characteristic of agreements, contracts, or transactions, or of the designated contract market must be submitted to the Commission for prior approval under the procedures set forth in §40.5. The rule submission must include a detailed demonstration of why an exception is warranted.


Subpart D—Notice-Designated Contract Markets in Security Futures Products

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§ 41.31 Notice-designation requirements.

(a) Any board of trade that is a national securities exchange, a national securities association, or an alternative trading system, and that seeks to operate as a designated contract market in security futures products under section 5f of the Act, shall so notify the Commission. Such notification shall be filed with the Secretary of the Commission at its Washington, D.C. headquarters, in either electronic or hard copy form, shall be labeled as “Notice of Designation as a Contract Market in Security Futures Products,” and shall include:

1. The name and address of the board of trade;
2. The name and telephone number of a contact person designated to receive communications from the Commission on behalf of the board of trade;
3. A description of the security futures products that the board of trade intends to make available for trading, including an identification of all facilities that would clear transactions in security futures products on behalf of the board of trade;
4. A copy of the current rules of the board of trade; and
5. A certification that the board of trade—
   (i) Will not list or trade any contracts of sale for future delivery, except for security futures products;
   (ii) Is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as a national securities exchange, national securities association, or alternative trading system, and such registration is not suspended pursuant to an order by the Securities and Exchange Commission;
   (iii) Will meet the criteria specified in subclauses (I) through (XI) of section 2(a)(1)(D)(i) of the Act, except as otherwise provided in section 2(a)(1)(D)( vi) of the Act, for each specific security futures product that the board of trade intends to make available for trading;
   (iv) Will comply with the conditions for designation under this section and section 5f of the Act, including a specific representation by any alternative trading system that it is a member of a futures association registered under section 17 of the Act; and
   (v) Will comply with the continuing obligations of regulation 41.32.

(b) A board of trade which files notice with the Commission under this section shall be deemed a designated contract market in security futures products upon the Commission's receipt of such notice. Accordingly, the Commission shall send prompt acknowledgment of receipt to the filer.

(c) Designation as a contract market in security futures products pursuant to this section shall be deemed suspended if the board of trade:

1. Lists or trades any contracts of sale for future delivery, except for security futures products; or
2. Has its registration as a national securities exchange, national securities association, or alternative trading system suspended pursuant to an order by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

§ 41.32 Continuing obligations.

(a) A board of trade designated as a contract market in security futures products pursuant to §41.31 of this chapter shall:

1. Notify the Commission of any change in its regulatory status with the Securities and Exchange Commission or with a futures association registered under section 17 of the Act;
2. Comply with the filing requirements of section 2(a)(1)(D)(vii) of the Act each time the board of trade lists a security futures product for trading;
3. Provide the Commission with any new rules or rule amendments that