



# THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE (PREVENTION OF PAYMENTS) ACT, 1972



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# THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE (PREVENTION OF PAYMENTS) ACT, 1972.

<sup>1</sup>Act No. XXII OF 1972

[24th September, 1972]

## An Act to enable the Federal Government to prohibit certain payments.

WHEREAS it is necessary to prohibit certain payments;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

**1. Short title, extent and commencement.**—(1) This Act may be called the Foreign Exchange (Prevention of Payments) Act, 1972.

(2) It extends to the whole of Pakistan.

<sup>2</sup>[(3) It shall come into force at once and shall be deemed to have taken effect on the 10th day of March, 1972.]

**2. Power to direct State Bank to stop payment.**—(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Foreign Exchange Repatriation Regulation, 1972,<sup>3</sup>\* \* \* the State Bank of Pakistan may, and if so required by the Federal Government by order in writing shall, direct—

- (a) an authorised dealer in foreign exchange through whom any person has repatriated any amount of foreign exchange to Pakistan in pursuance of the said Regulation; or
- (b) any other person with whom the whole or part of the rupee equivalent of the amount so repatriated and other amount payable in respect of such repatriation is or has been deposited,

to deposit with the State Bank, within the time specified by it, the amount representing the aggregate of the rupee equivalent of the amount so repatriated and any other amount payable in respect of such repatriation or, as the case may be, the part thereof so deposited.

(2) Any person or authority to whom any amount of money is payable by the person repatriating the amount of foreign exchange or who has against such person any claim the value of which can be expressed in terms of money, may, within such time and in such manner as the Federal Government may, by notification in the official Gazette specify, apply to the Federal Government for payment of the amount so payable or, as the case may be, of the amount representing the value of such claim.

(3) Upon the receipt of an application under sub-section (2), an officer authorised by the Federal Government in this behalf may, after making such inquiries as he may consider necessary, make such order as he may deem fit:

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<sup>1</sup>For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gaz., of P., 1972, Ext., Pt-III, p. 415

<sup>2</sup>Subs. by the Foreign Exchange (Prevention of Payments) (Amdt) Act, 1974 (6 of 1974), s. 2, for the original sub-section (3).

<sup>3</sup>The words "(M.L.R. 104), as continued in force by Article 280 of the Interim Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan" omitted by the Federal Adaptation of Laws Order, 1975 (P.O. 4 of 1975), Art. 2 and Sch.