



Regulatory Circular

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TO: BOX Options Participants
FROM: BOX Regulation
SUBJECT: Notice Regarding Filing of Annual Audited Reports
DATE: January 28, 2016

BOX Options Exchange LLC ("BOX" or the "Exchange") would like to remind Participants of their obligation under SEC Rule 17a-5(d) to file annual audit reports with all self-regulatory organizations to which such Participants belong. SEC Rule 17a-5(d)(6) states:

The annual audit report must be filed at the regional office of the Commission for the region in which the broker or dealer has its principal place of business, the Commission's principal office in Washington, DC, the principal office of the designated examining authority for the broker or dealer, and with the Securities Investor Protection Corporation ("SIPC") if the broker or dealer is a member of SIPC. **Copies of the reports must be provided to all self-regulatory organizations of which the broker or dealer is a member, unless the self-regulatory organization by rule waives this requirement** [emphasis added].

The Exchange has not waived this requirement.¹ However, the manner in which Participants of the Exchange are required to provide copies of their annual audit reports to the Exchange has been modified.

BOX Participants are now required to submit their annual audit reports in electronic form via FINRA's Firm Gateway. This change is effective for annual audit reports covering a fiscal year ending on or after **December 31, 2015**. BOX Participants are no longer required to submit annual audit reports directly to the Exchange.

Participants will use their current FINRA entitlement user ID and password to access the Firm Gateway and submit their annual audit reports. If additional entitlement support is needed, FINRA will assist Participants in obtaining the appropriate entitlements. Questions related to the Firm Gateway may be directed to the FINRA Gateway Call Center at 301.869.6699.

Contacts

Please review the information provided herein. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact BOX Regulation at BOXMRC@BOXregulation.com.

¹ See BOX Rule 10030.