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# CFTC approves proposed rule offering alternative to fingerprinting

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On January 4 2016 the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) proposed a rule offering an alternative to the requirement for foreign natural persons to provide fingerprints when applying for CFTC registration.

The proposal provides that any such person's registered firm may complete a criminal history background check instead of submitting fingerprints. The proposal generally codifies CFTC Staff Letters 12-49 and 13-29 and would supersede those letters, if adopted. Comments on the proposed rule were due by February 11 2016.

The CFTC press release is available at [www.cftc.gov/PressRoom/PressReleases/pr7302-16](http://www.cftc.gov/PressRoom/PressReleases/pr7302-16) and the proposed rule is available at [www.cftc.gov/idc/groups/public/@newsroom/documents/file/federalregister010416.pdf](http://www.cftc.gov/idc/groups/public/@newsroom/documents/file/federalregister010416.pdf).

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