

**M.O., 2023-21****Order number I-14.01-2023-21 of the Minister of Finance dated 5 December 2023**

Derivatives Act  
(chapter I-14.01)

Concerning the Regulation 93-101 respecting Derivatives: Business Conduct

WHEREAS subparagraphs 2, 3, 11, 12, 13, 16, 26 and 29 of first paragraph of section 175 of the Derivatives Act (chapter I-14.01) provide that the Autorité des marchés financiers may make regulations concerning the matters referred to in those paragraphs;

WHEREAS section 177 of the said Act provides that, in exercising their regulatory powers, the Government, the Minister of finances and the Autorité des marchés financiers may establish various categories of persons, derivatives and transactions and prescribe appropriate rules for each category;

WHEREAS the fourth et fifth paragraphs of section 175 of the said Act provide that a draft regulation shall be published in the Bulletin de l'Autorité des marchés financiers, accompanied with the notice required under section 10 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1) and may not be submitted for approval or be made before 30 days have elapsed since its publication;

WHEREAS the second and sixth paragraphs of the said section provide that every regulation made under that section must be approved, with or without amendment, by the Minister of Finance and comes into force on the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* or on any later date specified in the regulation;

WHEREAS, in accordance with that section, the draft Regulation 93-101 respecting Derivatives: Business Conduct was published in the Bulletin de l'Autorité des marchés financiers, vol. 19, no. 2 of 20 January 2022, with a notice that it could be approved by the Minister of Finance on the expiry of 90 days following that publication;

WHEREAS the Autorité des marchés financiers made, on 13 November 2023, by the decision no. 2023-PDG-0051, the Regulation 93-101 respecting Derivatives: Business Conduct;

WHEREAS there is cause to approve this Regulation without amendment;

CONSEQUENTLY, the Minister of Finance approves without amendment the Regulation 93-101 respecting Derivatives: Business Conduct appended hereto.

Québec, 5 December 2023

ERIC GIRARD  
*Minister of Finance*

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**REGULATION 93-101 RESPECTING DERIVATIVES: BUSINESS CONDUCT**

Derivatives Act

(chapter I-14.01, s. 175, 1<sup>st</sup> par., par. (2), (30), (11), (12), (13), (16), (26) and (29), and s. 177)

**PART 1 DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION****Definitions and interpretation**

1. (1) In this Regulation

“CIRO” means the Canadian Investment Regulatory Organization;

“collateral” means cash, securities or other property that is

(a) received or held by a derivatives firm from, for or on behalf of a derivatives party, and

(b) intended to or does margin, guarantee, secure, settle or adjust one or more derivatives between the derivatives firm and the derivatives party;

“commercial hedger” means a person that carries on a business and that transacts a derivative to hedge a risk in respect of the business, related to any of the following:

(a) an asset that the person owns, produces, manufactures, processes, or merchandises or, at the time of the execution of the transaction, reasonably anticipates owning, producing, manufacturing, processing, or merchandising;

(b) a liability that the person incurs or, at the time the transaction occurs, reasonably anticipates incurring;

(c) a service that the person provides, purchases, or, at the time the transaction occurs, reasonably anticipates providing or purchasing;

“commodity derivative” means a derivative for which the only underlying interest is a commodity other than a currency;

“derivatives adviser” means any of the following:

(a) except in Québec, a person engaging in or holding themselves out as engaging in the business of advising others in respect of derivatives;

(b) in Québec, an adviser as that term is defined in the Derivatives Act (chapter I-14.01);

(c) any other person required to be registered as a derivatives adviser under securities legislation;

“derivatives dealer” means any of the following:

(a) except in Québec, a person engaging in or holding themselves out as engaging in the business of trading in derivatives as principal or agent;

(b) in Québec, a dealer as that term is defined in the Derivatives Act;

(c) any other person required to be registered as a derivatives dealer under securities legislation;

“derivatives firm” means a derivatives dealer or a derivatives adviser, as applicable;

“derivatives party” means,

(a) in relation to a derivatives dealer, any of the following:

(i) a person for which the derivatives dealer acts or proposes to act as an agent in relation to a transaction;

