The American public has benefited for years from the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, enacted by titles VII and X of the Dodd-Frank Act of 2010 (the "Dodd-Frank Act") and 17 U.S.C. § 206(c) as part of the Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000 (the "GFIA Act"). The GFIA Act sets forth a broad range of protections for the privacy of consumer financial information and was amended by the Dodd-Frank Act to affirm the Commission’s jurisdiction in this area. The Commission’s amendments to its regulations, inter alia, broaden the scope of part 160 to cover two new entities created by title VII of the Dodd-Frank Act: swap dealers and major swap participants.

DATES: Effective date: September 20, 2011.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

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David Stawick, Secretary of the Commission.

Appendix to Large Trader Reporting for Physical Commodity Swaps—Commission Voting Summary and Statements of Commissioners

Note: The following appendices will not appear in the Code of Federal Regulations.

Appendix 1—Commission Voting Summary

On this matter, Chairman Gensler and Commissioners Dunn, Sommers, O’Malley and Chilton voted in the affirmative; no Commissioner voted in the negative.

Appendix 2—Statement of Chairman Gary Gensler

I support the final rulemaking to establish large trader reporting for physical commodity swaps. This is a significant rulemaking that, for the first time, enables the CFTC to receive data from large traders in the commodity swaps markets.

The American public has benefited for decades by the Commission’s ability to gather large trader data in the futures market and use that data to police the markets. Today’s large trader reporting rulemaking establishes that clearinghouses and swap dealers will have to report to the CFTC about the swaps activities of large traders in the physical swaps markets.

Over time, as a result of the Dodd-Frank Act, the markets will benefit from swap data repositories. Today’s rulemaking will enable the Commission to gather important swaps data until there are robust, well-regulated swap data repositories. This data will be useful for the Commission to monitor and police the markets, including establishing and enforcing position limits.

Appendix 3—Final Rule Summary

SUMMARY: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“Commission” or “CFTC”) is amending its rules implementing new statutory provisions enacted by titles VII and X of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the “Dodd-Frank Act”). Section 1093 of the Dodd-Frank Act provides for certain amendments to title V of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (the “GLB Act”). The GLB Act sets forth certain protections for the privacy of consumer financial information and was amended by the Dodd-Frank Act to affirm the Commission’s jurisdiction in this area. The Commission’s amendments to its regulations, inter alia, broaden the scope of part 160 to cover two new entities created by title VII of the Dodd-Frank Act: swap dealers and major swap participants.

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prescribe regulations that establish appropriate standards for financial institutions subject to its jurisdiction to safeguard customer records and information in accordance with title V of the GLB Act. Pursuant to this authority, the Commission promulgated part 160 of its regulations to require certain CFTC-regulated entities to adopt appropriate policies and procedures that address safeguards to customer records and information, including initial and annual privacy notice requirements, opt-out provisions to the extent the registrants wish to share such records and information with non-affiliates, and other measures to protect nonpublic consumer information.

On October 27, 2010, the Commission published for comment in the Federal Register proposed amendments to part 160 of its regulations (the “Proposal”) to implement certain provisions in titles VII and X of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Financial Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the “Dodd-Frank Act”).

In the Proposal, the Commission sought comments on proposed amendments to part 160 in accordance with section 1093 and title VII of the Dodd-Frank Act to, inter alia, broaden the types of entities that are subject to the Commission’s jurisdiction to provide certain privacy protections for consumer financial information to include swap dealers (SDs) and major swap participants (MSPs). In addition, the Commission proposed: (1) in accordance with the transfer of authority in title X, changing all references from the FTC to the Bureau; and (2) renaming part 160 to “Privacy of Consumer Financial Information under the Dodd-Leach-Bliley Act” to harmonize the title of part 160 with a new part of the Commission’s regulations.

The 60-day public comment period on the Proposal expired on December 27, 2010. In response to the Proposal, the Commission received a total of six comments: Two substantive comments and four other comments that did not address the merits or substance of the Proposal. The Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (“SIFMA”) commented on the following aspects of the proposal: (1) The proposed

creates a new consumer financial services regulator, the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection (the “Bureau”), that will assume most of the consumer financial services regulatory responsibilities currently spread among numerous agencies. However, these rules will continue to apply to financial institutions that are subject to the Commission’s jurisdiction. In addition, the Commission will continue to have plenary oversight authorities.

Specifically, section 1093 of the Dodd-Frank Act amends section 504 of the GLB Act by providing that the CFTC shall have the authority to prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of title V of the GLB Act with respect to all financial institutions and persons subject to the jurisdiction of the CFTC under section 5g of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act. As discussed in the proposing release, the Commission has determined that section 1093 simply reaffirms its authority to prescribe regulations under title V of the GLB Act.

