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OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER
DIRECTORATE OF TOURIST SERVICES
CULTURE, TOURISM, ANTIQUITIES & ARCHIVES DEPARTMENT
GOVERNMENT OF SINDH
ST-16, BLOCK-IV, SCHEME-5, CLIFTON, KARACHI
Karachi, dated the 25th March, 2026

CIRCULAR

SUBJECT: Compliance with Existing Fair Rates under Section 10 of the Pakistan Hotel and Restaurant Act, 1976.

With the approval of the competent authority, all hotels and restaurants operating in Sindh are hereby advised to strictly comply with the provisions of **Section 10 of the Pakistan Hotel and Restaurant Act, 1976**, which empowers the Controller to fix and regulate fair rates for lodging, board, and other services.

2. As per subsection (7) of Section 10, where fair rates have not been revised or newly fixed, the rates already being charged and in force shall be deemed to be the fair rates under the law.
3. In pursuance of the austerity measures taken by the Government of Sindh, under the directive of the Government of Pakistan, and in exercise of regulatory authority under the aforesaid provision, it is hereby ordered that:
 - All establishments shall **continue to charge the presently approved and prevailing rates;**
 - **No increase in room tariffs, food charges, or service rates shall be made under any circumstances;**
 - This restriction shall remain in force **until 30th April, 2026.**
4. Any violation of this advice shall constitute a breach of statutory provisions and shall result in **strict legal action**, including the imposition of penalties and suspension of the license.
5. All concerned officers are directed to ensure enforcement through regular inspections and reporting.
6. This may be treated as **MOST URGENT**.


S.M. MEHDI SHAH
CONTROLLER

CC to:

1. Commissioner, Karachi, Hyderabad, Mirpurkhas, Shaheed Banazirabad, Sukkur, Larkana.
2. DS staff to chief secretary Sindh.
3. PS to the Minister, CTA&AD, Government of Sindh, Karachi.
4. PS to the Secretary, CTA&AD, Government of Sindh, Karachi.
5. PA to the Controller, DTS, CTA&AD.
6. Chairman, All Pakistan Hotel Association
7. Office File.



- (c) its owner or any person acting on his behalf contravenes any of the provisions of this Act or the rules or orders made thereunder ;
- (d) it ceases to conform to the requirements of registration under section 5 or, in the case of a hotel, to the prescribed minimum criteria for the class assigned to it ; or
- (e) its owner fails to enter the names and other particulars of guests in the prescribed register.

9. Obligation of the transferee, etc., of a hotel and restaurant. Where a hotel or restaurant registered and licensed under this Act is transferred or assigned to, or devolves upon, any person, it shall be incumbent upon that person to report, within one month of its taking effect, to the Controller the fact of such transfer, assignment or devolution and obtain a fresh licence under this Act.

10. Controller to fix fair rates. — (1) The Controller may fix fair rates to be charged for board, lodging and other service provided in a hotel at such amount as having regard to the prescribed principles governing fair rates and the classification of hotels, he deems just.

(2) The Controller may either fix a consolidated rate for lodging, board and service, or for lodging and service only or fair rates separately for-

- (a) lodging with reference to the nature of the accommodation and the number of guests to be accommodated ;
- (b) board, partial or full ; and
- (c) other service.

(3) Fair rates may be fixed separately for daily and monthly guests.

Explanation.— A guest who agrees to reserve accommodation, or for whom accommodation is reserved, for a period of one month or more shall be deemed to be a monthly guest, provided he actually stays for one month or more or has actually paid in advance for one month ; and where the reservation is not for any specified period or is for a period less than a month, the guest shall be deemed to be a daily guest.

(4) The Controller may fix fair rates to be charged for board and other service provided in a restaurant at such amount, as having regard to the prescribed principles governing fair rates and to all the circumstances, he deems just.

(5) The Controller may from time to time revise the fair rates fixed by him under this section.

(6) An order fixing or revising fair rates shall take effect on the first day of such month following the month in which the order is made as may be specified therein.

(7) Until such time as fair rates are fixed in relation to any hotel or restaurant under this section, the rates, if any, charged by such hotel or restaurant, immediately before this Act becomes applicable to it, for equivalent lodging, board or service to that provided, shall be deemed to be the fair rates fixed under this section.