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short sellers who publish critical reports on stocks.

Critics suspect some activists close out their short positions at prices well above the target price advocated in their short reports.

Money managers would have to report their gross short positions in a stock. That seems intended to give the SEC a view that's not diminished by offsetting long positions in the same stock at multiple brokerage firms. It isn't clear whether savvy investors would be able to circumvent the new requirement by engaging in swap trades, where brokers hold a short position on behalf of the trader.

An active short seller, who didn't want to be named for fear of being targeted by short squeezes, notes that swap-style short positions are legally held in the name of an investor's prime broker, not the money manager. Overall, the short seller says the SEC proposal's anonymity makes it preferable to the disclosure rules in Europe,