

**Government of Pakistan**  
**Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan**

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**NOTIFICATION**

**S.R.O.651(I)/2023.**- The following draft amendments to the Clearing Houses (Licensing and Operations) Regulations, 2016 proposed to be made by the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 169 of the Securities Act, 2015, are hereby published for information for all persons likely to be affected thereby and notice is hereby given, as required under sub-section (4) of the said section 169, that comments, if any, received within fourteen days of the date of publication of this notification on the official website, will be taken into consideration, namely; -

**Draft Amendments**

In the aforesaid Regulations, -

- (1) In in regulation 9, in clause (g) of proviso to the sub-regulation (1), -
  - (i) the word “three” shall be substituted with the word “two”, and after the words “lapse of one term:”, the following new proviso shall be inserted, namely:

“Provided further that no person shall serve on the board as independent director for more than three terms:”; and
  - (ii) in the proviso appearing after the new inserted proviso, the word “further” shall be added after the word “Provided”; and
- (2) In regulation 10, for the sub-regulation (4), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

“The appointment of the chief executive officer shall be made for a period of three years, which may be renewed for one more term of three years, with the prior approval of the Commission.

Provided that a person may be appointed for third and final term of three years, based on exceptional performance that is substantiated by the board of directors through a rigorous review, subject to following a competitive hiring process and final review and approval by the Commission.”

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