Title VII of the Dodd-Frank Act creates two new entities over which the Commission has jurisdiction: swap dealers (“SDs”) and major swap participants (“MSPs”). The terms “SD” and “MSP” as used in this final rule refer to the statutory definitions of such entities in title VII of the Dodd-Frank Act, and as may be further defined by the Commission in a future final rulemaking. See section 721(b) of the Dodd-Frank Act, which provides that the Commission has the authority to adopt rules further defining any term in the CEA in a manner that is consistent with the Dodd-Frank Act. See also section 205(a)(7) of the Dodd-Frank Act, which provides that the Commission is required to adopt a rule to further define, inter alia, the terms “swap dealer” and “major swap participant” to include transactions and entities that are not otherwise subject to the Dodd-Frank Act.

In a forthcoming release, the Commission plans to promulgate a new part 162, which provides privacy protections under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. 1861 et seq. (“FCRA”).

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The Commission’s final rules, the specific comments noted above and the Commission’s responses to those specific comments are discussed in greater detail below.

II. Rule Amendments

A. Renaming the Title of Part 160

The Commission is renaming the title of part 160 to reflect the scope of the part 160 regulations. The Commission’s part 160 regulations implement certain protections for the privacy of consumer financial information under the GLB Act to harmonize the title of part 160 with the new part 162 being adopted under a separate rulemaking. Part 160 is renamed “Privacy of Consumer Financial Information under the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act.”

B. Scope of 17 CFR 160.1(b)

Regulation 160.1(b) sets out the scope of the Commission’s rules and identifies the financial institutions covered by the rules that include CFTC registrants regardless of whether they are required to register with the CFTC. As referenced above, the Commission is amending the scope of part 160 to add SDs and MSPs.

C. Section 160.3—Definitions

Since the scope of the regulations extends to SDs and MSPs, the Commission amends § 160.3 to add the definitions of SDs and MSPs to the list

4 See 75 FR 66014, Oct. 27, 2010.

6 This final rule incorporates technical revisions to its proposed amendments to add clarity. These revisions are not substantive and are not of the nature for which notice and comment must be provided under the Administrative Procedure Act. For example, in § 160.3(c)(7), the Commission deleted the language “subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission” after the term “swap dealer,” since the Commission believes that the inclusion of such language was redundant and unnecessary.

10 In a forthcoming release titled “Business Affiliate Marketing and Disposal of Consumer Information Rules,” the Commission will adopt a new part 162 of its regulations.
of defined terms under § 160.3. Specifically, the Commission defines “major swap participant” to have the same meaning as in section 1a(33) of the CEA, as further defined by the Commission’s regulations, and includes any person registered as such thereunder. The Commission defines “swap dealer” to have the same meaning as in section 1a(49) of the CEA, as further defined by the Commission’s regulations, and includes any person registered as such thereunder.

There are existing definitions and related provisions under part 160 that are amended to include these new registrants. Specifically, the definitions of “financial institution”, “affiliate”, and “you” are amended to include swap dealers and major swap participants.

D. Section 160.15—Other Exceptions to Notice and Opt-out Requirements

As noted above, title V of the Dodd-Frank Act transferred certain authority from the FTC to the Bureau. Accordingly, the Commission is changing the reference from the FTC to the Bureau in § 160.15 to reflect that the Bureau is now a Federal functional regulator.

E. Section 160.17(b)—Relation to State Laws

Existing § 160.17(b) of the Commission’s regulations clarifies the relationship of title V to state consumer protection laws. As a result of the creation of the Bureau and the transfer of certain authority from the FTC to the Bureau, the Commission proposed to amend § 160.17(b) by replacing it with the standard set out in section 1041(a)(2) of the Dodd-Frank Act. In the Commission’s view, while the language of the standard in section 1041(a)(2) is structured slightly different from the existing standard in § 160.17(b), the Commission believed that the proposed language was nearly identical in substance to the current standard in § 160.17(b).

SIFMA commented that the standard for relation to state laws should be the same as the standard under section 507(b) of the GLB Act. SIFMA asserted that the appropriate standard should more closely follow section 507(b)—not section 1041 of the Dodd-Frank Act—because the former standard would achieve maximum consistency with the rules of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Depositary Insurance Corporation, the Office of Thrift Supervision, the National Credit Union Administration, and the Securities and Exchange Commission (collectively, the “Agencies”) and would maintain the settled expectations of the market participants, which have complied with the standards of GLB Act for several years.

