

STANDARDS FOR SELF REPORTING ERRONEOUS EVENTS TO FINRA CAT

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1. Overview & Purpose

While there is no requirement to self-report errors, Industry Members and CAT Reporting Agents are encouraged to use the Self-Reporting Erroneous Events Form to report erroneously reported CAT events and other CAT data errors that are not identified in the Feedback and Corrections process as outlined in the CAT Reporting Technical Specifications for Industry Members.¹ The primary purpose of the Form is to provide information to FINRA CAT so it can evaluate the impact of the reported incident on the quality of the CAT Data and to provide notice to the Regulatory Users of reported incidents that may impact their use and analysis of CAT Data when using it to fulfill their regulatory obligations. This alert provides information about self-reporting, including who may self-report, when to self-report, the considerations for when to self-report, and how to complete and submit the Self-Reporting Erroneous Events Form.² If an Industry Member or CAT Reporting Agent has questions about the Form or the process of submitting the Form they should contact FINRA CAT’s Helpdesk.

¹ Reporting errors on this form is not an independent requirement under SRO rules; however, under SRO Rules Industry Members are required to report accurate information and regulators may consider a CAT Reporter’s self-reporting of errors and correcting such errors a mitigating factor in the event of any regulatory actions related to the firm’s CAT reporting. Information received through this process will be provided by FINRA CAT to the regulators on a periodic basis or as requested.

² The Self-Reporting Erroneous Events Form, which can be found on [catnmsplan.com](https://www.catnmsplan.com) at <https://www.catnmsplan.com/forms>, may be updated on a periodic basis.

2. Who May Self-Report

Either an Industry Member or CAT Reporting Agent may contact the FINRA CAT Helpdesk or submit the Self-Reporting Erroneous Events Form to self-report. It is not necessary for both an Industry Member and its CAT Reporting Agent(s) to self-report the same issue; however, an Industry Member should ensure that the information submitted on its behalf by a CAT Reporting Agent is timely and accurate.

3. Self-Reporting Considerations

While there is no requirement to submit a self-report, Industry Members are encouraged to do so. Industry Members and CAT Reporting Agents should only use the Form to self-report erroneous events and CAT reporting errors for which there is no associated CAT error feedback and the Industry Member did not correct prior to 8 am ET on T+3. It is not necessary to use the Form to self-report errors that were identified through CAT error feedback and/or corrected, repaired or deleted prior to 8 am ET on T+3.

Broad examples of events that might be reported using this form include, but are not limited to, a failure to report order events to CAT or reporting inaccurate data. Industry Members and CAT Reporting Agents are also encouraged to use the Form to self-report erroneous events and CAT reporting errors that affect a material number of records for a particular CAT Trading Day, a material number of particular event types (for example, MENOs) and/or that persisted for several days or more. It is not necessary to self-report de minimis CAT reporting errors; however, Industry Members and CAT Reporting Agents may do so.³

Whether or not a self-reporting form is submitted, an Industry Member or its CAT Reporting Agent should submit the correct information required to be reported to CAT, even if it is unable to submit the data prior to 8 am ET on T+3, to ensure that the accurate data becomes part of the audit trail. The Plan Participants recognize that there are circumstances wherein an Industry Member or CAT Reporting Agent may not be able to submit the corrected data to CAT. The reason(s) for the Industry Member or CAT Reporting Agent's inability to do so should be explained in Item 7 of Part II of the Self-Reporting Erroneous Events form.

³ During the phased implementation time-line for IM CAT reporting, IMs can initiate self-reporting on errors for events which they have a reporting obligation pursuant to the Compliance Go-Live Dates schedule in CAT Alert 2020-1, Industry Member Test Plan (see <https://www.catnmsplan.com/cat-alerts>).

4. When to Self-Report

Industry Members and CAT Reporting Agents may self-report at any time.

The Plan Participants encourage Industry Members (and CAT Reporting Agents) that have identified an issue that affects its CAT reporting compliance obligation, to either call the FINRA CAT Helpdesk or submit the Self-Reporting Erroneous Events Form as soon as practicable, even if the root cause of the issue has not been resolved. Part I of the form may be submitted upon discovery of the erroneous reporting, and supplemental information can be provided in Part II of the Form as it becomes available.⁴

Industry Members and CAT Reporting Agents may contact the FINRA CAT Helpdesk if they have questions or require additional assistance with the Self-Reporting Erroneous Events Form. Depending on the nature of the issue, the FINRA CAT Helpdesk may advise the Industry Member to submit the Form.

5. How to Complete the Erroneous Events Self Reporting Form

The Erroneous Events Self Reporting Form is on the CAT NMS Plan website. Industry Members and CAT Reporting Agents should only self-report a single reporting issue involving erroneous events and CAT reporting errors per form. Multiple reporting issues involving erroneous events and CAT reporting errors should be filed separately. If more space is needed, additional pages may be attached to the form.

Part I. Erroneous Reporting Event Identification

Item 1. CAT Reporter Name and Org ID of the Industry Member or CAT Reporting Agent reporting the erroneous events and CAT reporting errors.

Item 2. A summary of the erroneous events and CAT reporting errors and the IMIDs that were affected by them. Also provide information regarding when errors occurred, when they were detected, what event types and fields were affected, approximate number of records or files impacted and a description of how this number was determined.

Item 3. A statement regarding how the issue was detected.

Part II. Resolution and Correction of Erroneous Reporting Event

Item 4. A statement regarding if, how, and when the root cause of the issue was resolved.

⁴ As noted in Section 3, reporting erroneous events on this Form does not negate a CAT Reporter's responsibility to provide correct information to CAT.

Item 5. A yes or no response answering whether the Industry Member or CAT Reporting Agent incorporated enhancements aimed at preventing a reoccurrence of the issue and a description of the mitigation measures.

Item 6. Any other details that the Industry Member or CAT Reporting Agent would like to provide.

Item 7. A statement as to whether the corrected or unreported data was successfully submitted to CAT. If not, provide a detailed explanation as to why the corrected or unreported data cannot be submitted. If the Industry Member or CAT Reporting Agent successfully submitted the corrected or unreported data, provide information that will assist FINRA CAT and the Regulatory Users with finding the correct or unreported data, including the date (and time, if known) that the corrected or unreported records/files were submitted to CAT, the submission method (machine-to-machine or CAT Reporter Portal) and the file name(s).

Part III. Contact Information

Item 8. In case more information is needed regarding the erroneous events and CAT reporting errors described in this form, provide the name and contact information for the individual(s) best able to provide this information to FINRA CAT and/or the Regulatory Users.

Method of Reporting: The completed self-reporting form should be emailed to the FINRA CAT Helpdesk (help@finracat.com) and must include a reference to “ERRONEOUS EVENTS SELF-REPORT” in the subject line.