

## II. Notice of Filings

The Commission establishes Docket No. MC2016-7 to consider the Request pertaining to the removal of Global Direct Contracts from the competitive product list.

Interested persons may submit comments on whether the Postal Service's filings in the captioned docket are consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3633, or 3642, 39 CFR part 3010, 39 CFR part 3015, and 39 CFR part 3020, subpart B and subpart E. Comments are due no later than October 26, 2015. The public portions of the filings can be accessed via the Commission's Web site (<http://www.prc.gov>).

The Commission appoints James F. Callow to serve as Public Representative in this docket.

## III. Ordering Paragraphs

*It is ordered:*

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. MC2016-7 to consider the Postal Service's Request.

2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, James F. Callow is appointed to serve as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in these proceedings.

3. Comments by interested persons in these proceedings are due no later than October 26, 2015.

4. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this order in the **Federal Register**.

**Ruth Ann Abrams,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## POSTAL SERVICE

### Removal of Global Direct Contracts From the Competitive Product List

**AGENCY:** Postal Service.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Postal Service hereby provides notice that it has filed a request with the Postal Regulatory Commission to remove Global Direct Contracts from the competitive product list.

**DATES:** *Effective date:* October 23, 2015.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Keith Nusbaum, 202-268-6687.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 16, 2015, the United States Postal Service® filed with the Postal Regulatory Commission a Request of the United States Postal Service to remove

Global Direct Contracts from the Competitive Product List, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3642. Documents pertinent to this request are available at <http://www.prc.gov>, Docket No. MC2016-7.

**Stanley F. Mires,**

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-76188; File No. SR-FINRA-2015-042]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change Relating to the New Securities Trader Qualification Examination (Series 57)

October 19, 2015.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act” or “SEA”) <sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder, <sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on October 13, 2015, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (“FINRA”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by FINRA. FINRA has designated the proposed rule change as constituting a “non-controversial” rule change under paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 under the Act, <sup>3</sup> which renders the proposal effective upon receipt of this filing by the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

#### I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

FINRA is filing the content outline and selection specifications for the new Securities Trader qualification examination (Series 57). <sup>4</sup> FINRA is not proposing any textual changes to the By-

Laws, Schedules to the By-Laws or Rules of FINRA.

The Series 57 content outline is attached. <sup>5</sup> The Series 57 selection specifications have been submitted to the Commission under separate cover with a request for confidential treatment pursuant to SEA Rule 24b-2. <sup>6</sup>

The text of the proposed rule change is available on FINRA's Web site at <http://www.finra.org>, at the principal office of FINRA and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

#### II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, FINRA included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. FINRA has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

##### A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

###### 1. Purpose

Section 15A(g)(3) of the Act <sup>7</sup> authorizes FINRA to prescribe standards of training, experience, and competence for persons associated with FINRA members. In accordance with that provision, FINRA has developed examinations that are designed to establish that persons associated with FINRA members have attained specified levels of competence and knowledge, consistent with applicable registration requirements under FINRA rules.

The Commission recently approved a proposed rule change to amend NASD Rule 1032(f) (Limited Representative—Equity Trader) to replace the Equity Trader registration category and qualification examination (Series 55) with the Securities Trader registration category and qualification examination (Series 57). <sup>8</sup> The rule provides that each associated person of a member who is included within the definition of “representative” in NASD Rule 1031 (Registration Requirements) is required to register with FINRA as a Securities

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>3</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

<sup>4</sup> FINRA also is establishing the Series 57 question bank. FINRA is submitting this filing for immediate effectiveness pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder, and is not filing the question bank. See Letter to Alden S. Adkins, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, NASD Regulation, from Belinda Blaine, Associate Director, Division of Market Regulation, SEC, dated July 24, 2000. The question bank is available for SEC review.

<sup>5</sup> The Commission notes that the content outline is attached to the filing, not to this Notice.

<sup>6</sup> 17 CFR 240.24b-2.

<sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78o-3(g)(3).

<sup>8</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 75783 (August 28, 2015), 80 FR 53369 (September 3, 2015) (Order Approving File No. SR-FINRA-2015-017) (“Approval Order”).