

Form No: HCJD/C-121

ORDER SHEET

IN THE ISLAMABAD HIGH COURT, ISLAMABAD
(JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT)

W.P. No.1028-2021

Haji Abdul Rauf, etc.
Versus
Collector of Customs, etc.

S. No. of order/ proceedings	Date of order/ proceedings	Order with signature of Judge and that of parties or counsel where necessary.
	29-03-2021	Mr Waseem Sajjad Zafar, Advocate for petitioner. Ch. Imtiaz Ahmed, Advocate for respondent. Ms Maryam Khalid, Deputy Director (Legal), and Mr Tariq Mehmood, Intelligence Officer, Customs Intelligence and Investigations, Islamabad.

Ms Maryam Khalid, Deputy Director (Legal), Directorate of Intelligence and Investigations (Customs), Islamabad has appeared and has stated that Order-in-Original in the instant case has been passed. The learned counsel for the petitioner has placed reliance on an earlier order, dated 05-03-2021, passed by this Court in W.P. No. 3768/2020. It is noted that in the said case the goods had been ordered to be released by the Collector (Adjudication). In the case in hand the goods have been ordered to be confiscated without giving an option to redeem them against payment of redemption fine.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner has informed that a Bench of the learned Customs Appellate Tribunal is functional at Lahore. The goods are perishable in nature. The circumstances are extra ordinary. The Registrar of the learned Customs Appellate Tribunal is directed to transfer the appeal of the petitioner from Peshawar to the available Bench at Lahore and fix a date of hearing in the next week. The learned Customs Appellate Tribunal at Lahore is expected to decide the application seeking interim injunction and the appeal at the earliest so that the perishable goods are not harmed.

3. The office is directed to relist the petition on 16-04-2021.

(CHIEF JUSTICE)