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Re; RIN 3038-AC61

Regulating the FX market by reducing the leverage to 1:10 in the U.S. is not going to help the United States or do anything to help FX traders. Leverage is one of the things that allows retail traders to get started in the market without huge funds. By using proper stops and only using a small % of their account per trade they are protected. A smaller leverage means the new trader will not have enough funds in their account to even get started trading.

Those traders who use proper stops are not hurt by leverages of 1:100 or even more. Traders who do not use proper equity management will be bad traders and lose their account even with a 1:10 leverage.

By enacting a lower leverage amount you will just drive the trading community outside the United States.

Sincerely,

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