

Commission
deemed to be a
Scheduled
Institution
within the
meaning of the
Bribery Act

23. The Commission shall be deemed to be a Scheduled Institution within the meaning of the Bribery Act (Chapter 26), and the provisions of that Act shall be construed accordingly.

PART II

Markets and Market Institutions

Object and
purpose of this
Part

24. The object and purpose of this Part shall be –

- (a) to promote a fair, orderly, transparent and efficient securities market in Sri Lanka through the establishment of market institutions;
- (b) to enhance effective and efficient functioning of a securities market; and
- (c) to mitigate systemic risk associated with securities markets.

CHAPTER 1

EXCHANGES

Prohibition
against
establishing an
unlicensed
exchange

25. (1) A person shall not establish, operate or maintain an exchange except by authority of a licence granted by the Commission.

(2) A person who contravenes subsection (1) commits an offence and shall, on conviction, after summary trial before a Magistrate be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty-five million rupees or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years or to both such fine and imprisonment.

Application to
operate an
exchange

26. (1) An application for a licence to operate as an exchange shall be made to the Commission in such manner and form together with such documents as may be specified by rules made by the Commission accompanied by such fees as may be prescribed.