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PART II

Statutory Notifications (S. R. O.)

S. R. O. 655 (I)/2021.— In exercise of the powers conferred by section 43 of the Anti-Money Laundering Act, 2010 (Act VII of 2010) read with sub-section (1) of section 22 and sub-section (2) of section 39 thereof, the Federal Government in consultation with the National Executive Committee, is pleased to make the following rules, namely:—

1. **Short title and commencement.**— (1) These rules shall be called the Anti-Money Laundering (Referral) Rules, 2021.

(2) These rules shall come into force at once.

2. **Referral of cases.**— (1) Where police, provincial anti-corruption establishments or any other governmental organizations, other than investigating and prosecution agency as mentioned in clause (xviii) of section 2 of the Anti-Money Laundering Act, 2010 (Act VII of 2010), while conducting inquiry or investigation of an offence, finds that an offence under Anti-Money Laundering Act, 2010 (Act VII of 2010), is committed or is likely to be committed and such agency lacks jurisdiction to take cognizance, the head of such agency and organization or his authorized representative, at any stage of the investigation, shall refer the matter to the head of the concerned agency having jurisdiction to investigate.

(2) The police, provincial anti-corruption establishments or other governmental organizations shall continue inquiry or investigation of the offence and shall take all necessary measures to preserve and retrieve the relevant information and evidence and case properties till formal acceptance by the concerned investigating and prosecuting agency as set out in clause (xviii) of section 2 of the Anti-Money Laundering Act, 2010 (VII of 2010) and formal handing and taking over of complete record.

(3) After acceptance of the case by the competent investigating and prosecuting agency, the police, provincial anti-corruption establishments or other governmental organization shall hand over complete record till date including case files, record of proceedings, seizure memos along with relevant evidence, property and other material seized and the accused in custody, if any.

(4) Such investigating and prosecuting agency as defined in clause (xviii) of section 2 of the said Act may resume all the proceedings under the said Act, including to examine, re-examine concerned persons, other oral and documentary evidence and shall take steps expeditiously as deemed necessary for just finalization of the proceedings the said Act.