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## **Commodity Futures Trading Commission**

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**Semiannual Regulatory Agenda**

**COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION (CFTC)**

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**17 CFR Ch. I**

**Regulatory Flexibility Agenda**

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Semiannual regulatory agenda.

**SUMMARY:** The Commodity Futures Trading Commission, in accordance with the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, is publishing a semiannual agenda of significant rules that the Commission expects to propose or promulgate over the next year. The Commission welcomes comments from small entities and others on the agenda.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.* (RFA), sets forth a number of requirements for agency rulemaking. Among other things, the RFA requires that:

Semiannually, each agency shall publish in the **Federal Register** a regulatory flexibility agenda that shall contain:

(1) A brief description of the subject area of any rule that the agency expects to propose or promulgate, which is likely to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities;

(2) A summary of the nature of any such rule under consideration for each subject area listed in the agenda pursuant to paragraph (1), the objectives and legal basis for the issuance of the rule, and an approximate schedule for completing action on any rule for which the agency has issued a general notice of proposed rulemaking; and

(3) The name and telephone number of an agency official knowledgeable about the items listed in paragraph (1). 5 U.S.C. 602(a).

The Commission has prepared an agenda of significant rules that it presently expects may be considered during the course of the next year. These rules may have some impact on small entities.<sup>1</sup> In this regard, section 602(d) of the RFA, 5 U.S.C. 602(d), provides: “Nothing in [section 602] precludes an agency from considering or acting on any matter not included in a regulatory flexibility agenda or requires an agency to consider or act on any matter listed in such agenda.”

The Commission’s spring 2006 regulatory flexibility agenda is set forth below.

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**Jean A. Webb,**  
*Secretary of the Commission.*

**Commodity Futures Trading Commission—Proposed Rule Stage**

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
3652	Offering and Selling Security Futures Products Traded on Foreign Boards of Trade to United States Persons; Requirements for Foreign Stock Index Contracts To Qualify as Non-Narrow-Based Indices .....	3038-AB75
3653	Interagency Proposal to Consider Alternative Forms of Privacy Notices Under the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act .....	3038-AC04
3654	Execution of Off-Centralized Market Transactions: Regulation 1.38 and Guidance on Core Principle 9 .....	3038-AC07
3655	Eligible Commercial Entities Authorized to Trade on Exempt Commercial Markets .....	3038-AC21
3656	Exemption From Registration for Certain Foreign Persons .....	3038-AC26
3657	Limitations on Withdrawals of Equity Capital .....	3038-AC27

**Commodity Futures Trading Commission—Final Rule Stage**

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
3658	Market and Large Trader Reporting .....	3038-AC22

<sup>1</sup> The Commission published its definition of small entity to be used in connection with rulemaking proceedings on April 30, 1982 (47 FR 18618). Pursuant to that definition, the Commission is not required to list many of the agenda items contained in this regulatory flexibility agenda. See 5 U.S.C. 602(a)(1). Moreover, the Commission has previously certified, pursuant to section 605 of the RFA, 5 U.S.C. 605, that certain items contained in this agenda will not have a significant economic

impact on a substantial number of small entities. Accordingly, the listing of a rule in this regulatory flexibility agenda should not, in any event, be taken as a determination that a rule, when proposed or promulgated, will in fact require a regulatory flexibility analysis. However, the Commission hopes that the publication of an agenda that includes significant rules, regardless of their potential impact on small entities, may serve the public generally by providing an early and

meaningful opportunity to participate in and comment on the formulation of new or revised regulations. In addition to publishing the regulatory flexibility agenda, the Commission also makes available to the public, on a monthly basis, a calendar and, on a weekly basis, posts an advisory on its website (<http://www.cftc.gov>) that lists rules that the Commission is considering or will consider in the near future.

