

Rule 17a-3 -- Records to Be Made by Certain Exchange Members, Brokers and Dealers [Effective until May 2, 2003.]

- a. Every member of a national securities exchange who transacts a business in securities directly with others than members of a national securities exchange, and every broker or dealer who transacts a business in securities through the medium of any such member, and every broker or dealer registered pursuant to [section 15](#) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, shall make and keep current the following books and records relating to his business:
 1. Blotters (or other records of original entry) containing an itemized daily record of all purchases and sales of securities, all receipts and deliveries of securities (including certificate numbers), all receipts and disbursements of cash and all other debits and credits. Such records shall show the account for which each such transaction was effected, the name and amount of securities, the unit and aggregate purchase or sale price (if any), the trade date, and the name or other designation of the person from whom purchased or received or to whom sold or delivered.
 2. Ledgers (or other records) reflecting all assets and liabilities, income and expense and capital accounts.
 3. Ledger accounts (or other records) itemizing separately as to each cash and margin account of every customer and of such member, broker or dealer and partners thereof, all purchases, sales, receipts and deliveries of securities and commodities for such account and all other debits and credits to such account.
 4. Ledgers (or other records) reflecting the following:
 - i. Securities in transfer;
 - ii. Dividends and interest received;
 - iii. Securities borrowed and securities loaned;
 - iv. Moneys borrowed and moneys loaned (together with a record of the collateral therefor and any substitutions in such collateral);
 - v. Securities failed to receive and failed to deliver;
 - vi. All long and all short securities record differences arising from the examination, count, verification and comparison pursuant to [Rule 17a-5](#), [Rule 17a-12](#), and [Rule 17a-13](#) (by date of examination, count, verification and comparison showing for each security the number of long or short count differences);

vii. Repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements;

5. A securities record or ledger reflecting separately for each security as of the clearance dates all "long" or "short" positions (including securities in safekeeping and securities that are the subjects of repurchase or reverse repurchase agreements) carried by such member, broker or dealer for his account or for the account of his customers or partners or others and showing the location of all securities long and the offsetting position to all securities short, including long security count differences and short security count differences classified by the date of the physical count and verification in which they were discovered, and in all cases the name or designation of the account in which each position is carried.
6. A memorandum of each brokerage order, and of any other instruction, given or received for the purchase or sale of securities, whether executed or unexecuted. Such memorandum shall show the terms and conditions of the order or instructions and of any modification or cancellation thereof, the account for which entered, the time of entry, the price at which executed and, to the extent feasible, the time of execution or cancellation. Orders entered pursuant to the exercise of discretionary power by such member, broker or dealer, or any employee thereof, shall be so designated. The term "instruction" shall be deemed to include instructions between partners and employees of a member, broker or dealer. The term "time of entry" shall be deemed to mean the time when such member, broker or dealer transmits the order or instruction for execution or, if it is not so transmitted, the time when it is received.
7. A memorandum of each purchase and sale for the account of such member, broker, or dealer showing the price and, to the extent feasible, the time of execution; and, in addition, where such purchase or sale is with a customer other than a broker or dealer, a memorandum of each order received, showing the time of receipt, the terms and conditions of the order, and the account in which it was entered.
8. Copies of confirmations of all purchases and sales of securities, including all repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements, and copies of notices of all other debits and credits for securities, cash and other items for the account of customers and partners of such member, broker or dealer.
9. A record in respect of each cash and margin account with such member, broker or dealer indicating
 - i. the name and address of the beneficial owner of such account, and
 - ii. Except with respect to exempt employee benefit plan securities as defined in [Rule 14a-1\(d\)](#), but only to the extent such securities are held by employee benefit plans established by the issuer of the securities, whether or not the beneficial owner of securities registered in the name of such members, brokers or dealers, or a registered clearing agency or its nominee objects to disclosure of his or her identity, address and securities positions to issuers, and
 - iii. in the case of a margin account, the signature of such owner;

Provided, That, in the case of a joint account or an account of a corporation, such records are required only in respect of the person or persons authorized to transact business for such account.

10. A record of all puts, calls, spreads, straddles and other options in which such member, broker or dealer has any direct or indirect interest or which such members, broker or dealer has granted or guaranteed, containing, at least, an identification of the security and the number of units involved. An OTC derivatives dealer shall also keep a record of all eligible OTC derivative instruments as defined in **Rule 3b-13** in which the OTC derivatives dealer has any direct or indirect interest or which it has written or guaranteed, containing, at a minimum, an identification of the security or other instrument, the number of units involved, and the identity of the counterparty.

