SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-54162; File No. SR-FICC-2006-08)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Fixed Income Clearing Corporation; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change Relating to Removing References to Outdated EPN Reports

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"), <sup>1</sup> notice is hereby given that on June 2, 2006, the Fixed Income Clearing Corporation ("FICC") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared primarily by FICC. 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

The proposed rule change will delete references to "Message Purge Report" and "Message Recovery Report" in FICC's Mortgage-Backed Securities Division's EPN rulebook.

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

In its filing with the Commission, FICC 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. FICC has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.<sup>2</sup>

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

The Commission has modified the text of the summaries prepared by FICC.

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

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to delete references to "Message Purge Report" and "Message Recovery Report" in FICC's Mortgage-Backed Securities Division's EPN rulebook because FICC no longer provides these reports to its members.

FICC believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 17A of the Act<sup>3</sup> and the rules and regulations thereunder because it reflects a change in a service of FICC that does not adversely affect the safeguarding of securities or funds in the custody or control of FICC or for which it is responsible.

### B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

FICC does not believe that the proposed rule change will have any impact or impose any burden on competition.

C. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule</u> Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others

FICC has not solicited or received written comments relating to the proposed rule change. FICC will notify the Commission of any written comments it receives.

### III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii)<sup>4</sup> of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(4)<sup>5</sup> thereunder because it effects a change in an existing service of FICC that does not adversely affect the safeguarding of securities

<sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q-1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(4).

or funds in FICC's control or for which FICC is responsible and does not significantly affect FICC's or its participants' respective rights or obligations. At any time within 60 days of the filing of such proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

#### **IV. Solicitation of Comments**

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

### **Electronic comments**:

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<a href="http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml">http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</a>); or
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File No. SR-FICC-2006-08 on the subject line.

### Paper comments:

 Send paper comments in triplicate to Nancy M. Morris, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File No. SR-FICC-2006-08. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<a href="http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml">http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</a>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to

the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Section, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at FICC's principal office and on FICC's Web site at <a href="http://www.ficc.com/gov/gov.docs.jsp?NS-query=">http://www.ficc.com/gov/gov.docs.jsp?NS-query=</a>. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submission should refer to File No. SR-FICC-2006-08 and should be

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.  $^{6}$ 

submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the Federal Register].

Nancy M. Morris Secretary

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