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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 Chairman’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 autumn 2017 reflect only the priorities of the Chairman 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 October 6, 2017, 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.

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DATES: Comments should be received on or before February 12, 2018.

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

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- Use the Commission’s internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/other.shtml>); or
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- Send paper comments to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

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- “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: October 6, 2017.

Brent J. Fields,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (SEC)

Division of Corporation Finance

Final Rule Stage

483. Amendments to Interactive Data (XBRL) Program

E.O. 13771 Designation: Independent agency.

Legal Authority: 15 U.S.C. 77g; 15 U.S.C. 78w(a); 15 U.S.C. 80a-37

Abstract: The Commission proposed amendments to the XBRL rules to provide for companies to use Inline XBRL to file a single combined document.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/17/17	82 FR 14282
NPRM Comment Period End.	05/16/17	
Final Action	10/00/18	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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RIN: 3235-AL59

484. Amendments to Smaller Reporting Company Definition

E.O. 13771 Designation: Independent agency.

Legal Authority: Not Yet Determined
Abstract: The Commission proposed revisions to the “smaller reporting company” definitions and related provisions.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/01/16	81 FR 43130

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End.	08/30/16	
Final Action	10/00/18	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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RIN: 3235-AL90

485. Modernization of Property Disclosures for Mining Registrants

E.O. 13771 Designation: Independent agency.

Legal Authority: 15 U.S.C. 77c(b); 15 U.S.C. 77g; 15 U.S.C. 77j; 15 U.S.C. 78c(b); 15 U.S.C. 78l; 15 U.S.C. 78m; 15 U.S.C. 78o(d)

Abstract: The Commission proposed rules to modernize and clarify the

disclosure requirements for companies engaged in mining operations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/27/16	81 FR 41652
NPRM Comment Period End.	08/26/16	
NPRM Comment Period Extended.	08/26/16	81 FR 58877
NPRM Comment Period Extended End.	09/26/16	
Final Action	10/00/18	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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RIN: 3235-AL81

486. Disclosure Update and Simplification

E.O. 13771 Designation: Independent agency.

Legal Authority: 15 U.S.C. 77a et seq.; 15 U.S.C. 78a et seq.; 15 U.S.C. 80a-1 et seq.; Pub. L. 114-94

Abstract: The Commission proposed rules to update certain disclosure requirements in Regulations S-X and S-K that may have become redundant, duplicative, overlapping, outdated or superseded in light of other Commission disclosure requirements, U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, International Financial Reporting Standards, or changes in the information environment.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/04/16	81 FR 51607
NPRM Comment Period Extended.	09/29/16	81 FR 66898
NPRM Comment Period End.	10/03/16	
NPRM Comment Period Extended End.	11/02/16	
Final Action	10/00/18	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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RIN: 3235-AL82

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (SEC)

Division of Corporation Finance

Long-Term Actions

487. Disclosure of Hedging by Employees, Officers and Directors

E.O. 13771 Designation: Independent agency.

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	
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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RIN: 3235-AL49

488. Listing Standards for Recovery of Erroneously Awarded Compensation

E.O. 13771 Designation: Independent agency.

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

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End.	09/14/15	
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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RIN: 3235-AK99

489. Pay Versus Performance

E.O. 13771 Designation: Independent agency.

Legal Authority: Pub. L. 111-203, sec.953(a); 15 U.S.C. 78c(b); 15 U.S.C. 78n; 15 U.S.C. 78w(a); 15 U.S.C. 78mm

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 26329
NPRM Comment Period End.	07/06/15	
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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RIN: 3235-AL00

490. Universal Proxy

E.O. 13771 Designation: Independent agency.

Legal Authority: 15 U.S.C. 78n; 15 U.S.C. 78w(a)

Abstract: The Commission proposed to amend the proxy rules to expand shareholders' ability to vote by proxy to select among duly-nominated candidates in a contested election of directors.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/10/16	81 FR 79122
NPRM Comment Period End.	01/09/17	

Action	Date	FR Cite
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.
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 RIN: 3235-AL84

491. Form 10-K Summary

E.O. 13771 Designation: Independent agency.
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
Abstract: The Commission adopted an interim final amendment to implement Section 72001 of the FAST Act by permitting an issuer to include a summary in its Form 10-K and also requested comment on the interim final amendment.
Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule Effective.	06/09/16	81 FR 37132
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End.	07/11/16	
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.
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 RIN: 3235-AL89

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (SEC)

Division of Corporation Finance

Completed Actions

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

E.O. 13771 Designation: Independent agency.
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 Reopened.	10/03/13	78 FR 61222
NPRM Comment Period Reopened End.	11/04/13	
Withdrawn	09/13/17	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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 RIN: 3235-AL46

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (SEC)

Division of Investment Management

Final Rule Stage

493. Investment Company Reporting Modernization; Option for Website Transmission of Shareholder Reports

E.O. 13771 Designation: Independent Agency.
Legal Authority: 15 U.S.C. 77 *et seq.*; 15 U.S.C. 77aaa *et seq.*; 15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*; 44 U.S.C. 3506; 44 U.S.C. 3507

Abstract: The Commission adopted 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. The Commission proposed new rule 30e-3, which would permit, but not require registered investment companies to transmit periodic reports to their shareholders by making the reports accessible on a website and satisfying certain other conditions. The Commission has not finalized proposed rule 30e-3.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/12/15	80 FR 33590
NPRM Comment Period End.	08/11/15	
NPRM Comment Period Reopened.	10/12/15	80 FR 62274

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period Reopened End.	01/13/16	81 FR 81870
Final Action	11/18/16	
Final Action Effective.	01/17/17	
Final Action	10/00/18	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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 RIN: 3235-AL42

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (SEC)

Division of Investment Management

Long-Term Actions

494. Reporting of Proxy Votes on Executive Compensation and Other Matters

E.O. 13771 Designation: Independent agency.

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 Division is considering recommending that the Commission repropose rule amendments to implement section 951 of the Dodd-Frank Act. The Commission previously proposed amendments to rules and Form N-PX that 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	
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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RIN: 3235-AK67

495. Use of Derivatives by Registered Investment Companies and Business Development Companies

E.O. 13771 Designation: Independent agency.

Legal Authority: 15 U.S.C. 80a-6(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. 80a-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	
Next Action Undetermined.	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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RIN: 3235-AL60

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (SEC)

Division of Investment Management

Completed Actions

496. Adviser Business Continuity and Transition Plans

E.O. 13771 Designation: Independent agency.

Legal Authority: 15 U.S.C. 80b-4; 15 U.S.C. 80b-6(4); 15 U.S.C. 80b-11(a)

Abstract: The Commission proposed a new rule that would require investment advisers registered with the Commission to adopt and implement written business continuity and transition plans.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/05/16	81 FR 43530
NPRM Comment Period End.	09/06/16	
Withdrawn	09/13/17	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (SEC)

Division of Trading and Markets

Long-Term Actions

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

E.O. 13771 Designation: Independent agency.

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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