized signatory of _____ (firm) do hereby declare that all the information furnished in this application form is true to the best of my knowledge.

Date & Place:

Signature of the Authorized person / Head of the Organization Name & designation

(To be filled by FDB Official):

Date of receipt of application:
Dairy Number
Name & Designation of Receiver:

		Fisheries Development Board Government of Pakistan Ministry of national Food Security & Research Application for Fish and Shrimp Hatcheries			
Section 1. Applicant Details					
1.	Name of Farmer/ Agency				
2.	Full Address for Correspondence:				
3.	Type of agency (Tick <input type="checkbox"/> anyone)	Proprietorship () Public Ltd. Company ()	Partnership Firm () Private Ltd. Company ()		
4.	Name of the Authorized signatory/Head of the Organization & Designation				
5.	CNIC/Passport Number:				
6.	Email ID				
7.	Phone number of the firm				
8.	Mobile no of contact person				
9.	Photograph				
Section 2. Hatcheries Detail					
10.	Hatcheries name				
11.	Location				
12.	GPS Coordinates				
13.	At least 2 farm photographs				
14.	Area (in acres)				
15.	Type of Hatcheries (Fish/Shrimp/Both)				
16.	No. of ponds & other facilities on the farm				
17.	Production capacity (fry/fingerling)				
18.	No. of employees				
Section 3. Required Documents					
19.	Copy of CNIC/ Passport				
20.	National Tax Number (NTN):				
21.	Proof of Ownership/Lease Agreement				
22.	Certificate for not being defaulter of any Bank/ Government				

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		Fisheries Development Board Government of Pakistan Ministry of national Food Security & Research Application for Feed Mills			
Section 1. Applicant Details					
1.	Name of Farmer/ Agency				
2.	Full Address for Correspondence:				
3.	Type of agency (Tick <input type="checkbox"/> anyone)	Proprietorship ()	Partnership Firm ()	Public Ltd. Company ()	Private Ltd. Company ()
4.	Name of the Authorized signatory/Head of the Organization & Designation				
5.	CNIC/Passport Number:				
6.	Email ID				
7.	Phone number of the firm				
8.	Mobile no of contact person				
9.	Photograph				
Section 2. Hatcheries Detail					
10.	Feed Mill name				
11.	Feed Brands				
12.	Location				
13.	GPS Coordinates				
14.	At least 2 farm photographs				
15.	Type of feeds (Fish/Shrimp/Both)				
16.	Detail of facilities				
17.	Production capacity (tons)				
18.	No. of employees				
Section 3. Required Documents					
19.	Copy of CNIC/ Passport				
20.	National Tax Number (NTN):				
21.	Proof of Ownership/Lease Agreement				
22.	Certificate for not being defaulter of any Bank/ Government				

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Date & Place:

Signature of the Authorized person / Head of the Organization Name & designation

(To be filled by FDB Official):

Date of receipt of application:
Dairy Number
Name & Designation of Receiver:

		Fisheries Development Board Government of Pakistan Ministry of national Food Security & Research Application for registration of Fish and Shrimp Processing Plants			
Section 1. Applicant Details					
1.	Name of Farmer/ Agency				
2.	Full Address for Correspondence:				
3.	Type of agency (Tick (<input type="checkbox"/>) anyone)	Proprietorship ()	Partnership Firm ()	Public Ltd. Company ()	Private Ltd. Company ()
4.	Name of the Authorized signatory/Head of the Organization & Designation				
5.	CNIC/Passport Number:				
6.	Email ID				
7.	Phone number of the firm				
8.	Mobile no of contact person				
9.	Photograph				
Section 2. Hatcheries Detail					
10.	Name of Processing plant				
11.	Product Brands				
12.	Location				
13.	GPS Coordinates				
14.	At least 2 farm photographs				
15.	Type of processing plant (Fish/Shrimp/Both)				
16.	Detail of facilities				
17.	Production capacity (tons)				
18.	No. of employees				
Section 3. Required Documents					
19.	Copy of CNIC/ Passport				
20.	National Tax Number (NTN):				
21.	Proof of Ownership/Lease Agreement				
22.	Certificate for not being defaulter of any Bank/ Government				

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