

Loosening up

Proposed changes to SGX rules affecting remisiers

Before

- Members must obtain certain particulars before opening customer accounts
- Remisiers must place security deposit of S\$30,000 with house
- Stipulated terms for written agency agreement between remisier and house
- Those working off-premises need to inform SGX, customers, and get customer written acknowledgement
- SGX approves registration of trading reps
- House officers, employees, agents need prior written approval to trade on personal account

After

- Rule will be less prescriptive, though know-your-customer checks will be needed
- Requirement removed
- Parties can negotiate terms of agreement
- Requirement removed
- House will decide if individual meets SGX's criteria
- Approval not needed as long as measures are in place to guard against conflicts