

Information Notice

2012 Holiday Trade Date, Settlement Date and Margin Extensions Schedule

Executive Summary

FINRA is providing the following schedule to assist member firms and reduce the number of Federal Reserve Board Regulation T and Securities Exchange Act Regulation 15c3-3 extensions denied around holidays. "Regular way" transactions made on the business days noted below will be subject to the following schedule.

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Background

Brokers, dealers and municipal securities dealers should use the following **settlement dates** for purposes of clearing and settling transactions pursuant to the securities exchanges.

As specified in Sections 220.4(d) and 220.8(b)(4) of Regulation T of the Federal Reserve Board, a broker-dealer must promptly cancel or otherwise liquidate a customer purchase transaction in a margin account or cash account if payment is not received within five business days from the date of purchase or, pursuant to Section 220.4(c)(3) and 220.8(d)(1), apply to extend the time period specified. The date by which firms must take such action is shown below in the column titled "**Regulation T Date.**"

December 15, 2011

Suggested Routing

- ▶ Compliance
- ▶ Internal Audit
- ▶ Legal
- ▶ Municipal/Government Securities
- ▶ Operations
- ▶ Trading

Key Topic(s)

- ▶ Holiday Extension Dates
- ▶ Holiday Settlement Dates

Referenced Rules and Notices

- ▶ Regulation T 220.4 and 220.8
- ▶ SEA Rule 15c3-3

Similarly, SEA Regulation 15c3-3 requires firms to take prompt steps to obtain possession or control of securities pursuant to paragraph (m) through a buy-in procedure or otherwise if securities are not received within ten business days from the settlement date of the sale or, pursuant to paragraph (n), apply to extend the time period specified. The date by which firms must take such action is shown below in the column titled “SEC Extension Date.”

All SEA Rule 15c-3 extension requests **must be** received on the due dates listed below. Adherence to this procedure will reduce the number of denied requests for improper dates and establish uniformity among member firms.

SEA Rule 15c3-3 Subparagraph	Date Due
(d)(2)	on the 30th calendar day after settlement date
(d)(3)	on the 45th calendar day after settlement date
(h)	on the 45th calendar day after settlement date
(m)	on the 10th business day after settlement date

These dates also apply to a security listed on a foreign exchange. Firms must file SEA Rule 15c3-3 extensions on the appropriate dates regardless of the settlement cycle established by the foreign security market on which the security is traded.

New Year’s Day

The securities exchanges will be closed on **Monday, January 2, 2012**, in observance of New Year’s Day.

Trade Date	Settlement Date	Regulation T Date	SEC Extension Date
December 23	December 29	January 3	January 13
27	30	4	17
28	January 3	5	18
29	4	6	19
30	5	9	20
January 2	Markets Closed	—	—
3	6	10	23

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

The securities exchanges will be closed on **Monday, January 16, 2012**, in observance of Martin Luther King's birthday.

Trade Date	Settlement Date	Regulation T Date	SEC Extension Date
January 9	January 12	January 17	January 27
10	13	18	30
11	17	19	31
12	18	20	February 1
13	19	23	2
16	Markets Closed	—	—
17	20	24	3

Presidents' Day

The securities exchanges will be closed on **Monday, February 20, 2012**, in observance of Presidents' Day.

Trade Date	Settlement Date	Regulation T Date	SEC Extension Date
February 13	February 16	February 21	March 2
14	17	22	5
15	21	23	6
16	22	24	7
17	23	27	8
20	Markets Closed	—	—
21	24	28	9

Good Friday

The securities exchanges will be closed on **Friday, April 6, 2012**, in observance of Good Friday.

Trade Date	Settlement Date	Regulation T Date	SEC Extension Date
March 30	April 4	April 9	April 19
April 2	5	10	20
3	9	11	23
4	10	12	24
5	11	13	25
6	Markets Closed	—	—
9	12	16	26

Memorial Day

The securities exchanges will be closed on **Monday, May 28, 2012**, in observance of Memorial Day.

Trade Date	Settlement Date	Regulation T Date	SEC Extension Date
May 21	May 24	May 29	June 8
22	25	30	11
23	29	31	12
24	30	June 1	13
25	31	4	14
28	Markets Closed	—	—
29	June 1	5	15

Independence Day

The securities exchanges will be closed on **Wednesday, July 4, 2012**, in observance of Independence Day.

Trade Date	Settlement Date	Regulation T Date	SEC Extension Date
June 27	July 2	July 5	July 17
28	3	6	18
29	5	9	19
July 2	6	10	20
3	9	11	23
4	Markets Closed	—	—
5	10	12	24

Labor Day

The securities exchanges will be closed on **Monday, September 3, 2012**, in observance of Labor Day.

Trade Date	Settlement Date	Regulation T Date	SEC Extension Date
August 27	August 30	September 4	September 14
28	31	5	17
29	September 4	6	18
30	5	7	19
31	6	10	20
September 3	Markets Closed	—	—
4	7	11	21

Columbus Day

The securities exchanges will be **open** for trading on Columbus Day, **Monday, October 8, 2012**. Therefore, it is considered a business day for receiving customers' payments under Regulation T of the Federal Reserve Board. However, it will not be a settlement date because many of the nation's banking institutions will be closed.

Trade Date	Settlement Date	Regulation T Date	SEC Extension Date
October 1	October 4	October 8	October 18
2	5	9	19
3	9	10	23
4	10	11	24
5	11	12	25
8	11	15	25
9	12	16	26

Veteran's Day

The securities exchanges will be **open** for trading on Veteran's Day, **Monday, November 12, 2012**. Therefore, it is considered a business day for receiving customers' payments under Regulation T of the Federal Reserve Board. However, it will not be a settlement date because many of the nation's banking institutions will be closed.

Trade Date	Settlement Date	Regulation T Date	SEC Extension Date
November 5	November 8	November 12	November 23
6	9	13	26
7	13	14	28
8	14	15	29
9	15	16	30
12	15	19	30
13	16	20	December 3

Thanksgiving Day

The securities exchanges will be **closed** on **Thursday, November 22, 2012**, in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

Trade Date	Settlement Date	Regulation T Date	SEC Extension Date
November 15	November 20	November 23	December 5
16	21	26	6
19	23	27	7
20	26	28	10
21	27	29	11
22	Markets Closed	—	—
23	28	30	12

Christmas Day

The securities exchanges will be closed on **Tuesday, December 25, 2012**, in observance of Christmas Day.

Trade Date	Settlement Date	Regulation T Date	SEC Extension Date
December 18	December 21	December 26	January 8, 2013
19	24	27	9
20	26	28	10
21	27	31	11
24	28	January 2	14
25	Markets Closed	—	—
26	31	3	15