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Proficiency Requirements

At this time, NFA does not have the "proficiency course" out on their website. I have been told that they are continuing to work on this. In addition to all brokers taking the proficiency course, every IB that trades Single Stock Futures ("SSFs"), must have a Securities Futures Principal. This can be accomplished by passing a modified Series 30 exam. Again, NFA is still working on this.

Registration

NFA has started accepting SEC Form BD-N. This is the form that will register your IB as a Broker Dealer, a registration needed to trade SSFs. This form can be found at <http://www.nfa.futures.org/registration/index.html>.

Background Checks on Previous NASD Registrants

In the future, should your IB wish to hire a new broker that has been previously registered with the NASD, a background CRD check must be completed **before** the individual can become registered with your IB.

NFA Workshop

On February 12th, 2002, NFA is holding a membership workshop in Chicago on SSFs. Individuals from RJO's Compliance Department will be attending this workshop. NFA will have all materials from the workshop on their website by February 15th. http://www.nfa.futures.org/member_education/workshops/index.html.

As always, please call me with any questions @ 312-373-5214. Hopefully we will have more answers after February 12th.