

PRGMEA Press Release

(Karachi April 10, 2012) Central Chairman, Pakistan Readymade Garments Manufacturers & Exporters Association (PRGMEA), Mr. Shehzad Salim has said that the exporters are anxiously awaiting news regarding EU Trade Concessions Package for Pakistan for 75 products. He said that member companies are calling association offices everyday for updates on this and we are unable to give them a reply because we have no new updates. Our member are trying to convince their E.U. customer to buy from them claiming this duty free access, however when the customer contacts the E.U. customs they have no such information and all negotiations come to stand still.

The package is now with the EU Council and the EU Parliament and these two bodies have to finalize modalities and implement the package. We were expecting good news after the Easter holidays but according to our sources, the concessions package is not on EU Council's agenda for it's meeting scheduled on April 12, this means that we should expect even further delays. We request the government to put pressure on the E.U. governments to implement this package immediately as otherwise it will be totally useless in terms of export enhancement for Pakistan.