

PRESS RELEASE:

SECP invites comments on Draft Codes of Conduct for Analysts, Asset Managers and Brokerage Houses

The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) invites comments/suggestions from stakeholders and general public on the following draft codes of conduct:

1. Code of Conduct for Analysts.
2. Code of Conduct for Asset Managers and Brokerage Houses

These draft codes have primarily been derived from the Codes of Conduct issued by the CFA Institute and set out the minimum standards for Analysts, Asset Managers and Brokerage Houses in areas like duties of due care, skill and diligence, qualification, adequacy of resources and procedures, information exchange with clients and its disclosure, compliance and controls and responsibilities of management.

A phase-wise implementation approach for the above-mentioned codes of conduct will be followed as mentioned below:

- a. Public comments period till October 31, 2007, together with discussions with stakeholders
- b. Shortly after that, SECP shall announce timelines for issuance of final codes of conduct and related implementation guidelines together with implementation schedule

Moreover, SECP is also contemplating introducing a certification requirement for investment professionals/analysts. This certification requirement may be partially based on the curriculum of the CFA examinations.