May 16, 2002 SEC extends the period of the 'Companies Easy Exit Scheme' (CEES) upto May 31, 2002.

Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan announced a Scheme titled "Companies Easy Exit Scheme" (CEES) providing an opportunity to the companies which have no assets and liabilities and not carrying any business, to seek their names struck off the register of companies. The scheme was announced on April 1, 2002, made initially applicable upto April 30, 2002 and was extended upto May 15, 2002.

The scheme provides for furnishing of the application alongwith declaration duly verified by an affidavit administered before the Oath Commissioner that it is not carrying on any business or any operation; and that it has no liabilities outstanding in relation to any loans obtained from the banks / financial institutions, taxes, utility charges, or any obligations towards government departments or private parties. The company is also required to furnish a certificate from the company's auditors accordingly. In case, there are no qualified auditors, a certificate by any practising Chartered Accountant / Cost and Management Accountant would be acceptable.

Keeping in view the practical difficulties of the companies, the Commission has finally extended the period of the 'Companies Easy Exit Scheme' (CEES) upto May 31, 2002.