11. A record of the proof of money balances of all ledger accounts in the form of trial balances, and a record of the computation of aggregate indebtedness and net capital, as of the trial balance date, pursuant to **Rule 15c3-1**; *Provided, however,* (i) That such computation need not be made by any member, broker or dealer unconditionally exempt from Rule 15c3-1 by paragraph (b)(1) or (b)(3), thereof; and (ii) that any member of an exchange whose members are exempt from Rule 15c3-1 by paragraph (b)(2) thereof shall make a record of the computation of aggregate indebtedness and net capital as of the trial balance date in accordance with the capital rules of at least one of the exchanges therein listed of which he is a member. Such trial balances and computations shall be prepared currently at least once a month.

12.
 - i. A questionnaire or application for employment executed by each "associated person" (as hereinafter defined) of such member, broker or dealer, which questionnaire or application shall be approved in writing by an authorized representative of such member, broker or dealer and shall contain at least the following information with respect to such person:
 - a. His name, address, social security number, and the starting date of his employment or other association with the member, broker or dealer;
 - b. His date of birth;
 - c. A complete, consecutive statement of all his business connections for at least the preceding ten years, including whether the employment was part-time or full-time;
 - d. A record of any denial of membership or registration, and of any disciplinary action taken, or sanction imposed, upon him by any federal or state agency, or by any national securities exchange or national securities association, including any finding that he was a cause of any disciplinary action or had violated any law;
 - e. A record of any denial, suspension, expulsion or revocation of membership or registration of any member, broker or dealer

with which he was associated in any capacity when such action was taken;

- f. A record of any permanent or temporary injunction entered against him or any member, broker or dealer with which he was associated in any capacity at the time such injunction was entered;
- g. A record of any arrest or indictment for any felony, or any misdemeanor pertaining to securities, commodities, banking, insurance or real estate (including, but not limited to, acting or being associated with a broker-dealer, investment company, investment adviser, futures sponsor, bank, or savings and loan association), fraud, false statements or omissions, wrongful taking of property or bribery, forgery, counterfeiting or extortion, and the disposition of the foregoing.
- h. A record of any other name or names by which he has been known or which he has used;

Provided, however, That if such associated person has been registered as a registered representative of such member, broker or dealer with, or his employment has been approved by, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., or the American Stock Exchange, the Boston Stock Exchange, the Midwest Stock Exchange, the New York Stock Exchange, the Pacific Coast Stock Exchange, or the Philadelphia-Baltimore Stock Exchange, then retention of a full, correct, and complete copy of any and all applications for such registration or approval shall be deemed to satisfy the requirements of this paragraph.

- ii. For purposes of this paragraph (a)(12) the term *associated person* shall mean a partner, officer, director, salesman, trader, manager, or any employee handling funds or securities or soliciting transactions or accounts for such member, broker or dealer.

13. Records required to be maintained pursuant to paragraph (d) of [Rule 17f-2](#).

14. Copies of all Forms X-17F-1A filed pursuant to [Rule 17f-1](#), all agreements between reporting institutions regarding registration or other aspects of Rule 17f-1, and all confirmations or other information received from the Commission or its designee as a result of inquiry.

15. Records required to be maintained pursuant to paragraph (e) of Rule 17f-2.

16.

- i. The following records regarding any internal broker-dealer system of which such a broker or dealer is the sponsor:
 - A. A record of the broker's or dealer's customers that have access to an internal broker-dealer system sponsored by such broker or dealer (identifying any affiliations between such customers and the broker or dealer);

- B. Daily summaries of trading in the internal broker-dealer system, including:
1. Securities for which transactions have been executed through use of such system; and
 2. Transaction volume (separately stated for trading occurring during hours when consolidated trade reporting facilities are and are not in operation):
 - i. With respect to equity securities, stated in number of trades, number of shares, and total U.S. dollar value;
 - ii. With respect to debt securities, stated in total settlement value in U.S. dollars; and
 - iii. With respect to other securities, stated in number of trades, number of units of securities, and in dollar value, or other appropriate commonly used measure of value of such securities; and
- C. Time-sequenced records of each transaction effected through the internal broker-dealer system, including date and time executed, price, size, security traded, counterparty identification information, and method of execution (if internal broker-dealer system allows alternative means or locations for execution, such as routing to another market, matching with limit orders, or executing against the quotations of the broker or dealer sponsoring the system).
- ii. For purposes of paragraph (a) of this section, the term:
- . *Internal broker-dealer system* shall mean any facility, other than a national securities exchange, an exchange exempt from registration based on limited volume, or an alternative trading system as defined in **Regulation ATS**, Rule 300 through Rule 303, that provides a mechanism, automated in full or in part, for collecting, receiving, disseminating, or displaying system orders and facilitating agreement to the basic terms of a purchase or sale of a security between a customer and the sponsor, or between two customers of the sponsor, through use of the internal broker-dealer system or through the broker or dealer sponsor of such system;
 - A. *Sponsor* shall mean any broker or dealer that organizes, operates, administers, or otherwise directly controls an internal broker-dealer trading system or, if the operator of the internal broker-dealer system is not a registered broker or dealer, any broker or dealer that, pursuant to contract, affiliation, or other agreement with the system operator, is involved on a regular basis with executing transactions in connection with use of the internal broker-dealer system, other