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Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
3659	Alternative Market Risk and Credit Risk Capital Charges and Amendments to Specified Foreign Currency Forward and Inventory Capital Charges for Futures Commission Merchants and Introducing Brokers .....	3038-AC05
3660	Definition of "Client" of a Commodity Trading Advisor .....	3038-AC20
3661	Technical and Clarifying Amendments to Rules for Exempt Markets, Derivatives Transaction Execution Facilities, and Designated Contract Markets .....	3038-AC23

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**3652. OFFERING AND SELLING SECURITY FUTURES PRODUCTS TRADED ON FOREIGN BOARDS OF TRADE TO UNITED STATES PERSONS; REQUIREMENTS FOR FOREIGN STOCK INDEX CONTRACTS TO QUALIFY AS NON-NARROW-BASED INDICES**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant  
**Legal Authority:** 7 USC 1 et seq, as amended by PL 106-554, 114 Stat 2763  
**CFR Citation:** Not Yet Determined  
**Legal Deadline:** Other, Statutory, December 21, 2001, Within one year after the date of enactment of the Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000.

**Abstract:** The Commission and the Securities and Exchange Commission are required to jointly issue: (1) Rules, regulations, or orders as are necessary and appropriate to permit the offer and sale of security futures products traded on or subject to the rules of a foreign board of trade to United States persons, and (2) rules and regulations that set forth the requirements for foreign stock index contracts to qualify as non-narrow-based indices.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/06	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**Related RIN:** Related to 3038-AB78  
**RIN:** 3038-AB75

**3653. INTERAGENCY PROPOSAL TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF PRIVACY NOTICES UNDER THE GRAMM-LEACH-BLILEY ACT**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant  
**Legal Authority:** 7 USC 7b-2; 7 USC 12a(5); 15 USC 6801 et seq  
**CFR Citation:** 17 CFR 160  
**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** Subtitle A of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (GLB Act), captioned Disclosure of Nonpublic Personal Information (15 U.S.C. 6801 et seq.), requires each financial institution to provide a notice of its privacy policies and practices to its consumer customers. In general, the privacy notices must describe a financial institution's policies and practices with respect to disclosing nonpublic personal information about a consumer to both affiliated and nonaffiliated third parties, and provide a consumer a reasonable opportunity to direct the institution not to share nonpublic personal information about the consumer with nonaffiliated third parties. The GLB Act agencies, including CFTC, have published substantially identical regulations to

implement GLB title V, known collectively as the "privacy rule." Many notices issued under the privacy rule were long and complex, and difficult to compare with each other. Consequently, GLB Act agencies are considering whether to amend the privacy rule to provide for simpler, more useful notices. The GLB Act agencies intend to issue an advance notice of proposed rulemaking to determine whether to propose changes to the privacy rule, and if so, will seek further public comment on specific programs. Six of the eight GLB Act agencies have entered into a memorandum of understanding through which they intend to contract with a consumer testing firm. CFTC is not a party to the MOU. Consumer testing is ongoing.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	12/30/03	68 FR 75164
ANPRM Comment Period End	03/29/04	
NPRM	04/00/06	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No

**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses

**Government Levels Affected:** Federal

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**RIN:** 3038-AC04

**3654. EXECUTION OF  
OFF-CENTRALIZED MARKET  
TRANSACTIONS: REGULATION 1.38  
AND GUIDANCE ON CORE PRINCIPLE  
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**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant.  
Major status under 5 USC 801 is  
undetermined.

**Legal Authority:** 7 USC 1 et seq, as  
amended by PL 106-554, 114 Stat 2763

**CFR Citation:** 17 CFR 1; 17 CFR 38

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** Since the Commission originally promulgated Regulation 1.38, the Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000 (CFMA) was signed into law. The CFMA, among other things, specifically expanded the allowable transactions that could be executed off the centralized market. The Commission has proposed amendments to its rules concerning trading off the centralized market, including the addition of guidance on contract market block trading rules, in light of further administrative experience with, and consideration of, the implications of the CFMA.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/01/04	69 FR 39880
NPRM Comment Period End	08/30/04	
Second NPRM	08/00/06	
Second NPRM Comment Period End	10/00/06	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

**Required:** No

**Small Entities Affected:** No

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 3038-AC07

**3655. ELIGIBLE COMMERCIAL  
ENTITIES AUTHORIZED TO TRADE  
ON EXEMPT COMMERCIAL MARKETS**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Legal Authority:** 7 USC 1 et seq, as  
amended by PL 106-554, 114 Stat 2763

