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I currently have a releatively small account in the FOREX market as I learn to trade currency with the hope of potentially making this a way to support my income in the future. However, with the new proposed rules of 10% maximum leverage, this will force many United States residents who trade in the Retail Forex market to move our funds over seas to brokerage firms not regulated by the CFTC in order for us to have the equity required to prevent margin calls. There are those that perhaps don't understand margin, leverage, and how it can work for and against your just as easily. Some regulation of the markets to protect the consumer are needed, however, when regulation becomes too aggressive it actually hurts the "little guys" such as myself from being able to make money in a market dominated by only large firms such as the Goldman Sachs. One must be educated about what leverage is and there should be clear rules so that retail customers understand what leverage is and how it works, but it should not be so overburdon that it forces the rest of us out. This is one rule that goes too far.