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AGENDA

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- 01 Recent Regulatory Guidance
- **02** Risk Monitoring & Examination Observations
- **03** FINRA FAQs and Key Topic Pages







- Regulatory Notice 21-27 FINRA Announces Update of the Interpretations of Financial and Operational Rules
- Information Notice 6/3/21 Redesigned eFOCUS System and SEC Security-Based Swap Reporting Requirements
- Regulatory Notice 20-36 FINRA Requests Comment on a Concept Proposal Regarding the Application of FINRA Rules to Security-Based Swaps
- Regulatory Notice 21-31 FINRA Establishes New Supplemental Liquidity Schedule (SLS)
- Regulatory Notice 21-05 SEC Grants FINRA Request for 30-Day Filing Extension for Smaller Broker-Dealers





- Regulatory Notice 20-42 FINRA Seeks Comment on Lessons From the COVID-19 Pandemic
- Regulatory Notice 21-25 FINRA Continues to Encourage Firms to Notify FINRA if They Engage in Activities Related to Digital
 <u>Assets</u>
- SEC Issues Statement and Requests Comment Regarding the Custody of Digital Asset Securities by Special Purpose Broker-Dealers (December 2020)
- <u>SEC Division of Trading and Markets Staff No-Action Letter: ATS Role in the Settlement of Digital Asset Security Trades</u> (September 2020)





- FAQs Related to Regulatory Relief Due to COVID
 - Net Capital Treatment of Covered Loans Under the CARES Act
- FAQs Concerning the COVID-19 Pandemic and the Broker-Dealer Financial Responsibility Rules
 - Physical Count
- SEC Division of Trading and Markets Staff Statement Regarding Requirements for Certain Paper Submissions in Light of COVID-19 Concerns
 - Manual signature relief
 - Notary relief







- FAQs Concerning the July 30, 2013 Amendments to the Broker-Dealer Financial Reporting Rule
 - Exemption Reporting: New FAQs 8, 8.1, 12, 12.1, and 12.2
- FAQs Concerning the Amendments to Certain Broker-Dealer Financial Responsibility Rules
 - Reserve Formula Computation and Possession or Control: New FAQ 18
- FAQs about Exemption Reporting Under SEA Rule 15c3-3(k) for Purposes of FOCUS Reporting and Updating of Membership Agreements
 - New FAQs 1, 2, and 3
- Multiple Business Activities
- Non-Covered Firms/Footnote 74
- (k)(1) Exemptive Provision

Risk Monitoring and Examination Observations



- 2021 Report on FINRA's Examination and Risk Monitoring Program
- Other FINRA Risk Monitoring & Examination Observations



FINRA FAQs and Key Topic Pages



- FINRA FAQs
- FINRA Key Topics
 - Annual Reports
 - Books and Records
 - Business Continuity Planning
 - COVID-19/Coronavirus
 - Cybersecurity
 - FinTech
 - Funding and Liquidity

