

Title: New SEC rule working, but is it even more than we hoped for?

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If you missed it, the SEC pushed a new rule that keeps "human initiated" transactions from being routed to the dark pools. This has shown immediate effectiveness, as dark pool volumes were the lowest they've been in many months yesterday, and GameStop seems to be rising.

In thinking this through, if the dark pools can no longer be used for "retail buys/sells", doesn't that effectively remove Payment for order flow too? PFOF is still possible, but why would Citadel et al want those orders, since they'd have to be executed on the lit market?

Anyone have a wrinkle I can borrow?