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**Regulatory Flexibility Agenda**

**AGENCY:** Securities and Exchange Commission.

**ACTION:** Semiannual regulatory agenda.

**SUMMARY:** The Securities and Exchange Commission is publishing the Chair's agenda of rulemaking actions pursuant to the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) (Pub. L. 96–354, 94 Stat. 1164) (Sep. 19, 1980). The items listed in the Regulatory Flexibility Agenda for Spring 2016 reflect only the priorities of the Chair of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, and do not necessarily reflect the view and priorities of any individual Commissioner.

Information in the agenda was accurate on March 18, 2016, the date on which the Commission's staff completed compilation of the data. To the extent possible, rulemaking actions by the Commission since that date have been reflected in the agenda. The Commission invites questions and public comment on the agenda and on the individual agenda entries.

The Commission is now printing in the **Federal Register**, along with our preamble, only those agenda entries for which we have indicated that preparation of an RFA analysis is required.

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**DATES:** Comments should be received on or before July 11, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

*Electronic Comments*

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/other.shtml>); or
- Send an email to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number S7–04–16 on the subject line; or
- Use the Federal eRulemaking Portal (<http://www.regulations.gov>). Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

*Paper Comments*

- Send paper comments to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549–1090.

All submissions should refer to File No. S7–04–16. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help us process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/other.shtml>). Comments are also available for Web site viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. All comments received will be posted without change; we do not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The RFA requires each Federal agency, twice each year, to publish in the **Federal Register** an agenda identifying rules that the agency expects to consider in the next 12 months that are likely to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities (5

U.S.C. 602(a)). The RFA specifically provides that publication of the agenda does not preclude an agency from considering or acting on any matter not included in the agenda and that an agency is not required to consider or act on any matter that is included in the agenda (5 U.S.C. 602(d)). The Commission may consider or act on any matter earlier or later than the estimated date provided on the agenda. While the agenda reflects the current intent to complete a number of rulemakings in the next year, the precise dates for each rulemaking at this point are uncertain. Actions that do not have an estimated date are placed in the long-term category; the Commission may nevertheless act on items in that category within the next 12 months. The agenda includes new entries, entries carried over from prior publications, and rulemaking actions that have been completed (or withdrawn) since publication of the last agenda.

The following abbreviations for the acts administered by the Commission are used in the agenda:

“Securities Act”—Securities Act of 1933

“Exchange Act”—Securities Exchange Act of 1934

“Investment Company Act”—

Investment Company Act of 1940

“Investment Advisers Act”—

Investment Advisers Act of 1940

“Dodd Frank Act”—Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act

“JOBS Act”—Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act

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By the Commission.

Dated: March 18, 2016.

**Brent J. Fields,**  
Secretary.

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (SEC)***Division of Corporation Finance*

## Proposed Rule Stage

**408. • 10–K Summary Page**

*Legal Authority:* Pub. L. 114–94; 15 U.S.C. 78c; 15 U.S.C. 78l; 15 U.S.C. 78m; 15 U.S.C. 78o; 15 U.S.C. 78w; 15 U.S.C. 78ll

*Abstract:* The Division is considering recommending that the Commission propose rules to implement section 72001 of the FAST Act by permitting issuers to submit a summary page on Form 10–K.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	04/00/17	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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*RIN:* 3235–AL89

**409. • Revisions to Smaller Reporting Company Definition**

*Legal Authority:* Not Yet Determined

*Abstract:* The Division is considering recommending that the Commission propose revisions to the smaller reporting company definitions and related provisions.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	04/00/17	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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*RIN:* 3235–AL90

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (SEC)***Division of Corporation Finance*

## Final Rule Stage

**410. Pay Versus Performance**

*Legal Authority:* Pub. L. 111–203, sec 955; 15 U.S.C. 78n

*Abstract:* The Commission proposed rules to implement section 953(a) of the Dodd Frank Act, which added section 14(i) to the Exchange Act to require issuers to disclose information that shows the relationship between executive compensation actually paid and the financial performance of the issuer.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	05/07/15	80 FR 26330
NPRM Comment Period End.	07/06/15	
Final Action .....	04/00/17	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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*RIN:* 3235–AL00

**411. Amendments to Regulation D, Form D and Rule 156 Under the Securities Act**

*Legal Authority:* 15 U.S.C. 77a et seq.

