

POSTAL SERVICE**Product Change—Priority Mail and First-Class Package Service Negotiated Service Agreement**

AGENCY: Postal Service™.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service gives notice of filing a request with the Postal Regulatory Commission to add a domestic shipping services contract to the list of Negotiated Service Agreements in the Mail Classification Schedule's Competitive Products List.

DATES: *Date of required notice:* November 10, 2022.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sean Robinson, 202–268–8405.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Postal Service® hereby gives notice that, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 3632(b)(3), on November 1, 2022, it filed with the Postal Regulatory Commission a *USPS Request to Add Priority Mail & First-Class Package Service Contract 224 to Competitive Product List*. Documents are available at www.prc.gov, Docket Nos. MC2023–31, CP2023–30.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Extend Temporary Supplementary Material .17 (Temporary Relief To Allow Remote Inspections for Calendar Years 2020 and 2021, and Through December 31 of Calendar Year 2022) Under FINRA Rule 3110 (Supervision)

November 4, 2022.

Pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act” or “Exchange Act”) ¹ and Rule 19b–4 thereunder, ² notice is hereby given that on October 31, 2022, the 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, ³ 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 proposing to extend temporary Supplementary Material .17 (Temporary Relief to Allow Remote Inspections for Calendar Years 2020 and 2021, and Through December 31 of Calendar Year 2022) under FINRA Rule 3110 (Supervision) to include calendar year 2023 inspection obligations through the earlier of the effective date of the pilot program proposed in File No. SR–FINRA–2022–021, if approved, or December 31, 2023 within the scope of the supplementary material. ⁴ The proposed extension of Rule 3110.17 would alleviate the ongoing operational challenges resulting from the COVID–19 pandemic that many member firms may continue to face in planning for and timely conducting the on-site inspection component of Rule 3110(c) (Internal Inspections) at locations requiring inspection in calendar year 2023. ⁵

Below is the text of the proposed rule change. Proposed new language is in italics; proposed deletions are in brackets.

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³ 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f)(6).

⁴ See *infra* note 15, and accompanying text for further discussion of the pilot program proposed in File No. SR–FINRA–2022–021. The proposed rule change will automatically sunset on the earlier of the effective date of SR–FINRA–2022–021, if approved, or December 31, 2023. FINRA will submit a separate rule filing if it seeks to extend the duration of the temporary proposed rule beyond December 31, 2023.

⁵ SEC staff and FINRA have stated in guidance that inspections must include a physical, on-site review component. See SEC National Examination Risk Alert, Volume I, Issue 2 (November 30, 2011) and *Regulatory Notice* 11–54 (November 2011) (joint SEC and FINRA guidance stating, a “broker-dealer must conduct on-site inspections of each of its office locations; [OSJs] and non-OSJ branches that supervise non-branch locations at least annually, all non-supervising branch offices at least every three years; and non-branch offices periodically.”) (footnote defining an OSJ omitted). See also SEC Division of Market Regulation, Staff Legal Bulletin No. 17: Remote Office Supervision (March 19, 2004) (stating, in part, that broker-dealers that conduct business through geographically dispersed offices have not adequately discharged their supervisory obligations where there are no on-site routine or “for cause” inspections of those offices).

3000. SUPERVISION AND RESPONSIBILITIES RELATING TO ASSOCIATED PERSONS

3100. SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES

3110. Supervision

(a) through (f) No Change.

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 .01 through .16 No Change.
 .17 Temporary Relief to Allow Remote Inspections for Calendar Years 2020, [and] 2021, 2022, and [Through December 31 of Calendar Year 2022]2023.

(a) Use of Remote Inspections. Each member obligated to conduct an inspection of an office of supervisory jurisdiction, branch office or non-branch location in *the* calendar years [2020, 2021 and 2022] *specified in this supplementary material* pursuant to, as applicable, paragraphs (c)(1)(A), (B) and (C) under Rule 3110.17, satisfy such obligation by conducting the applicable inspection remotely, without an on-site visit to the office or location. In accordance with Rule 3110.16, inspections for calendar year 2020 must be completed on or before March 31, 2021. [and] [i]nspections for calendar year 2021 must be completed on or before December 31, 2021 and *inspections for calendar year 2022 must be completed on or before December 31, 2022*. With respect to a member's obligation to conduct an inspection of an office or location in calendar year [2022]2023, a member has the option to conduct those inspections remotely through *the earlier of the effective date of the pilot program proposed in File No. SR–FINRA–2022–021, if approved, or December 31, [2022]2023*.

Notwithstanding Rule 3110.17, a member shall remain subject to the other requirements of Rule 3110(c).

(b) Written Supervisory Procedures for Remote Inspections. Consistent with a member's obligation under Rule 3110(b)(1), a member that elects to conduct its inspections remotely for any of the calendar years specified in this supplementary material must amend or supplement its written supervisory procedures to provide for remote inspections that are reasonably designed to assist in detecting and preventing violations of and achieving compliance with applicable securities laws and regulations, and with applicable FINRA rules. Reasonably designed procedures for conducting remote inspections of offices or locations should include, among other things: (1) a description of the methodology, including

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.