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I would like to comment on RIN 3038-AC61. Recently there has been a push to regulate the forex markets, which has needed some regulations. As far as I can tell from a traders perspective, the regulation has affected the traders more than the brokerages. None of the new or proposed regulations have stopped the widening of spreads or running of our stop loss points by the brokers or a variety of other tricks the brokers play. These regulations do prevent me from trading in both directions on the same currency even though I'm not trying to hedge. Different strategies will have you in a buy and sell position at the same time, because the markets don't go straight up or straight down. Therefore one strategy could be a long term strategy while a short term strategy could put the trader in a "hedging" postion to capture that momentary counter move.
By increasing the margin requirements will ultimately put the small trader out of the forex market all together.
As for myself, I will be looking at foreign brokerages, where I will be able to trade freely, if this new margin rule is implemented. I'm sure many other small traders will be looking to do the same. This will have a negative impact on the already struggling US economy.

I feel true regulation of the brokerages by stopping their underhanded practices of spread widening, stop loss running and other unfair tactics would be more beneficial to the industry than regulating the investors, which appears to me as to be what is happening with all the new rules being put in place.

Best Regards,
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