(ii) a person that is, or is proposed to be, a party to a derivative for which the derivatives dealer is the counterparty, and

(b) in relation to a derivatives adviser, a person to which the adviser provides or proposes to provide advice in relation to a derivative;

“derivatives party assets” means any asset, including, for greater certainty, collateral, received or held by a derivatives firm from, for or on behalf of a derivatives party;

“derivatives position” means the economic interest of a counterparty in an outstanding derivative;

“derivatives sub-adviser” means an adviser to any of the following:

(a) a derivatives adviser;

(b) a person that is registered as an adviser under securities legislation of a jurisdiction of Canada, or a person registered under commodity futures legislation in Manitoba or Ontario;

(c) a registered dealer member or a derivatives dealer that is, in each case, a dealer member of CIRO acting as an adviser in accordance with the applicable rules of CIRO;

“eligible commercial hedger” means a person that,

(a) is described in paragraph (n) of the definition of “eligible derivatives party”,  
and

(b) is not described in any other paragraph of that definition;

“eligible derivatives party” means, for a derivatives party of a derivatives firm, any of the following:

(a) a Canadian financial institution;

(b) the Business Development Bank of Canada continued under the Business Development Bank of Canada Act (S.C., 1995, chapter 28);

(c) a subsidiary of a person referred to in paragraph (a) or (b), if the person owns all of the voting securities of the subsidiary, except the voting securities required by law to be owned by directors of the subsidiary;

(d) a person registered under the securities legislation of a jurisdiction of Canada as any of the following:

(i) a derivatives dealer;

(ii) a derivatives adviser;

(iii) an adviser;

(iv) an investment dealer;

(e) a pension fund that is regulated by the federal Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions or a pension commission or similar regulatory authority of a jurisdiction of Canada or a wholly-owned subsidiary of the pension fund;

(f) an entity organized under the laws of a foreign jurisdiction that is analogous to any of the entities referred to in paragraphs (a) to (e);

(g) the Government of Canada or the government of a jurisdiction of Canada, or any crown corporation, agency or wholly-owned entity of the Government of Canada or the government of a jurisdiction of Canada;

(h) a government of a foreign jurisdiction or any agency of that government;

(i) a municipality, public board or commission in Canada and a metropolitan community, school board, the Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l'île de Montréal or an intermunicipal management board in Québec;

(j) a trust company or trust corporation registered or authorized to carry on business under the Trust and Loan Companies Act (S.C., 1991, chapter 45) or under comparable legislation in a jurisdiction of Canada or a foreign jurisdiction, acting on behalf of a managed account managed by the trust company or trust corporation, as the case may be;

(k) a person that is acting on behalf of a managed account if the person is registered or authorized to carry on business as either of the following:

- (i) an adviser or a derivatives adviser in a jurisdiction of Canada;
  - (ii) the equivalent of an adviser or a derivatives adviser under the securities legislation of a jurisdiction of Canada or a foreign jurisdiction;
- (l) an investment fund if either of the following apply:
- (i) the investment fund is managed by a person registered as an investment fund manager under the securities legislation of a jurisdiction of Canada;
  - (ii) the investment fund is advised by an adviser registered or exempted from registration under securities legislation or under commodity futures legislation of a jurisdiction of Canada;
- (m) a person, other than an individual, that has net assets of at least \$25 000 000 as shown on its most recently prepared financial statements;
- (n) a person that has represented to the derivatives firm, in writing, that it is a commercial hedger in relation to the derivatives that it transacts with the derivatives firm;
- (o) an individual that beneficially owns financial assets, as defined in section 1.1 of Regulation 45-106 respecting Prospectus Exemptions (chapter V-1.1, r. 21), that have an aggregate realizable value before tax but net of any related liabilities of at least \$5 000 000;
- (p) a person, other than an individual, that has represented to the derivatives firm, in writing, that its obligations under derivatives that it transacts with the derivatives firm are fully guaranteed or otherwise fully supported, under a written agreement, by one or more derivatives parties referred to in this definition, other than a derivatives party referred to in paragraph (n) or (o);
- (q) a qualifying clearing agency;

