

# FINRA Compliance Designated Third Party Service (D3P)

Broker-Dealer Compliance Peace of Mind.

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## BUSINESS CHALLENGE

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) requires broker-dealers to adhere to numerous regulations, including SEC Rule 17a-4(f)(3)(vii), which details stringent requirements on how electronic data is stored. Broker-dealers are required by this rule to retain a designated third party who can access electronically stored information for the SEC's review.

## HOW VERITAS CAN HELP

Veritas' FINRA Compliance Designated Third Party Service (D3P) offers a safe, secure and compliant solution. Through D3P, Veritas assists financial institutions in meeting the SEC's and FINRA's requirements. Users who have D3P have their data continuously available which helps achieve compliance. Our comprehensive environmental plans not only satisfy the independent third-party requirement, but also help uncover system and configuration issues in advance of an audit.

Veritas' detailed methodology involves analyzing your compliance status with record archiving and retrieval procedures to the SEC, FINRA and/or other regulatory authorities. The result is peace of mind and assurance that your firm has satisfied these requirements in a secure and reliable manner.

## WHAT IF YOUR DESIGNATED THIRD PARTY SERVICE PROVIDER COULD...

- Have documented procedures for accessing data in your system, including the types of data that are subject to regulations?
- Create a System Configuration Plan (SCP) for each system?
- Have a qualified and experienced systems analyst review and validate your System Configuration Plan?
- Enjoy the credibility of partnering with a Fortune 500 provider of designated third-party services?
- Have the security of a provider with the longevity and stability you need to ensure that the designated third-party services are there when needed?



## WHAT REQUIREMENT DOES VERITAS FULFILL?

Our D3P service supports the requirement of SEC 17a-4(f)(3)(vii) known as the FINRA Compliance Designated Third Party Service (D3P). Veritas' D3P service works with any WORM compliant (write once, read many) storage application, regardless of whether it is on-premises or in the cloud. Veritas will work with your technical team to guide us through your network and access the systems and records we have been asked to cover.

*Veritas offers two forms of testing based on which one would be the best fit for the needs of the client:*



**Online:** Client provides remote access for Veritas to access the system online.



**Onsite:** Veritas' analyst visits the client's facility to perform testing.

## WHAT IS INCLUDED WITH THE SERVICE?

- A Letter of Undertaking for repository.
- A yearly update that goes through a full cycle of the download procedure to cover any infrastructure changes.
- An annual test and test report to show compliance and validate our ability to perform and access on behalf of the regulators.

## HOW THIS AFFECTS YOU

- You don't want your company to be front-page news for the wrong reasons.
- Your customers only want to work with broker-dealers they can trust.
- You need to show compliance with SEC Rule 17a-4.
- FINRA auditors are asking for proof that broker-dealers have established this important designated third-party relationship.

## SEC RULE 17A-4

SEC Rule 17a-4 is part of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934 which outlines requirements for data retention, indexing, and accessibility for companies that deal in the trade or brokering of financial securities such as stocks, bonds, and futures.

According to the rule, records of numerous types of transactions must be retained and indexed on indelible media with immediate accessibility for a period of six months, and with non-immediate access for a period of up to seven years. Duplicate records must also be kept within the same time frame in a separate location.

Veritas is a leading provider of email archive migration, compliance and eDiscovery solutions. Our D3P FINRA Compliance Designated Third Party Service (D3P) gives you a simple and trusted way to create, test, and maintain a System Configuration Plan that demonstrates compliance with SEC and FINRA regulations.

## ABOUT VERITAS

Veritas Technologies is a global leader in data protection and availability. Over 50,000 enterprises—including 87 percent of the Fortune Global 500—rely on us to abstract IT complexity and simplify data management. The Veritas Enterprise Data Services Platform automates the protection and orchestrates the recovery of data everywhere it lives, ensures 24/7 availability of business-critical applications, and provides enterprises with the insights they need to comply with evolving data regulations. With a reputation for reliability at scale and a deployment model to fit any need, Veritas Enterprise Data Services Platform supports more than 800 different data sources, over 100 different operating systems, more than 1,400 storage targets, and more than 60 different cloud platforms. Learn more at [www.veritas.com](http://www.veritas.com). Follow us on Twitter at [@veritastechllc](https://twitter.com/veritastechllc).

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