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Pakistan Government Announces Tax Incentive Policy for Pakistani-based Shipping Companies

Federal Minister of Maritime Affairs, Ali Haider Zaidi on September 18 2019, Wednesday highlighted in a press conference that the private sectors of the country would be provided opportunities to purchase ships under new shipping policies.

Shipping sector was declared as a strategic industry and major incentives were announced by government for the expansion and development of shipping sector in Pakistan.

The government has announced a new tax incentive policy for Pakistani-based shipping companies. New companies would be exempted from income and sales tax as well as customs duty till 2030. Moreover, the minister said that new shipping companies would be given equal preferences in lifting private sector cargo and the port will provide facilities on a priority basis to the ships belonging to Pakistan.

New Policy's IMPORTANCE

- ✓ Increased investments in the shipping sector
- ✓ Benefit for all stakeholders, including Karachi Port Trust (KPT) & Port Qasim Authority (PQA)
- ✓ Government's plan to build new terminals to facilitate shipping companies and vessels
- ✓ Benefit to exporters through tax incentives
- ✓ Increased global trade while boosting economy and long term stability of nation

What's In It For INVESTORS?

- ✓ Time is ripe for investors around the globe to invest in this sector
- ✓ Various incentives to be offered to investors to establish private shipping firms & to register their vessel under the Pakistan flag
- ✓ Opportunity to capitalize on First Mover Advantage and richer avenues for returns
- ✓ Singapore-based business group is interested in investing \$2 billion in Pakistan's shipping sector

