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Regulatory Flexibility Agenda

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Semiannual regulatory agenda.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“Commission”), in accordance with the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, is publishing a semiannual agenda of rulemakings that the Commission expects to propose or promulgate over the next year. The Commission welcomes comments from small entities and others on the agenda.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Regulatory Flexibility Act (“RFA”), 5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*, includes a requirement that each agency publish semiannually in the **Federal Register** a regulatory flexibility agenda. Such agendas are to contain the following elements, as specified in 5 U.S.C. 602(a):

(1) A brief description of the subject area of any rule that the agency expects to propose or promulgate, which is likely to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities;

(2) A summary of the nature of any such rule under consideration for each subject area listed in the agenda, the objectives and legal basis for the issuance of the rule, and an approximate schedule for completing action on any rule for which the agency has issued a general notice of proposed rulemaking; and,

(3) The name and telephone number of an agency official knowledgeable about the items listed in the agenda.

Accordingly, the Commission has prepared an agenda of rulemakings that

it presently expects may be considered during the course of the next year. Subject to a determination for each rule, it is possible as a general matter that some of these rules may have some impact on small entities.¹ The Commission notes also that, under the RFA, it is not precluded from considering or acting on a matter not included in the regulatory flexibility agenda, nor is it required to consider or act on any matter that is listed in the agenda. See 5 U.S.C. 602(d).

The Commission’s Spring 2019 regulatory flexibility agenda is included in the Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions. The complete Unified Agenda will be available online at www.reginfo.gov, in a format that offers users enhanced ability to obtain information from the Agenda database.

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 14, 2019, by the Commission.

Christopher J. Kirkpatrick,
Secretary of the Commission.

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION—PROPOSED RULE STAGE

Sequence No.	Title	Regulation Identifier No.
255	Regulation Automated Trading	3038–AD52

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION (CFTC)

Proposed Rule Stage

255. Regulation Automated Trading

E.O. 13771 Designation: Independent agency.

Legal Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1a(23), 7 U.S.C. 6c(a); 7 U.S.C. 7(d); and 7 U.S.C. 12(a)(5)

Abstract: On November 7, 2016, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“Commission”) approved a supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking for Regulation AT (“Supplemental NPRM”). The Supplemental NPRM modifies certain rules proposed in the Commission’s December 2015, notice of proposed rulemaking for Regulation AT (the “NPRM”). The Supplemental NPRM was published in the **Federal Register** on November 25, 2016, with a 90-day comment period closing on January 24,

2017. The Commission subsequently extended the comment period until May 1, 2017. The NPRM and Supplemental NPRM, though a set of proposed regulations collectively referred to as “Regulation AT,” would require registration of certain market participants that engage in proprietary algorithmic trading; impose pre-trade risk control, testing, and certification requirements on market participants, futures commission merchants, and/or designated contract markets; and set forth preservation and access obligations relating to algorithmic trading source code.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	09/12/13	78 FR 56542
ANPRM Comment Period End.	12/11/13	

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM Comment Period Extended.	01/24/14	79 FR 4104
ANPRM Comment Period Extended End.	02/14/14	
NPRM	12/17/15	80 FR 78824
NPRM Comment Period End.	03/16/16	
NPRM Comment Period Reopened.	06/10/16	81 FR 36484
NPRM Comment Period Reopened End.	06/24/16	
Supplemental NPRM.	11/25/16	81 FR 85334
Supplemental NPRM Comment Period End.	01/24/17	
Supplemental NPRM Comment Period Extended.	01/26/17	82 FR 8502

¹ The Commission published its definition of a “small entity” for purposes of rulemaking proceedings at 47 FR 18618 (April 30, 1982). Pursuant to that definition, the Commission is not required to list—but nonetheless does—many of the items contained in this regulatory flexibility agenda. See also 5 U.S.C. 602(a)(1). Moreover, for certain items listed in this agenda, the Commission

has previously certified, under section 605 of the RFA, 5 U.S.C. 605, that those items will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. For these reasons, the listing of a rule in this regulatory flexibility agenda should not be taken as a determination that the rule, when proposed or promulgated, will in fact require a regulatory flexibility analysis. Rather, the

Commission has chosen to publish an agenda that includes significant and other substantive rules, regardless of their potential impact on small entities, to provide the public with broader notice of new or revised regulations the Commission may consider and to enhance the public’s opportunity to participate in the rulemaking process.

Action	Date	FR Cite	
Supplemental NPRM Comment Period Extended End.	05/01/17		Oversight, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581, <i>Phone: 202 418-5264, Email: mdahlman@cftc.gov.</i>
NPRM	06/00/19		<i>RIN: 3038-AD52</i>

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Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes.

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