

(c) *Sponsor*. Sponsor means the futures commission merchant, introducing broker, commodity trading advisor, commodity pool operator or leverage transaction merchant which makes the certification required by § 3.12 of this part for the registration of an associated person of such sponsor.

(d) *Beneficial owner*. Any person who, without limitation, directly or indirectly, creates or uses a trust, proxy, power of attorney, pooling arrangement or any other contract, arrangement, or device with the purpose or effect of divesting such person of beneficial ownership of a security or preventing the vesting of such beneficial ownership, or of avoiding making a contribution of ten percent or more of the capital, as part of a plan or scheme to evade being deemed a principal of an applicant or registrant under paragraph (a) of this section shall be deemed for purposes of such paragraph to be the beneficial owner or the contributor of capital.

(e) *Foreign futures authority*. Foreign futures authority means any foreign government, or any department, agency, governmental body, or regulatory organization empowered by a foreign government to administer or enforce a law, rule, or regulation as it relates to a futures or options matter, or any department or agency of a political subdivision of a foreign government empowered to administer or enforce a law, rule or regulation as it relates to a futures or options matter.

(f) *Commodity interest*. Commodity interest means:

(1) Any contract for the purchase or sale of a commodity for future delivery regulated under the Act and rules promulgated thereunder; and

(2) Any contract, agreement or transaction subject to Commission regulation under sections 4c or 19 of the Act.

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§ 3.2 Registration processing by the National Futures Association; notification and duration of registration.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in any rule, regulation or order of the

Commission, the registration functions of the Commission set forth in subpart A, subpart B and subpart C of this part shall be performed by the National Futures Association, in accordance with such rules, consistent with the provisions of the Act and this part, applicable to registrations granted under the Act that the National Futures Association may adopt and are approved by the Commission pursuant to section 17(j) of the Act.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this part, the original of any registration form, any schedule or supplement thereto, any fingerprint card or other document required by this part to be filed with both the Commission and the National Futures Association, may be filed with either the Commission or the National Futures Association if:

(1) A legible, accurate, and complete photocopy of that form, schedule, supplement, fingerprint card, or other document is filed simultaneously with the National Futures Association or the Commission, respectively, and

(2) Such photocopy contains an original signature and date in each place where such signature and date is required on the original form, schedule, supplement, fingerprint card, or other document.

(c) The National Futures Association will notify the registrant, or the sponsor in the case of an applicant for registration as an associated person, if registration has been granted under the Act. If an applicant for registration as an associated person receives a temporary license in accordance with § 3.40 of this part, the National Futures Association may notify the sponsor only that a temporary license has been granted.

(d) Any registration form, any schedule or supplement thereto, any fingerprint card or other document required by this part or any rule of the National Futures Association to be filed with the National Futures Association shall be deemed for all purposes to have been filed with, and to be the official record of, the Commission.

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