

March 15, 2000 SECP imposes penalties on Chief Executives of twenty-eight listed companies for non/late filing of half-yearly accounts.

Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan has imposed penalties amounting to Rs. 530,000 under section 245(3) of the Companies Ordinance, 1984 (XLVII of 1984), on Chief Executives of twenty-eight listed companies for non/late filing of half-yearly accounts. Section 245(3) of the Companies Ordinance, 1984, was amended through Finance Act, 1999, empowering SECP to impose penalties for violation of section 245 of the Companies Ordinance, 1984, on every Director including Chief Executive and Chief Accountant of the companies not exceeding one hundred thousand rupees and to further fine of one thousand rupees for every day during which the default continues. This being the first year when action has been started by SECP under section 245 *ibid*, nominal penalties have been imposed on the Chief Executives (generally Rs. 10,000 for each year of default) with a warning that in future such violation will be very seriously taken and maximum penalties as provided in law could be imposed on wilful defaults.