“institutional foreign exchange market” means the global foreign exchange market comprised of persons that are active in foreign exchange markets as part of their business and transact in foreign exchange contracts or instruments, including, for greater certainty, short-term foreign exchange contracts or instruments;

“investment dealer” means a person registered as an investment dealer under the securities legislation of a jurisdiction of Canada;

“managed account” means an account of a derivatives party for which another person makes the trading decisions if the other person has discretion to transact derivatives for the account without requiring the derivatives party’s express consent to the transaction;

“non-eligible derivatives party” means a derivatives party that is not an eligible derivatives party;

“permitted depository” means a person that is any of the following:

- (a) a Canadian financial institution;
- (b) a qualifying clearing agency;
- (c) the Bank of Canada or the central bank of a permitted jurisdiction;
- (d) a person recognized or exempted from recognition as a central securities depository under the Securities Act (chapter V-1.1);
- (e) a person
  - (i) whose head office or principal place of business is in a permitted jurisdiction,
  - (ii) that is a banking institution or trust company of a permitted jurisdiction, and
  - (iii) that has shareholders' equity, as reported in its most recent audited financial statements, of not less than \$100 000 000;
- (f) with respect to derivatives party assets that it receives from a derivatives party, a derivatives dealer;

“permitted jurisdiction” means a foreign jurisdiction that is any of the following:

- (a) a country where the head office or principal place of business of an authorized foreign bank named in Schedule III of the Bank Act (S.C., 1991, chapter 46) is located, and a political subdivision of that country;
- (b) if a derivatives party has provided express written consent to the derivatives dealer entering into a derivative in a foreign currency, the country of origin of the foreign currency used to denominate the rights and obligations under the derivative entered into by, for or on behalf of the derivatives party, and a political subdivision of that country;

“qualifying clearing agency” means a person if any of the following apply:

- (a) it is recognized or exempted from recognition as a clearing agency or a clearing house, as applicable, in a jurisdiction of Canada;
- (b) it is subject to regulation in a foreign jurisdiction that is consistent with the Principles for financial market infrastructures applicable to central counterparties, as amended from time to time, and published by the Bank for International Settlements' Committee on Payments and Market Infrastructures and the International Organization of Securities Commissions;

“referral arrangement” means any arrangement in which a derivatives firm agrees to pay or receive a referral fee;

“referral fee” means any compensation, whether made directly or indirectly, provided for the referral of a derivatives party to or from a derivatives firm;

“registered derivatives firm” means a derivatives dealer or a derivatives adviser that is registered under the securities legislation of a jurisdiction of Canada as a derivatives dealer or a derivatives adviser;

“registered firm” means a registered derivatives firm or a registered securities firm;

“registered securities firm” means a person that is registered as a dealer, an adviser or an investment fund manager in a category of registration specified in Regulation 31-103 respecting Registration Requirements, Exemptions and Ongoing Registrant Obligations (chapter V-1.1, r. 10);

“segregate” means to separately hold or separately account for a derivatives party’s positions related to derivatives or derivatives party assets;

“short-term foreign exchange contract or instrument” means a contract or instrument referred to in the following:

(a) in Manitoba, paragraph 2(1)(c) of Manitoba Securities Commission Rule 91-506 Derivatives: Product Determination;

(b) in Ontario, paragraph 2(1)(c) of Ontario Securities Commission Rule 91-506 Derivatives: Product Determination;

(c) in Québec, paragraph 2(c) of Regulation 91-506 respecting Derivatives Determination (chapter I-14.01, r. 0.1);

(d) in all other jurisdictions of Canada, paragraph 2(1)(c) of Multilateral Instrument 91-101 Derivatives: Product Determination;

“transaction” means either of the following:

(a) entering into a derivative or making a material amendment to, terminating, assigning, selling, or otherwise acquiring or disposing of, a derivative;

(b) the novation of a derivative, other than a novation with a qualifying clearing agency;

“valuation” means the value of a derivative as at a certain date determined in accordance with applicable accounting standards for fair value measurement using a methodology that is consistent with derivatives industry standards.

