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**STATE BANK INVITES FEEDBACK ON THE DRAFT
OF THE NEW EXPORT FINANCE SCHEME.**

The State Bank of Pakistan has decided to revise its Export Finance Scheme (EFS) in order to enhance the scope and coverage of the Scheme. The new EFS will not only further reduce the documentary requirements but will also include the manufacturing sector requiring longer-term finance. It will also be available to the exporters of Locally Manufactured Machinery and such machinery and goods supplied locally against international tenders as well as to international agencies based in Pakistan for undertaking their relief activities in the country or elsewhere in the region, provided the payments are received in foreign currency.

It may be pointed out that the Export Finance Scheme, which has been in operation since 1973, is a major source of banks' credit to the exporters. With a view to simplify its procedures for the exporters and the banks, the EFS has witnessed various modifications over the years.

The draft of the new Export Finance Scheme alongwith its annexures has been placed at the SBP website (www.sbp.org.pk < <http://www.sbp.org.pk> >)

The State Bank invites suggestions/views/comments/feedback from all the stakeholders, particularly the bankers and the exporters.

The suggestions/views/comments/feedback on the draft of the new Export Finance Scheme should be sent directly to the Director, Small & Medium Enterprises Department, State Bank of Pakistan, Karachi through mail, fax (021-9212567) or e-mail (info.smed@sbp.org.pk) latest by 25th November, 2005.
