

SBP prescribes Standard Application Format for Refund of Fine under the Export Finance Scheme

The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) has prescribed a Standard Application Format for Refund of Fine under the Export Finance Scheme.

With a view to bring more clarity and simplify the procedure of submission of refund of fine cases under SMEFD Circular No.5 of December 26, 2008; a **Standard Application Format for Refund of Fine** has been prescribed. This will not only save time required for examining refund cases but also reduce load of documents being submitted by banks to State Bank of Pakistan (SBP). Therefore, banks have been advised by SBP to submit their customers' request for refund of fine/extension in performance period due to failure to meet required export performance under the Export Finance Scheme on account of reasons beyond control on application form attached with this circular letter (IH&SMEFD circular letter No.5 of June 6, 2012).

Further, the information required as per Annexure-R attached to SMEFD Circular No.5 of December 2008 has been revised. The exporter(s) should submit all the documents as prescribed in the SMFED Circular No.5 dated December 26, 2008 to their bank while applying for waiver of fine/extension in shipment/performance period, whereas the bank will submit only those documents to SBP as specified in the Application for Refund of Fine. However, the banks are required to keep all relevant documents for record.

The SBP has advised the Presidents/CEOs/Country Managers of all banks to circulate the Standard Application Format for refund and revised Annexure 'R' immediately to their branches and also provide a copy of the same to their exporters.
