

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Fixed Income Clearing Corporation (“FICC”); Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Amend the Clearing Agency Risk Management Framework

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”)<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on March 10, 2025, Fixed Income Clearing Corporation (“FICC”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II and III below, which Items have been prepared by the clearing agency. FICC filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>3</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(4) thereunder.<sup>4</sup> The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Clearing Agency’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The proposed rule change of Fixed Income Clearing Corporation (“FICC”) as provided in Exhibit 5 amends the Clearing Agency Risk Management Framework (“Risk Management Framework” or “Framework”) of FICC and its affiliates, The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”) and National Securities Clearing Corporation (“NSCC,” and together with FICC, the “CCPs” and the CCPs together with DTC, the “Clearing

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<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>4</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(4).

Agencies”). Specifically, the proposed rule change would amend the Risk Management Framework to make changes to clarify and update the Framework. The proposed changes would update and clarify (a) the quarterly review escalation process, (b) the annual review process as it relates to “done-away” clearing activity, (c) removal of references to Systemic Risk Council, and (d) other immaterial changes for clarification purposes.

The proposed rule change, including the Clearing Agency’s statement of the purpose of, and statutory basis for, the proposed rule change, is available on the Clearing Agency’s website at <https://www.dtcc.com/legal/sec-rule-filings> and on the Commission’s website at [https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/FICC?file\\_number=SR-FICC-2025-004](https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/FICC?file_number=SR-FICC-2025-004).

## II. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act.<sup>5</sup> Comments may be submitted electronically by using the Commission’s internet comment form ([https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file\\_number=SR-FICC-2025-004](https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file_number=SR-FICC-2025-004)) or by sending an email to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include file number SR-FICC-2025-004 on the subject line. Alternatively, paper comments may be sent to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

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<sup>5</sup> Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission’s Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of SRO.

All submissions should refer to file number SR-FICC-2025-004. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's internet website ([https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file\\_number=SR-FICC-2025-004](https://www.sec.gov/rules-regulations/self-regulatory-organization-rulemaking/national-securities-exchanges?file_number=SR-FICC-2025-004)). Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-FICC-2025-004 and should be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 21 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).