

**PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF SINDH  
NOTIFICATION  
KARACHI, THE 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2021**

**NO.PAS/Legis-B-09/2021**-The Sindh Trusts (Amendment) Bill, 2021 having been passed by the Provincial Assembly of Sindh on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 and assented to by the Governor of Sindh on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2021 is hereby published as an Act of the Legislature of Sindh.

**THE SINDH TRUSTS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2021**

**SINDH ACT NO. VIII OF 2021**

**AN  
ACT**

to amend the Sindh Trusts Act, 2020.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Sindh Trusts Act, 2020, in the manner hereinafter appearing; Preamble.

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. (1) This Act may be called the Sindh Trusts (Amendment) Act, 2021. Short title and commencement.
- (2) It shall come into force at once.
2. In the Sindh Trusts Act, 2020, hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in Section 2,- Amendment of section 2 of Sindh Act No. XXIX of 2020.
  - (i) in clauses (b), for the words “the natural” the word “any” shall be substituted;
  - (ii) in clause (c), for the words “the natural” the word “any” shall be substituted;
  - (iii) after clause (r), the following new clause shall be inserted: -

“(r-i) “regulator” means such authority as provided in clause (1) of Schedule-IV of the Anti-Money Laundering Act, 2010 (Act No. VII of 2010);”;
  - (iv) in clause (u), for the words “Social Welfare, Zakat, Usher and Religious Affairs”, the words “Industries and Commerce” shall be substituted;
  - (v) after clause (u), the following new clause shall be inserted:-

“(u-i) “Specialized Trust” means a trust created for the establishment of collective investments schemes, collective investment vehicles, private funds, pensions funds, real estate investment trust, exchange traded funds, private equity and venture capital funds, debt securities trust, trust in relation to any security issued by the Federal or any Provincial

Government through capital markets, provident funds, gratuity funds, pension funds, employee benefit trust or any other trust administered by the Regulator as notified by Government in the Gazette;”.

3. In the said Act, in section 5, in clause (a), the word “natural” shall be omitted; Amendment of section 5 of Sindh Act No. XXIX of 2020.
  
4. In the said Act, in section 7- Amendment of section 7 of Sindh Act No. XXIX of 2020.
  - (i) the word “every natural” shall be omitted; and replaced “with any”
  - (ii) the explanation shall be omitted.
  
5. In the said Act, in section 9- Amendment of section 9 of Sindh Act No. XXIX of 2020.
  - (i) the word “ every natural” shall be omitted; and replaced “with any”
  - (ii) the explanation shall be omitted.
  
6. In the said Act, section 12 shall be re-numbered as sub-section (1) and thereafter the following new sub-sections shall be added: - Amendment of section 12 of Sindh Act No. XXIX of 2020.
  - “(2) All trusts created under Trust Act, 1882 (Act No. II of 1882) or registered under the Registration Act, 1908 (Act No. XVI of 1908) or any other law, for the time being in force, shall be required to be registered in accordance with sub-section (1) within the period as Government may, by notification, specify.
  - (3)Any trust, which fails to register as required under sub-sections (1) and (2) shall cease to function or operate in any manner whatsoever and shall be proceeded against by the Director in terms of section 97.”.
  
7. In the said Act, after section 12, the following new section shall be inserted: - Insertion of section 12-A in Sindh Act No. XXIX of 2020.
  - “12-A.Registration of Specialized Trust. - (1)For the purpose of registration of specialized trust under this Act, the trustee shall provide to the Director a No Objection Certification (NOC) from the relevant regulator which shall contain the prescribed information.
  - (2) Where the trustee provides NOC under sub-section (1), the requirements of sections 13, 14 and 15 shall be deemed to have been fulfilled and the Assistant Director shall thereafter register the Specialized Trust in accordance with section 16.
  - (3)All Specialized Trusts created prior to coming into force of this Act shall be deemed to have been registered in accordance with this section and shall be issued a Certificate of Registration under section 16:  
Provided that the requirements of section 13, 14 and 15 shall be fulfilled by the trustee within the period as may be notified by Government.

(4)Any Specialized Trust which fails to comply with the requirement under this section shall cease to function or operate in any manner, whatsoever and necessary action shall be initiated by the Director in terms of section 97.”.

8. In the said Act, in section 14, for the word and figures “within 14 days of receiving the request from the Director” the words “within such period and manner as may be prescribed” shall be substituted. Amendment of section 14 of Sindh Act No. XXIX of 2020.

9. In the said Act, after section 16, the following new section shall be inserted:- Insertion of section 16-A in Sindh Act No. XXIX of 2020.

“16-A. Renewal of Registration.-(1)The registration of trust shall be renewed annually by the trustee in the manner and on payment of such fees as may be prescribed except a Specialized Trust.

(2) The trustee shall apply for renewal of registration within thirty days prior to expiry of registration of the trust.

(3) In case of any amendment in a trust by the trustee, shall also be registered in accordance with this Act in the manner and on payment of such fees as may be prescribed.”.

10. In the said Act, in section 97, after clause (c), the following new clauses shall be added:- Amendment of section 97 of Sindh Act No. XXIX of 2020.

“(c-i)when it fails to comply with the requirements as provided in section 12 and 12-A of this Act; or

(c-ii) when it fails to comply with the provisions of section 16-A; or”.

11. In the said Act, after section 118, the following new section shall be inserted, namely: - Insertion of section 118-A in Sindh Act No. XXIX of 2020.

“118-A. Delegation of powers and functions.-Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, Government may, by notification in the official gazette, delegate any power or function under this Act to a regulator with respect to Specialized Trust, to be exercised in such manner and the circumstances as may be specified in the notification.”.

**BY ORDER OF THE SPEAKER  
PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF SINDH**

**G.M.UMAR FAROOQ  
SECRETARY  
PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF SINDH**