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COMMENT

August 1, 2000

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Commodity Futures Trading Commission
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Dear Secretary:

The undersigned agricultural organizations are requesting a 14-day extension to the comment period for "A New Regulatory Framework for Multilateral Transaction Execution Facilities, Intermediaries and Clearing Organizations."

These organizations believe an extension is warranted to better enable the membership of each organization to fully consider the implications of the proposed rule. Representatives of these organizations met on July 31, 2000, to discuss the proposed rule. Although the meeting was productive, a 14-day extension will provide ample time for the organizations to finalize our comments on the proposed rule.

As published in the Federal Register, the current closing date for comments is August 7, 2000. An extension of 14 days would move the closing date to August 21, 2000. We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Respectfully Submitted,

American Farm Bureau Federation
American Soybean Association
National Association of Wheat Growers
National Cattlemen's Beef Association
National Corn Growers Association
National Cotton Council
National Farmers Union
National Pork Producers Council

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