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commenter\_subject: Forex Leverage

commenter\_comments: While I understand the intent to limit the amount of leverage in the retail spot forex market, I implore you to maintain flexibility for traders to have the ability to place relatively small deposits with brokers. Since there is no FDIC or SPIC insurance, I'm personally not comfortable placing large amounts of money at forex brokers no matter how well capitalized they appear to be. Forex accounts held at Refco were tied up for long periods of time during the bankruptcy procedures which if a trader had a majority of their trading funds deposited there, they would effectively be put out of business. I also believe that they were the only accounts that lost money (could be wrong on that). If you impose a too restrictive leverage requirement, the traders with limited accounts will just open their accounts at an overseas broker which places their limited resources at greater risk. I agree that the 400 to 1 and even the 200 to 1 accounts are ridiculous, however 100 to 1 may be reasonable if a trader wants to employ multiple strategies (some of which hedge other positions), the trader has other risk money that he/she doesn't feel comfortable having on deposit with the broker, the trader has a scalp methodology and wants to use a higher leverage based on his/her preset risk (stop) still within a level that employs sound money management principles (maybe risking 1% - 3% per trade), etc. Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

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