

**COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION**

**17 CFR Ch. 1**

**Regulatory Flexibility Agenda**

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission

**ACTION:** Semiannual regulatory agenda

**SUMMARY:** The Commodity Futures Trading Commission, in accordance with the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, is publishing a semiannual agenda of significant rules 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, 5 U.S.C. 601, et seq. (RFA), sets forth a number of requirements for agency rulemaking. Among other things, the RFA requires that:

Semiannually, each agency shall publish in the **Federal Register** a regulatory flexibility agenda that shall contain:

- (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 pursuant to paragraph (1), 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 paragraph (1). 5 U.S.C. 602(a).

The Commission has prepared an agenda of significant rules that it presently expects may be considered during the course of the next year. These rules may have some impact on small entities.<sup>1</sup> In this regard,

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<sup>1</sup> 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 – but nonetheless does – list many of the agenda 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

section 602(d) of the RFA, 5 U.S.C. 602(d) provides: “Nothing in [section 602] precludes an agency from considering or acting on any matter not included in a regulatory flexibility agenda or requires an agency to consider or act on any matter listed in such agenda.”

The Commission’s Spring 2013 regulatory flexibility agenda is set forth below.

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flexibility analysis. Rather, the Commission has chosen to publish an agenda that includes significant 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.