than solely for its own account or as a customer with access to the internal broker-dealer system; and

- B. *System order* means any order or other communication or indication submitted by any customer with access to the internal broker-dealer system for entry into a trading system announcing an interest in purchasing or selling a security. The term "system order" does not include inquiries or indications of interest that are not entered into the internal broker-dealer system.

b.

1. This section shall not be deemed to require a member of a national securities exchange, a broker, or dealer who transacts a business in securities through the medium of any such member, or a broker or dealer registered pursuant to section 15 of the Act, to make or keep such records of transactions cleared for such member, broker, or dealer as are customarily made and kept by a clearing broker or dealer pursuant to the requirements of Rule 17a-3 and **Rule 17a-4**: *Provided*, That the clearing broker or dealer has and maintains net capital of not less than \$ 25,000 and is otherwise in compliance with **Rule 15c3-1** or the capital rules of the exchange of which such clearing broker or dealer is a member if the members of such exchange are exempt from Rule 15c3-1 by paragraph (b)(2) thereof.
2. This section shall not be deemed to require a member of a national securities exchange, a broker, or dealer who transacts a business in securities through the medium of any such member, or a broker or dealer registered pursuant to **section 15** of the Act, to make or keep such records of transactions cleared for such member, broker or dealer by a bank as are customarily made and kept by a clearing broker or dealer pursuant to the requirements of Rule 17a-3 and Rule 17a-4: *Provided*, That such member, broker, or dealer obtains from such bank an agreement in writing to the effect that the records made and kept by such bank are the property of the member, broker, or dealer: *And provided further*, That such bank files with the Commission a written undertaking in form acceptable to the Commission and signed by a duly authorized person, that such books and records are available for examination by representatives of the Commission as specified in **section 17(a)** of the Act, and that it will furnish to the Commission, upon demand, at its principal office in Washington, DC, or at any regional or district office of the Commission designated in such demand, true, correct, complete, and current copies of any or all of such records. Such undertaking shall include the following provisions:

The undersigned hereby undertakes to maintain and preserve on behalf of [BD] the books and records required to be maintained and preserved by [BD] pursuant to Rules 17a-3 and 17a-4 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and to permit examination of such books and records at any time or from time to time during business hours by examiners or other representatives of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and to furnish to said Commission at its principal office in Washington, DC, or at any regional or district office of said Commission specified in a demand made by or on behalf of said Commission for copies of books and records, true, correct, complete, and current copies of any or all, or any part, of such books and records. This undertaking shall be binding upon the undersigned, and the successors and assigns of the undersigned.

Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to relieve such member, broker, or dealer from the responsibility that such books and records be accurately maintained and preserved as specified in Rules 17a-3 and 17a-4.

- c. This section shall not be deemed to require a member of a national securities exchange, or a broker or dealer registered pursuant to **section 15** of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as amended, to make or keep such records as are required by paragraph (a) reflecting the sale of United States Tax Savings Notes, United States Defense Savings Stamps, or United States Defense Savings Bonds, Series E, F and G.
- d. The records specified in paragraph (a) of this section shall not be required with respect to any cash transaction of \$ 100 or less involving only subscription rights or warrants which by their terms expire within 90 days after the issuance thereof.
- e. For purposes of transactions in municipal securities by municipal securities brokers and municipal securities dealers, compliance with Rule G-8 of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board will be deemed to be in compliance with this section.
- f. *Security futures products.* The provisions of this section shall not apply to security futures product transactions and positions in a futures account (as that term is defined in **Rule 15c3-3(a)(15)**); provided, that the Commodity Futures Trading Commission's recordkeeping rules apply to those transactions and positions.

Regulatory History

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