*Abstract:* The Commission proposed rule and form amendments to enhance the Commission's ability to evaluate the development of market practices in offerings under Rule 506 of Regulation D and address concerns that may arise in connection with permitting issuers to engage in general solicitation and general advertising under new paragraph (c) of Rule 506.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	07/24/13	78 FR 44806
NPRM Comment Period End.	09/23/13	
NPRM Comment Period Re-opened.	10/03/13	78 FR 61222
NPRM Comment Period Re-opened End.	11/04/13	
Final Action .....	04/00/17	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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*RIN:* 3235–AL46

**412. Disclosure of Hedging by Employees, Officers and Directors**

*Legal Authority:* Pub. L. 111–203

*Abstract:* The Commission proposed rules to implement section 955 of the Dodd Frank Act, which added section 14(j) to the Exchange Act to require annual meeting proxy statement disclosure of whether employees or members of the board of directors are permitted to engage in transactions to hedge or offset any decrease in the market value of equity securities granted to the employee or board member as compensation, or held directly or indirectly by the employee or board member.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	02/17/15	80 FR 8486
NPRM Comment Period End.	04/20/15	
Final Action .....	04/00/17	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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RIN: 3235–AL49

**413. Listing Standards for Recovery of Erroneously Awarded Compensation**

*Legal Authority:* Pub. L. 111–203, sec 954; 15 U.S.C. 78j–4

*Abstract:* The Commission proposed rules to implement section 954 of the Dodd Frank Act, which requires the Commission to adopt rules to direct national securities exchanges to prohibit the listing of securities of issuers that have not developed and implemented a policy providing for disclosure of the issuer's policy on incentive-based compensation and mandating the clawback of such compensation in certain circumstances.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	07/14/15	80 FR 41144
NPRM Comment Period End.	09/14/15	
Final Action .....	04/00/17	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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RIN: 3235–AK99

**414. Changes to Exchange Act Registration Requirements To Implement Title V and Title VI of the JOBS Act**

*Legal Authority:* Pub. L. 112–106

*Abstract:* The Commission proposed amendments to rules to implement titles V (Private Company Flexibility and Growth) and VI (Capital Expansion) of the JOBS Act.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	12/30/14	79 FR 78343
NPRM Comment Period End.	03/03/15	
Final Action .....	04/00/17	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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RIN: 3235–AL40

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (SEC)**

*Division of Corporation Finance*

Completed Actions

**415. Crowdfunding**

*Legal Authority:* 15 U.S.C. 77a *et seq.*; 15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*; Pub. L. 112–108, secs 301 to 305

*Abstract:* The Commission adopted rules to implement title III of the JOBS Act by prescribing rules governing the offer and sale of securities through crowdfunding under new section 4(a)(6) of the Securities Act.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	11/05/13	78 FR 66428
NPRM Comment Period End.	02/03/14	
Final Action .....	11/16/15	80 FR 71388
Final Action Effective.	05/16/16	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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RIN: 3235–AL37

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (SEC)**

*Division of Investment Management*

Final Rule Stage

**416. Reporting of Proxy Votes on Executive Compensation and Other Matters**

*Legal Authority:* 15 U.S.C. 78m; 15 U.S.C. 78w(a); 15 U.S.C. 78mm; 15 U.S.C. 78x; 15 U.S.C. 80a–8; 15 U.S.C. 80a–29; 15 U.S.C. 80a–30; 15 U.S.C. 80a–37; 15 U.S.C. 80a–44; Pub. L. 111–203, sec 951

*Abstract:* The Commission proposed rule amendments to implement section 951 of the Dodd Frank Act. The proposed amendments to rules and Form N–PX would require institutional investment managers subject to section 13(f) of the Exchange Act to report how they voted on any shareholder vote on executive compensation or golden parachutes pursuant to sections 14A(a) and (b) of the Exchange Act.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	10/28/10	75 FR 66622
NPRM Comment Period End.	11/18/10	
Final Action .....	04/00/17	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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RIN: 3235–AK67

