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To the Secretary CTFC

Regarding the proposed implementation of a 10:1 rule on forex leverage

I currently run 2 forex accounts with USA brokers of around \$75,000 total value. If the 10:1 rule is implemented it will severely restrict forex traders ability to trade effectively and I will be closing both my US accounts immediately. Traders will certainly not work with US brokerages under these conditions and will move their accounts elsewhere to find more favourable trading conditons outside of US.

With the introduction of the FIFO rule I have already closed 2 other trading accounts with US NFA regulated bokers to the value of around \$100,000 due to the restrictive nature of the FIFO rule. There is already a large body of traders who have no interest in dealing with US brokers as a result of FIFO. Introducing brokers are no longer receiving enquiries from clients to trade in US & many have dropped those brokerages from the list with whom they deal with.

There is no doubt that a large proportion of US based forex brokers will see further closing of accounts if the leverage rule is introduced and subsequently millions of dollars will move out of US brokerages. If clients can trade elsewhere without this restriction they most certainly will. I encourage your organisation to not restrict trader's ability any further to trade effectively but concentrate on protecting traders from unscrupulous practices found in the industry instead.

Regards David F. - Australian based Forex Trader