# **Information Notice**

# **New Rate for Fees Paid Under Section 31 of the Exchange Act**

Effective Date: May 22, 2024

# **Summary**

Effective May 22, 2024, the Section 31 fee rate applicable to specified securities transactions on the exchanges and in the over-the-counter markets will increase from its current rate of \$8.00 per million dollars in transactions to a new rate of \$27.80 per million dollars in transactions.

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#### Discussion

On April 17, 2024, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) announced in Fee Rate Advisory #2 for Fiscal Year 2024 that, effective May 22, 2024, the Section 31 fee rate applicable to specified securities transactions on the exchanges and in the over-the-counter markets will increase from its current rate of \$8.00 per million dollars in transactions to a new rate of \$27.80 per million dollars in transactions. Until that date, the current rate of \$8.00 per million dollars will remain in effect.¹ The assessment on security futures transactions will remain unchanged at \$0.0042 for each round turn transaction.

Section 31 of the Exchange Act requires the SEC to annually adjust the fee rates applicable under Section 31 and, in some circumstances, to make a mid-year adjustment, after consultation with the Congressional Budget Office and the Office of Management and Budget.

# May 1, 2024

### **Suggested Routing**

- Compliance
- ► Legal
- Trading

# Key Topic(s)

- Regulatory Transaction Fee
- Section 31 Fees

#### **Referenced Rules & Notices**

- Section 3 of Schedule A to the FINRA By-Laws
- ► Section 31 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934



The SEC will issue further notices as appropriate, and the notices will be posted on the SEC's website at <u>www.sec.gov</u>.

FINRA obtains its Section 31 fees from member firms, in accordance with Section 3 of Schedule A to the By-Laws. Section 3 specifies that the amount assessed on firms will be determined periodically in accordance with Section 31 of the Exchange Act.

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#### **Endnotes**

1. For purposes of FINRA calculations, the "charge date" is the trade date, not the settlement date. See 17 CFR 240.31(a)(3). Thus, the new rate will apply to applicable covered sales in the overthe-counter market with a trade date of May 22, 2024, orlater.

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