Extension of Comment Period for Proposed Revisions to Prohibitions and Restrictions on Proprietary Trading and Certain Interests in, and Relationships With, Hedge Funds and Private Equity Funds

AGENCY: Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury (OCC); Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board); Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC); Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC); and Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) (collectively, the “Agencies”).

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On July 17, 2018, the Agencies published in the Federal Register a notice of proposed rulemaking (proposal) that would amend the regulations implementing section 13 of the Bank Holding Company Act. Section 13 contains certain restrictions on the ability of a banking entity and nonbank financial company supervised by the Board to
engage in proprietary trading and have certain interests in, or relationships with, a hedge fund or private equity fund. The proposed amendments are intended to provide banking entities with clarity about what activities are prohibited and to improve supervision and implementation of section 13.

In response to requests from commenters regarding issues addressed in the proposal, the public comment period has been extended for 30 days until October 17, 2018. This action will allow interested persons additional time to analyze the proposal and prepare their comments.

DATES: The comment period for the notice of proposed rulemaking published on July 17, 2018 (83 FR 33432), regarding proposed revisions to prohibitions and restrictions on proprietary trading and certain interests in, and relationships with, hedge funds and private equity funds, is extended from September 17, 2018, to October 17, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the methods identified in the proposal. Please submit your comments using only one method.

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1 See 83 FR 33432, 33432-33 (July 17, 2018).
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On July 17, 2018, the Agencies published in the Federal Register a notice of proposed rulemaking that would amend the regulations implementing section 13 of the Bank Holding Company Act. Section 13 contains certain restrictions on the ability of a banking entity and nonbank financial company supervised by the Board to engage in proprietary trading and have certain interests in, or relationships with, a hedge fund or private equity fund. The proposed amendments are intended to provide banking entities with clarity about what activities are prohibited and to improve supervision and implementation of section 13. The proposal stated that the public comment period would close on September 17, 2018.

The Agencies have received requests from the public asking the Agencies to extend the comment period for the proposal. These requests suggested that an extension of the comment period would help commenters provide feedback on the proposed changes and detailed requests for comment in the proposal. This extension of the comment period will allow interested persons additional time to analyze the proposal and prepare their comments. Accordingly, the comment period for the proposal is extended from September 17, 2018 to October 17, 2018.

2 83 FR 33432-33605.
3 83 FR 33432-33605.
4 See joint comment letter to the Agencies from Better Markets, Americans for Financial Reform, Public Citizen and the Center for American Progress (July 10, 2018); comment letter to the Agencies from U.S. Senators Sherrod Brown and Jeffrey A. Merkley (August 6, 2018); comment letter to the Agencies from the National Association of Federally-Insured Credit Unions (July 25, 2018).
[THIS SIGNATURE PAGE RELATES TO THE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING; EXTENSION OF COMMENT PERIOD TITLED, “EXTENSION OF COMMENT PERIOD FOR PROPOSED REVISIONS TO PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS ON PROPRIETARY TRADING AND CERTAIN INTERESTS IN, AND RELATIONSHIPS WITH, HEDGE FUNDS AND PRIVATE EQUITY FUNDS”]

By the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Date: September 4, 2018

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Secretary