The Commission has carefully considered SIFMA’s comment and has amended § 160.17(b) to use the language of section 507(b) of the GLB Act, as amended by section 1093(b) of the Dodd-Frank Act. The Commission recognizes that market participants are familiar with the standard in section 507(b) of the GLB Act, and therefore, changing the language of the standard ever so slightly from what is in section 507(b) may create unnecessary and unintended confusion.

F. Section 160.30—Procedures to Safeguard Customer Records and Information

Section 160.30 requires CFTC registrants to adopt policies and procedures that, among other things, address administrative, technical and physical safeguards for the protection of customer records and information. The Commission amends the introductory sentence of § 160.30 to add SDs and MSPs to the list of CFTC registrants that must comply with this requirement.

III. Effective Date

In the Proposal, the Commission proposed to adopt the amendments to part 160 on July 21, 2011, which coincides with the designated transfer date when various Federal agencies transfer their consumer protection authority to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau pursuant to section 1100H of the Dodd-Frank Act. In response to the proposed effective date, SIFMA expressed concern that this timeframe would not provide covered entities with a reasonable amount of time to address and implement the new rules. To address this concern, SIFMA requested that the Commission extend the effective date of the final rules to commence nine months from the date of the rules’ publication in the Federal Register to ensure a reasonable time for compliance.

The Commission partly agrees with SIFMA’s comment in that SDs and MSPs may need a reasonable amount of time to comply with the amendments to part 160 since these are two new types of Commission-regulated entities. The Commission, however, believes that nine months is more time than is necessary for these new regulated entities to comply with part 160. The Commission has decided to establish staggered compliance dates for its

III. Effective Date

A. Cost-Benefit Considerations.

Section 15(a) of the CEA explicitly requires the Commission to consider the costs and benefits of its actions before issuing a rule or order under the CEA. By its terms, section 15(a) neither requires the Commission to quantify the costs and benefits of amendments to regulations, nor does it require the Commission to determine whether the benefits of the amendments outweigh its costs. Section 15(a) specifies that the costs and benefits shall be evaluated in light of five broad areas of market and public concern: (1) promotion of market participants and the public; (2) efficiency, competitiveness and financial integrity of futures markets; (3) price discovery; (4) sound risk management practices; and (5) other public interest considerations. The Commission may in its discretion give greater weight to any one of the five enumerated areas and could in its discretion determine that, notwithstanding its costs, a particular amendment is necessary or appropriate to protect the public interest or to effectuate any of the provisions or accomplish any of the purposes of the CEA.

Promulgated in 2001, part 160 of the Commission’s regulations currently applies to several types of Commission-regulated entities, including FCMs, IBs, CTAs, CPOs and RFEDs. The Commission proposed and later promulgated the rules in part 160 in concert with the Agencies in order to broadly protect individual customers from all types of regulated businesses

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[13] Specifically, with respect to those Commission-regulated entities that were previously complying with part 160—FCMs, IBs, CPOs, CTAs, and RFEDs—the amendments to part 160 will not require that these entities materially alter their compliance programs. Accordingly, in the Commission’s view, the appropriate compliance date for these entities is 120 days from the date of publication in the Federal Register. With respect to SDs and MSPs, the compliance date for these entities is 60 days from the date of publication of the Commission’s final entities definitional rulemaking, which shall be published in the Federal Register at a date in the future.

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[13] The effective date of the amendments to part 160 shall be 60 days from the date of publication in the Federal Register.

The Dodd-Frank Act created two new entities over which the Commission has jurisdiction (i.e., SDs and MSPs), and specifically mandated that the Commission has the authority to prescribe regulations as necessary to carry out the purposes of title V of the GLB Act for entities under its jurisdiction. In its Proposal, the Commission primarily sought to expand the scope of part 160 to cover these new entities because the Commission believes that extending these provisions to SDs and MSPs will likely have similar resources and administrative infrastructure to comply with the part 160 requirements. Moreover, while the Commission’s view, there is no reason why SDs and MSPs should be excluded from these requirements to the extent that they conduct business with a natural person. SDs and MSPs will likely have similar resources and administrative infrastructure to comply with the part 160 requirements. The additional costs that SIFMA raised (but did not articulate with specificity) were subsumed within the considerations discussed in the Proposal.  

In line with Section 15(a) of the CEA, the Commission believes that extending these provisions to SDs and MSPs is in the public interest and will further promote efficiency and competition, and address other public interest considerations such as the harmonization of regulation across the futures and swaps markets. In the Commission’s view, these benefits far outweigh the additional costs that SIFMA cited.