**417. Investment Company Reporting Modernization**

*Legal Authority:* 15 U.S.C. 77 *et seq.*; 15 U.S.C. 77aaa *et seq.*; 15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*; 15 U.S.C. 80a *et seq.*; 44 U.S.C. 3506; 44 U.S.C. 3507

*Abstract:* The Commission proposed new rules and forms as well as amendments to its rules and forms to modernize the reporting and disclosure of information by registered investment companies.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	06/12/15	80 FR 33590
NPRM Comment Period End.	08/11/15	
NPRM Comment Period Re-opened.	10/12/15	80 FR 62274
NPRM Comment Period Re-opened End.	01/13/16	
Final Action .....	04/00/17	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*  
Required: Yes.

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*RIN:* 3235-AL42

**418. Use of Derivatives by Registered Investment Companies and Business Development Companies**

*Legal Authority:* 15 U.S.C. 80a-c(c); 15 U.S.C. 80a-31(a); 15 U.S.C. 80a-12(a); 15 U.S.C. 80a-38(a); 15 U.S.C. 80a-8; 15 U.S.C. 80a-30; 15 U.S.C. 80-38

*Abstract:* The Commission proposed a new rule designed to enhance the regulation of the use of derivatives by registered investment companies, including mutual funds, exchange-traded funds, closed-end funds and business development companies. The proposed rule would regulate registered investment companies' use of derivatives and require enhanced risk management measures.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	12/28/15	80 FR 80884
NPRM Comment Period End.	03/28/16	
Final Action .....	04/00/17	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*  
Required: Yes.

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*RIN:* 3235-AL60

**419. Open-End Liquidity Risk Management Programs; Swing Pricing**

*Legal Authority:* 15 U.S.C. 80a-37(a); 15 U.S.C. 80a-22(c); 15 U.S.C. 80a-31(a); 15 U.S.C. 77a et seq.; 15 U.S.C. 77aaa et seq.; 15 U.S.C. 78a et seq.; 15 U.S.C. 80a et seq.

*Abstract:* The Commission proposed a new rule requiring open-end funds to adopt and implement liquidity management programs. The Commission also proposed rule amendments that permit open-end

funds to use "swing pricing" and form amendments that enhance disclosure regarding fund liquidity and redemption practices.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	10/15/15	80 FR 62274
NPRM Comment Period End.	01/13/16	
Final Action .....	04/00/17	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*  
Required: Yes.

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*RIN:* 3235-AL61

**420. Amendments to Form ADV and Investment Advisers Act Rules**

*Legal Authority:* 15 U.S.C. 77s(a); 15 U.S.C. 77sss(a); 15 U.S.C. 78bb(e)(2); 15 U.S.C. 78w(a); 15 U.S.C. 80a-37(a); 15 U.S.C. 80b-3(c)(1)

*Abstract:* The Commission proposed amendments to Form ADV that are designed to provide additional information regarding advisers, including information about their separately managed account business; incorporate a method for private fund adviser entities operating a single advisory business to register using a single Form ADV; and make clarifying, technical and other amendments to certain Form ADV items and instructions. The Commission also proposed amendments to the Investment Advisers Act books and records rule and technical amendments to several Investment Advisers Act rules to remove transition provisions that are no longer necessary.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	06/12/15	80 FR 33718
NPRM Comment Period End.	08/11/15	
Final Action .....	04/00/17	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*  
Required: Yes.

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*RIN:* 3235-AL75

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (SEC)**

*Division of Trading and Markets*

Long-Term Actions

**421. Removal of Certain References to Credit Ratings Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

*Legal Authority:* Pub. L. 111-203, sec 939A

*Abstract:* Section 939A of the Dodd Frank Act requires the Commission to remove certain references to credit ratings from its regulations and to substitute such standards of creditworthiness as the Commission determines to be appropriate. The Commission amended certain rules and one form under the Exchange Act applicable to broker-dealer financial responsibility, and confirmation of transactions. The Commission has not yet finalized amendments to certain rules regarding the distribution of securities.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	05/06/11	76 FR 26550
NPRM Comment Period End.	07/05/11	
Final Action .....	01/08/14	79 FR 1522
Final Action Effective.	07/07/14	
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*  
Required: Yes.

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