

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

17 CFR Chapter I

[RIN]

Extension of Currently Open Comment Periods for Rulemakings in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Extension of currently open comment periods for rulemakings.

SUMMARY: The coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) pandemic may present challenges to the ability of market participants and other members of the public to submit timely comments on the Commission’s proposed rulemakings. Accordingly, the Commission is extending the comment period for the rulemakings listed herein until the dates specified herein in order to provide market participants and other members of the public an additional period of time to comment on the proposed rulemakings.

DATES: For those rulemakings listed herein for which the comment period is being extended, comments must be received on or before the dates specified herein.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

CFTC website: *comments.cftc.gov*. Follow the instructions for submitting comments through the Comments Online process on the website.

Mail: Send to Christopher Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581.

Hand Delivery/Courier: Same as Mail, above.

Federal eRulemaking Portal: *www.regulations.gov*. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Please submit your comments using only one method.

To ensure that your comments are considered to the fullest extent possible by the Commission, you should identify each of the proposed rulemakings to which your comment applies by providing the name and RIN number associated with each rulemaking.

All comments must be submitted in English, or if not, accompanied by an English translation. Comments will be posted as received to *www.cftc.gov*. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. If you wish the Commission to consider information that you believe is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act

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(“FOIA”), a petition for confidential treatment of the exempt information may be submitted according to the procedures established in § 145.9 of the Commission’s regulations.¹

The Commission reserves the right, but shall have no obligation, to review, pre-screen, filter, redact, refuse or remove any or all of your submission from *www.cftc.gov* that it may deem to be inappropriate for publication, such as obscene language. All submissions that have been redacted or removed that contain comments on the merits of the rulemaking will be retained in the public comment file and will be considered as required under the Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws, and may be accessible under the FOIA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: On this release, Laura B. Badian, Assistant General Counsel, (202) 418-5969, lbadian@cftc.gov; Mark T. Fajfar, Assistant General Counsel, (202) 418-6636, mfajfar@cftc.gov, in each case at the Office of the General Counsel, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581. On any particular rulemaking, the Commission staff members listed in the associated notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Extension of Open Comment Periods on Rulemakings and Request for Comment

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission has worked closely with the industry to identify relief or other assistance that may be needed to help ensure the industry can support orderly and liquid markets in the face of the coronavirus. These efforts include staff no-action relief letters that offer market participants temporary, tailored relief to mitigate market disruptions.²

The Commission, at its discretion, has traditionally considered comments submitted after a comment period closes but before adoption of a final rule or order. Nevertheless, in recognition of the challenges that market participants and other interested members of the public may face in commenting on proposed rulemakings as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission is formally extending the comment period for the rulemakings listed herein until the dates specified herein.

The Commission is continuing to monitor the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on derivatives markets and their participants and may consider additional comment period extensions and other relief as appropriate.

¹ 17 CFR 145.9. Commission regulations referred to herein are found at 17 CFR chapter I.

² See, e.g., CFTC Letter No. 20-11 (Mar. 20, 2020) (granting temporary relief for commodity pool operators) and CFTC Letter No. 20-12 (Mar. 31, 2020) (granting temporary relief for foreign brokers exempt pursuant to Commission Regulation 30.5 to handle U.S. futures market orders). All CFTC staff relief granted in response to COVID-19 is available at <https://www.cftc.gov/coronavirus>.

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The comment periods for the following proposed rulemakings are being extended until the date specified below:

Title of Rulemaking	Date Proposed	Original Closing Date for Comments	Extended Closing Date for Comments
Position Limits for Derivatives	1/30/2020	4/29/2020	Friday, 5/15/2020
Swap Execution Facility Requirements and Real-Time Reporting Requirements	1/30/2020	4/20/2020	Friday, 5/22/2020
Certain Swap Data Repository and Data Reporting Requirements	5/13/2019	5/20/2020 (previously extended from 7/29/2019)	Friday, 5/22/2020
Amendments to the Real-Time Public Reporting Requirements	2/20/2020	5/20/2020	Friday, 5/22/2020
Amendments to the Swap Data Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements	2/20/2020	5/20/2020	Friday, 5/22/2020

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Christopher J. Kirkpatrick

Secretary of the Commission