B. Paperwork Reduction Act.

This rule contains information collection requirements. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq., the Commission submitted a copy of the Proposal to the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) for review. The Commission may not sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to an information collection unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The final rule, affecting part 160, titled “Privacy of Consumer Financial Information,” OMB Control Number 3038–0055, expands the scope of this part to cover SDs and MSPs, two new classes of registrants, now subject to Commission jurisdiction. The final rule imposes mandatory requirements for these entities. SDs and MSPs must provide initial and annual privacy and opt-out notices to all customers that are natural persons.

In response to the Commission’s request in the notice of proposed rulemaking for comments on any potential paperwork burden associated with this regulation, only one commenter provided a substantive comment addressing the merits of the Commission’s proposed PRA calculations. In particular, SIFMA proposed that the burden estimate should be refined to reflect anticipated additional burden hours associated with monitoring the privacy and opt-out notice process, addressing consumer issues, and adjusting records to comport with consumer requests.
Based on this comment, the Commission estimates that the approximately 300 SDs and MSPs may incur additional burden hours. Consequently, it is anticipated that the 300 SDs and MSPs may incur an additional aggregate of 1440 burden hours than what was stated in the Proposal, monitoring an average of 20 notices per year, with an average monitoring time of .24 hours per notice. Accordingly, the Commission has submitted to the OMB an amended calculation of the annual burden hours for SDs and MSPs. OMB has approved a revision to Control Number 3038–0055 to cover the revision in the Commission’s annual burden calculation.

C. Regulatory Flexibility Act.

The Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601 et seq., requires that Federal agencies consider whether their proposed regulations will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The rule amendments adopted herein now will affect SDs and MSPs, in addition to the certain Commission regulated entities that are currently subject to Commission’s regulations under part 160. These regulations require periodic notice to be provided to individuals who obtain financial products or services primarily for personal, family, or household purposes from the institutions, and may be satisfied by the use of a model notice developed by the Commission and other regulatory agencies to minimize the burden of compliance. The Commission certified in the Proposal that these rules will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. Accordingly, because the Commission received no substantive comments from the public addressing the merits of the proposed rule, nothing alters the Commission’s determination that the obligations created by these rule amendments will not create a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

D. Regulatory Text.

List of Subjects in 17 CFR Part 160

Brokers, Dealers, Consumer protection, Privacy, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

For the reasons articulated in the preamble, the Commission amends part 160 of title 17 of the Code of Federal Regulations as follows:

1. The authority citation for part 160 is revised to read as follows:


2. The heading for part 160 is revised to read as follows:

PART 160—PRIVACY OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL INFORMATION UNDER TITLE V OF THE GRAMM–LEACH–BLILEY ACT

3. Amend section 160.1 by revising paragraph (b) to read as follows:

§ 160.1 Purpose and scope.

(b) Scope. This part applies only to nonpublic personal information about individuals who obtain financial products or services primarily for personal, family, or household purposes from the institutions listed below. This part does not apply to information about companies or about individuals who obtain financial products or services primarily for business, commercial, or agricultural purposes. This part applies to all futures commission merchants, retail foreign exchange dealers, commodity trading advisors, commodity pool operators, introducing brokers, major swap participants and swap dealers that are subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission, regardless whether they are required to register with the Commission. These entities are hereinafter referred to in this part as “you.” This part does not apply to foreign (non-resident) futures commission merchants, retail foreign exchange dealers, commodity trading advisors, commodity pool operators, introducing brokers, major swap participants and swap dealers that are not registered with the Commission.

4. Amend § 160.3 as follows:

(a) Affiliate of a futures commission merchant, retail foreign exchange dealer, commodity trading advisor, commodity pool operator, introducing broker, major swap participant, or swap dealer means any company that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with a futures commission merchant, retail foreign exchange dealer, commodity trading advisor, commodity pool operator, introducing broker, major swap participant, or swap dealer that is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission. In addition, a futures commission merchant, retail foreign exchange dealer, commodity trading advisor, commodity pool operator, introducing broker, major swap participant, or swap dealer subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission will be deemed an affiliate of a company for purposes of this part if:

(1) That company is regulated under title V of the GLB Act by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection or by a Federal functional regulator other than the Commission; and

(2) Rules adopted by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection or another Federal functional regulator under title V of the GLB Act treat the futures commission merchant, retail foreign exchange dealer, commodity trading advisor, commodity pool operator, introducing broker, major swap participants, or swap dealer as an affiliate of that company.

(n)(1) * * * *

(i) Any person or entity, other than a futures commission merchant, retail foreign exchange dealer, commodity trading advisor, commodity pool operator, introducing broker, major swap participant, or swap dealer that, with respect to any financial activity, is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission under the Act.

