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Dr. Muhammad Ashfaq Ahmed,
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**TAXPAYER'S PROFILE - SECTION 114A OF THE INCOME TAX ORDINANCE, 2001 –
FORM STILL NOT PRESCRIBED**

Dear Dr. Muhammad Ashfaq Ahmed Sir,

Through this letter, we at Karachi Tax Bar Association (KTBA) want to highlight your urgent attention towards section 114A of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001 (Ordinance), inserted vide the Finance Act, 2020 (Finance Act).

The said section has been inserted which makes it mandatory for taxpayers to electronically file Taxpayer's Profile containing various information such as bank accounts, utility connections, details of business premises, etc. and the deadlines for electronically filing the said Taxpayer's Profile Form, have been given in the law as under:

Registration Status	Last Date for Submission of Taxpayer's Profile
1. In case of persons <u>already registered</u> till date / <u>or registered before 30-09-2020</u>	Prescribed Form U/s.114A of the Ordinance to <u>submit on or before 31-12-2020.</u>
2. In case of a person registered <u>after 30-09-2020</u>	Within <u>ninety (90) days</u> of the registration

Further, failure to file the prescribed form would not only entail punitive penalty but the taxpayer would also be excluded from the Active Taxpayers List (ATL).

It is with serious concern, we note that till today i.e. November 09, 2020, the form as required to be filed as per sub-clause (a) of sub-section (2) of section 114A of the Ordinance has not been prescribed let alone its availability on IRIS.

Further, we would also like to draw your attention on the gravity of the situation, as updating the profiles of almost 2.5 million taxpayers and that too with the comprehensive information is a stupendous and a time consuming exercise for the counsels of the taxpayers and that too at the time when the counsels of the taxpayers are engrossed in filing the tax returns as well as wealth statements, the last date of which is falling due on December 08, 2020.

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Though KTBA fully understands that it is acutely a must exercise to be undertaken like in any developed tax regime in the world, yet the non-availability of prescribed forms and the facility of the same on IRIS is highly unexpected and rather damaging. This is coupled with the fact that with limited functionality of IRIS in these times of return filing, it is feared that IRIS may malfunction disrupting the timeliness to be adhered to for filing the income tax return and updation of Taxpayer's Profile together.

Keeping in view the severity of the issue, we request your good office to immediately take measures to prescribe the form as required U/s.114A of the Ordinance and also give directions to provide the same in IRIS for updation of Taxpayer's Profile with the directions to field offices not to issue penalty notices as the delay is not on part of the taxpayers.

Thanking you,
Yours sincerely,



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