

**§ 39.2 Exemption.**

A derivatives clearing organization and the clearing of agreements, contracts and transactions on a derivatives clearing organization are exempt from all Commission regulations except for the requirements of this part 39 and §§ 1.3, 1.12(f)(1), 1.20, 1.24, 1.25, 1.26, 1.27, 1.29, 1.31, 1.36, 1.38(b), part 40 and part 190 of this chapter, and as applicable to the agreement, contract or transaction cleared, parts 15 through 18 of this chapter. The foregoing reserved regulations are applicable to a derivatives clearing organization and its activities as though they were set forth in this section and included specific reference to derivatives clearing organizations. Any reference to the term “clearinghouse” or “clearing organization” contained in the regulations shall be deemed to refer to a derivatives clearing organization.

**§ 39.3 Procedures for registration.**

(a) *Application Procedures. (1) 180-day review procedures.* An organization desiring to be registered as a derivatives clearing organization shall file electronically an application for registration with the Secretary of the Commission at its Washington, DC, headquarters. Except as provided under the 90-day review procedures described in paragraph (a)(3) of this section, the Commission will review the application for registration as a derivatives clearing organization pursuant to the 180-day timeframe and procedures specified in section 6(a) of the Act. The Commission may approve or deny the application or, if deemed appropriate, register the applicant as a derivatives clearing organization subject to conditions.

(2) The following must be included:

- (i) The application is labeled as being submitted pursuant to this Part 39;
- (ii) The applicant represents that it will operate in accordance with the definition of derivatives clearing organization contained in section 1a(9) of the Act;
- (iii) The application includes a copy of the applicant’s rules;
- (iv) The application demonstrates how the applicant is able to satisfy each of the core principles specified in section 5b(c)(2) of the Act;

(v) The applicant submits agreements entered into or to be entered into between or among the applicant, its operator/service provider or its participants, that will enable the applicant to comply, or demonstrate the applicant’s ability to comply, with the core principles specified in section 5b(c)(2) of the Act. The agreements must identify the services that will be provided. If a submitted agreement is not final and executed, the application must include evidence which constitutes reasonable assurances that such services will be provided as soon as operations require;

(vi) The applicant submits descriptions of system test procedures, tests conducted or test results, that will enable the applicant to comply, or demonstrate the applicant’s ability to comply, with the core principles specified in section 5b(c)(2) of the Act; and

(vii) The applicant identifies with particularity information in the application that will be subject to a request for confidential treatment and supports that request for confidential treatment.

(3) *Ninety-day review procedures.* An organization desiring to be registered as a derivatives clearing organization may request that its application be reviewed on a 90-day basis and that the applicant be registered as a derivatives clearing organization 90 days after the date of receipt of the application for registration by the Secretary of the Commission. The 90-day period shall begin on the first business day (during the business hours defined in § 40.1 of this chapter) that the Commission is in receipt of the application. Unless the Commission notifies the applicant during the 90-day period that the expedited review has been terminated pursuant to § 39.3(b), the Commission will register the applicant as a derivatives clearing organization during the 90-day period. If deemed appropriate by the Commission, the registration may be subject to such conditions as the Commission may stipulate.

(i) The application must include the items described in §§ 39.3(a)(2)(i) through (vi); and

(ii) The applicant must not amend or supplement the application except as requested by the Commission or for