(o)(1) * * * *

(i) Any product or service that a futures commission merchant, retail foreign exchange dealer, commodity trading advisor, commodity pool operator, introducing broker, major swap participant, or swap dealer could offer that is subject to the Commission’s jurisdiction; and

(s) Major swap participant. The term “major swap participant” has the same meaning as in section 1a(33) of the Commodity Exchange Act, 7 U.S.C. 1 et seq., as may be further defined by this title, and includes any person registered as such thereunder.
(x) Swap dealer. The term “swap dealer” has the same meaning as in section 1a(49) of the Commodity Exchange Act, 7 U.S.C. 1 et seq., as may be further defined by this title, and includes any person registered as such thereunder.

(y) * * * * *

(4) Any commodity pool operator;
(5) Any introducing broker;
(6) Any major swap participant; and
(7) Any swap dealer.

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5. Revise § 160.15(a)(4) to read as follows:

§ 160.15 Other exceptions to notice and opt out requirements.

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(4) To the extent specifically permitted or required under other provisions of law and in accordance with the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978, 12 U.S.C. 3401 et seq., to law enforcement agencies (including a Federal functional regulator, the Secretary of the Treasury, with respect to 31 U.S.C. Chapter 53, Subchapter II (Records and Reports on Monetary Instruments and Transactions) and 12 U.S.C. Chapter 21 (Financial Recordkeeping), a State insurance authority, with respect to any person domiciled in that insurance authority’s state that is engaged in providing insurance, and the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection), self-regulatory organizations, or for an investigation on a matter related to public safety;

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6. Amend § 160.17 by revising paragraph (b) to read as follows:

§ 160.17 Relation to state laws.

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(b) Greater protection under state law.
For purposes of this section, a state statute, regulation, order or interpretation is not inconsistent with the provisions of this part if the protection such statute, regulation, order or interpretation affords any person is greater than the protection provided under this part, as determined by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, after consultation with the Commission, on its own motion or upon the petition of any interested party.

7. Revise § 160.30 to read as follows:

§ 160.30 Procedures to safeguard customer records and information.

Every futures commission merchant, retail foreign exchange dealer, commodity trading advisor, commodity pool operator, introducing broker, major swap participant, and swap dealer subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission must adopt policies and procedures that address administrative, technical and physical safeguards for the protection of customer records and information.

Issued in Washington, DC on July 7, 2011 by the Commission.

David A. Stawick,
Secretary of the Commission.

Appendices to Privacy of Consumer Financial Information; Conforming Amendments Under Dodd-Frank Act—Commission Voting Summary and Statements of Commissioners

Note: The following appendices will not appear in the Code of Federal Regulations.

Appendix 1—Commission Voting Summary

On this matter, Chairman Gensler and Commissioners Dunn, Sommers, O’Malley and Chilton voted in the affirmative; no Commissioner voted in the negative.

Appendix 2—Statement of Chairman Gary Gensler

I support the final rulemaking to expand the scope of privacy protections for consumer financial information under the Gramm- Leach-Bliley Act. The rulemaking expands the scope of the Commission’s existing privacy protections afforded to consumers’ information—under the Commission’s Part 160 rules—to swap dealers and major swap participants.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

17 CFR Part 162

RIN 3038–AD12

Business Affiliate Marketing and Disposal of Consumer Information Rules

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission is adopting regulations to implement new statutory provisions enacted by title X of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. These regulations apply to futures commission merchants, retail foreign exchange dealers, commodity trading advisors, commodity pool operators, introducing brokers, swap dealers and major swap participants. The Dodd-Frank Act provides the Commission with authority to implement regulations under sections 624 and 628 of the Fair Credit Reporting Act. The regulations implementing section 624 of the Fair Credit Reporting Act require CFTC-regulated entities to provide consumers with the opportunity to prohibit affiliates from using certain information to make marketing solicitations to consumers. The regulations implementing section 628 of the FCRA require CFTC-regulated entities that possess or maintain consumer report information in connection with their business activities to develop and implement written policies and procedures for the proper disposal of such information.

DATES: Effective date: September 20, 2011.

Compliance dates: Futures commission merchants, commodity pool operators, commodity trading advisors, introducing brokers, and retail foreign exchange dealers shall be in compliance with these rules not later than November 21, 2011. Swap dealers and major swap participants shall be in compliance with these rules not later than 60 days after the effective date of the final entities definition rulemaking, which the Commission will have published in the Federal Register at a future date.

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I. Background

On October 27, 2010, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“Commission” or “CFTC”) proposed in the Federal Register the addition of a new part 162 to its Regulations (the “Proposal”).1 New part 162 was proposed to implement section 1088 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.2 ("Dodd-