

petition. Demonstrate the effective integration of such trade timing data into the contract market's surveillance system with respect to dual trading-related abuses.

If trade execution times are recorded manually or independently time-stamped at the contract market, demonstrate accuracy rate through, at a minimum, a comparison of the times recorded for both the buying and selling sides of each trade, or the time stamp for the sides required to be time-stamped, to the times reported in the price change register.

If trade execution times are imputed for recordation at the contract market, demonstrate accuracy rate through, at a minimum, accuracy of the data inputted and a description of the contract market's trade imputation algorithm, including how and why it reliably establishes the accuracy of the imputed trade execution times.

If trade execution times are recorded through electronic hand-held trading cards, demonstrate accuracy rate through, at a minimum, the accuracy of the timing mechanism (such as an internal clock), including a description of how the timing mechanism is set and the uniformity of the time set for all the electronic hand-held trading cards used on the contract market, and the unalterability of the trade execution times recorded.

*III. Recordkeeping System*

Demonstrate that a "representative sample" of documentation required to be prepared and maintained by each floor member and member firm regarding the execution of customer orders and other trading is reviewed for regulation 1.35 compliance at least once each year. Provide checklist used in the review of the documentation. Demonstrate that information developed regarding inadequate or violative recordkeeping is incorporated into other compliance activities as appropriate.

*IV. Surveillance Systems to Detect Dual Trading-Related Abuses*

Demonstrate (e.g., by description of procedures and by logs) that the contract market, on a daily basis, reviews trade registers and computerized surveillance reports to detect dual trading-related abuses. The contract market also must describe:

- A. The extent to which available trade data, including account numbers, are reviewed; and
- B. The cycle and generic content of such computerized reports.

*V. Use, on Consistent Basis, of Information to Bring Dual Trading-Related Disciplinary Actions and Assessment of Meaningful Penalties*

Provide a list of each investigation and disciplinary proceeding involving one or

more dual trading-related abuses, which investigation or disciplinary proceeding was in an open status at any time during the 12-month period ending with the month preceding the submission of the exemption petition. Include in list:

- A. Source of investigation (e.g., customer complaint or inquiry; automated report; manual review; floor surveillance);
  - B. Type of abuse alleged or found; and
  - C. Disposition at each level of the process.
- For each settlement or adjudication, state any penalties (monetary or other) assessed.

*VI. Commitment of Resources*

Include statistics regarding the timeliness of the completion of investigations and the initiation of disciplinary proceedings.

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**§ 155.10 Exemptions.**

Except as otherwise provided in this part, the Commission may, in its discretion and upon such terms and conditions as it deems appropriate, exempt any contract market or other person from any of the provisions of this part.

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**PART 156—BROKER ASSOCIATIONS**

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AUTHORITY: 7 U.S.C. 6b, 6c, 6j(d), 7a(b), and 12a.

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**§ 156.1 Definition.**

For the purposes of this part, the term *broker association* as applied to each board of trade shall include two or more contract market members with floor trading privileges, of whom at least one is acting as a floor broker, who: (1) Engage in floor brokerage activity on behalf of the same employer, (2) have an employer and employee relationship which relates to floor brokerage activity, (3) share profits and

losses associated with their brokerage or trading activity, or (4) regularly share a deck of orders.

**§156.2 Registration of broker association.**

(a) *Registration required.* It shall be unlawful for any member of a broker association to receive or to execute an order unless the broker association is registered with the appropriate contract market in accordance with part (b) of this section.

(b) *Contract market rules required.* Each contract market must adopt and maintain in effect rules, which have been submitted to the Commission pursuant to section 5a(a)(12)(A) of the Act and Commission Regulation 1.41, that, at a minimum, (1) define the term “broker association” to include the relationships set forth in §156.1 of this part, (2) prohibit conduct described in paragraph (a) of this section, and (3) require registration of each relationship defined by its rules as a broker association no later than 10 days after establishment of such relationship. Contract market records of registration shall include the following information with respect to each broker association, if applicable:

- (i) Name;
- (ii) Form of organization, *e.g.*, partnership, corporation, trust, etc.;
- (iii) Name of each person who is a member or otherwise has a direct beneficial interest in the association;
- (iv) Badge symbols and numbers for all members;
- (v) Account numbers for all accounts of any member, accounts in which any member(s) has an interest, and any proprietary or customer accounts controlled by any member(s);
- (vi) Identification of all other broker associations with which each member is associated; and
- (vii) Individual(s) authorized to represent the association in connection with its registration obligations.

Any registration information provided to the contract market which becomes deficient or inaccurate must be updated or corrected promptly.

(c) *Other contract market rules.* (1) Each contract market may submit rules pursuant to section 5a(a)(12)(A) of the Act and Commission Regulation

1.41 that interpret when contract market members would be deemed to “regularly share a deck of orders.” In the absence of such rules, a contract market must make such a determination on a case-by-case basis. The basis for a determination whether brokers “regularly share a deck of orders” must be documented.

(2) Each contract market may adopt rules, which must be submitted to the Commission pursuant to section 5a(a)(12)(A) of the Act and Commission Regulation 1.41, which set forth the basis and procedures for granting exemptions from the registration requirement contained in paragraph (b) of this section for de minimis activity.

**§156.3 Contract market program for enforcement.**

A contract market must, as part of its responsibilities pursuant to the Act and §1.51, demonstrate effective use of broker association registration information to monitor the trading activity of broker associations and their members for potential abuse and to secure compliance with all other contract market bylaws, rules, regulations and resolutions which may pertain to such associations or their members.

**§156.4 Disclosure of Broker Association Membership.**

Each contract market shall make available to the public generally and upon request a list of all registered broker associations which identifies for each such association the name of each person who is a member or otherwise has a direct beneficial interest in the association. This list shall be updated at least semi-annually.

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**PART 166—CUSTOMER PROTECTION RULES**

Sec.

- 166.1 Definitions.
- 166.2 Authorization to trade.
- 166.3 Supervision.
- 166.4 Branch offices.

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