**CFR Citation:** 17 CFR 36

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The Commission is proposing to codify existing Commission orders applicable to: (1) Commission-registered floor brokers and floor traders on NYMEX; and (2) International Petroleum Exchange floor or electronic brokers and local traders and, pursuant to section 1a(11) of the Commodity Exchange Act, designate by rule those and similarly-situated entities to be, subject to conditions, eligible commercial entities for the purpose of trading on exempt commercial markets.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/06	
NPRM Comment Period End	09/00/06	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

**Required:** No

**Small Entities Affected:** No

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 3038-AC21

**3656. • EXEMPTION FROM  
REGISTRATION FOR CERTAIN  
FOREIGN PERSONS**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Legal Authority:** 7 USC 6d and 6m

**CFR Citation:** 17 CFR 3.10(c)

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The Commission is proposing to amend its regulations regarding registration to permit: (1) certain foreign firms otherwise exempt from registration as futures commission merchants pursuant to Commission Regulation 30.10 to advise or introduce to registered futures commission merchants certain U.S. customers for purposes of trading U.S. exchange-traded futures and options without having to register in the appropriate capacity pursuant to sections 4d and 4m, respectively, of the Commodity Exchange Act; and (2) certain foreign firms located outside the U.S. that limit their customers to foreign customers to clear their U.S. contract market business on an omnibus basis through a registered futures commission merchant without having to register as a futures commission merchant pursuant to section 4d of the Commodity Exchange Act.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/06	
NPRM Comment Period End	06/00/06	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**

**Required:** No

**Small Entities Affected:** No

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 3038-AC26

**3657. • LIMITATIONS ON  
WITHDRAWALS OF EQUITY CAPITAL**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Legal Authority:** 7 USC 6f

**CFR Citation:** 17 CFR 1.12; 17 CFR 1.17

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The Commission is proposing to amend its regulations to provide that the Commission may, by written order, temporarily prohibit an FCM from carrying out planned equity withdrawal transactions that would reduce excess

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adjusted net capital by more than 30 percent. The proposed orders would be based on the Commission's determination that such withdrawals could be detrimental to the financial condition of the FCM or could affect its ability to meet customer obligations. The proposed regulation would be similar to SEC regulation 17 CFR 240.15c3-1(e)(3)(i).

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/06	
NPRM Comment Period End	06/00/06	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No

**Small Entities Affected:** No

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**3658. MARKET AND LARGE TRADER REPORTING**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**Legal Authority:** 7 USC 1 et seq, as amended by PL 106-554, 114 Stat 2763

**CFR Citation:** 17 USC 15 to 21

**Legal Deadline:** None

**Abstract:** The Commission has proposed to amend the market and large trader reporting rules to establish a new contract reporting level for futures and option contracts based on 3-year U.S. Treasury Notes, clarify the

application of the reporting rules to derivatives transaction execution facilities, and adopt a reporting framework for contracts that are exclusively self-cleared.

**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/15/05	70 FR 74246
NPRM Comment Period End	02/13/06	
Final Action	04/00/06	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No

**Small Entities Affected:** No

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**3659. ALTERNATIVE MARKET RISK AND CREDIT RISK CAPITAL CHARGES AND AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFIED FOREIGN CURRENCY FORWARD AND INVENTORY CAPITAL CHARGES FOR FUTURES COMMISSION MERCHANTS AND INTRODUCING BROKERS**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**CFR Citation:** 17 CFR 1.17

**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/11/05	70 FR 58985
Final Action	02/02/06	71 FR 5587

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No

**Small Entities Affected:** No

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 3038-AC05

**3660. DEFINITION OF "CLIENT" OF A COMMODITY TRADING ADVISOR**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**CFR Citation:** 17 CFR 1.3(bb)

**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	02/24/06	71 FR 9442
Final Action Effective	03/27/06	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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**RIN:** 3038-AC20

**3661. TECHNICAL AND CLARIFYING AMENDMENTS TO RULES FOR EXEMPT MARKETS, DERIVATIVES TRANSACTION EXECUTION FACILITIES, AND DESIGNATED CONTRACT MARKETS**

**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

**CFR Citation:** 17 CFR 36 to 38; 17 CFR 40

**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	01/12/06	71 FR 1953
Final Action Effective	02/13/06	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:** No

**Small Entities Affected:** No

**Government Levels Affected:** None

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