

## **Directorate General of Trade Organisations**

Ministry of Commerce Government of Pakistan



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Islamabad, April 22, 2010

Secretary General,
Pakistan Hosiery Manfacturers Association,
PHMA House,37-H, Block-6 PECHS,
Karachi.
021-4522685; 4522769.

Subject: Visa Requirements for Businessmen for travel to Argentina.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of Embassy of the Argentina Republic, Islamabad letter dated 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2010 along with its enclosures pertaining to detailed requirements and instructions for visa process for Pakistani businessmen desiring to travel to Argentina.

 It is requested to circulate the information among all the members of your trade organization.

Encl: as above

(Khalid Mahmood) 27 61
Deputy Director

Copy along with a copy of Ministry of Commerce, Islamabad u.o No. 2(2)/2009-Argentina dated 13-04-2010 is forwarded for information & necessary action to Chairman, Trade Development Authority of Pakistan, F.T.C. Building, Shahrah-e-Faisal, Karachi.

(Khalid Mahmood) Deputy Director

Please find attached to this note the detailed requirements and instructions pertaining to visa process for Pakistani businessmen desirous to travel Argentina for circulating to all Chambers, Trade Associations and FPCCI as desired by Secretary Commerce under

intimation to this Section.

(Jamil Akhtar Khan) Section Officer (Americas)

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Director General (Trade Organizations), M/o Commerce, Islamabad FT-III Wing's U.O. No. 2(2)/2009-Argentina Dated: 13-04-2010

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Note: 53/AJII/2010 Islamabad, 1st April, 2010

With reference to the recent meeting held at Your office with the Foreign Secretary of Argentina. Ambassador Taccetti, last 1st March, 2010, one of the issues that was discussed was the facilitation of business contacts and the visa process to travel to Argentina.

Answering to your request of information about the aforementioned process. I am sending you attached to this note the detailed requirements and instruction for Pakistani businessmen to go through it successfully.

It was also mentioned that the Embassy of Argentina, through its Consular Section, is working to speed up the visa process for Pakistan's Businessmen but it will be very helpful if Your Ministry could officially notify to the most important institutions like the Chambers of Commerce around the country and the Federation of Chambers of Commerce about the attached requirements in order for them to convey those to their members.

As Your Excellency heard directly from Ambassador Taccetti, the Argentine Government is very interested in encouraging mutual trade and investments and My Embassy will make the maximum effort to facilitate that goal.

I avail myself of this opportunity to convey to Your Excellency the assurances of my

highest consideration.

Rodolfo J. Martin Saravia Ambassador

H.E. the Federal Secretary of Commerce

Mr. Zafar Mahmood

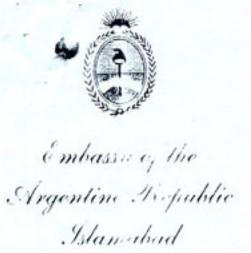
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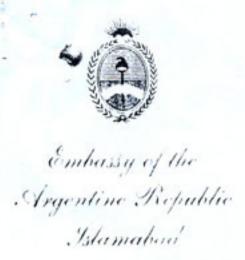
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## VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR BUSINESSMEN

- Two copies of Application Form (signed by the applicant) with three recent photographs.
- Photocopy of valid Passport, including all valid visas.
- Thorough explanation of the reason to visit Argentina:
  - a. Letter of assignment signed by company manager stating purpose of trip and the same is carried out by the sending company.
  - b. Letter of introduction by the concerned Chamber of Commerce.
  - Full identification of the Argentine business partner (Commercial name, address, telephone and name of the manager responsible.)
- 4. Updated bank statement with balance of the last year.
- Photocopy of International Credit Card, if available.
- 6. Flight Itinerary: Ticket, E-TKT or booking by travel agent.
- Hotel Reservation or accommodation arrangements which must be coinciding with flight itinerary.



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## VISA APPLICATION PROCESS - INSTRUCTION

- 1. Submit complete applications including all relevant documents.
  - Submission Days: Monday to Wednesday from 09:00 hrs. 12:00hrs.
- Application process fee: Rs. 1500/- (to be paid in cash with the submission of the application).
- 3. Schedule of personal interview with the Visa Officer.
  - No Application will be processed without a personal interview.
  - Interview days: Monday to Thursday from 10:00hrs. 12:00hrs.
- 4. After the personal interview, requires 10 days for the decision of the Visa Application to be communicated.
  - Argentine Consulate does not retain Passports during processing time.
  - Starting the visa application process well in advance from the traveling date increases the chances of obtaining a positive answer.
- Once notified of Visa approval, applicants have 30 days to present the Passport in the Consular Section; or else a new application must be submitted.
- Visa Fee: USD 50 (to be deposited in Standard Chartered Bank, only after the intimation of visa approval by the Consular Section.)

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Embassy of the Argentine Republic Consular Section

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