(2) In this Regulation, “adviser” includes

(a) in Manitoba, an “adviser” as defined in The Commodity Futures Act (C.C.S.M. chapter C152),

(b) in Ontario, an “adviser” as defined in the Commodity Futures Act (R.S.O. 1990, chapter C.20), and

(c) in Québec, an “adviser” as defined in the Securities Act.

(3) In this Regulation, a person is an affiliated entity of another person if one of them controls the other or each of them is controlled by the same person.

(4) In this Regulation, a person (the first party) is considered to control another person (the second party) if any of the following apply:

(a) the first party beneficially owns or directly or indirectly exercises control or direction over securities of the second party carrying votes which, if exercised, would entitle the first party to elect a majority of the directors of the second party unless the first party holds the voting securities only to secure an obligation;

(b) the second party is a partnership, other than a limited partnership, and the first party holds more than 50% of the interests of the partnership;

(c) all of the following apply:

(i) the second party is a limited partnership;

(ii) the first party is a general partner of the limited partnership referred to in subparagraph (i);

(iii) the first party has the power to direct the management and policies of the second party by virtue of being a general partner of the second party;

(d) all of the following apply:

(i) the second party is a trust;

(ii) the first party is a trustee of the trust referred to in subparagraph (i);

(iii) the first party has the power to direct the management and policies of the second party by virtue of being a trustee of the second party.

(5) In this Regulation, a person is a subsidiary of another person if at least one of the following applies:

(a) the person is controlled by

(i) the other person,

(ii) the other person and one or more persons each of which is controlled by that person, or

(iii) two or more persons each of which is controlled by the other person;

(b) the person is a subsidiary of a person that is that other person's subsidiary.

(6) For the purpose of this Regulation, a person referred to in paragraph (k) of the definition of "eligible derivatives party" is deemed to be transacting as principal when it is acting as an agent or trustee for a managed account.



(7) In this Regulation, in Alberta, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, the Northwest Territories, Nova Scotia, Nunavut, Prince Edward Island, Saskatchewan and Yukon, “derivative” means a “specified derivative” as defined in Multilateral Instrument 91-101 Derivatives: Product Determination.

## **PART 2 APPLICATION AND EXEMPTION**

### **Application to derivatives firms and individuals acting on their behalf**

2. For greater certainty, this Regulation applies to a derivatives firm and an individual acting on behalf of the derivatives firm whether or not they are registered.

### **Application to certain derivatives**

3. This Regulation applies to,

(a) in Manitoba,

(i) a derivative other than a contract or instrument that, for any purpose, is prescribed by any of sections 2, 4 and 5 of Manitoba Securities Commission Rule 91-506 Derivatives: Product Determination not to be a derivative, and

(ii) a derivative that is otherwise a security and that, for any purpose, is prescribed by section 3 of Manitoba Securities Commission Rule 91-506 Derivatives: Product Determination not to be a security,

(b) in Ontario,

(i) a derivative other than a contract or instrument that, for any purpose, is prescribed by any of sections 2, 4 and 5 of Ontario Securities Commission Rule 91-506 Derivatives: Product Determination not to be a derivative, and

(ii) a derivative that is otherwise a security and that, for any purpose, is prescribed by section 3 of Ontario Securities Commission Rule 91-506 Derivatives: Product Determination not to be a security,

(c) in Québec, a derivative specified in section 1.2 of Regulation 91-506 respecting Derivatives Determination (chapter I-14.01, r. 0.1), other than a contract or instrument specified in section 2 of that regulation, and

(d) in Alberta, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, the Northwest Territories, Nova Scotia, Nunavut, Prince Edward Island, Saskatchewan and Yukon, a “specified derivative” as defined in Multilateral Instrument 91-101 Derivatives: Product Determination.

### **Application – short-term foreign exchange contract or instrument**

4. (1) Despite section 3, this Regulation applies to a derivative that is a short-term foreign exchange contract or instrument in the institutional foreign exchange market transacted by a derivatives dealer with a derivatives party if all of the following apply:

- (a) the derivatives dealer is a Canadian financial institution;
- (b) the derivatives dealer has had, at any time after the date on which this Regulation comes into force, a month-end gross notional amount under all outstanding derivatives that exceed \$500 000 000 000.

(2) In respect of a short-term foreign exchange contract or instrument to which subsection (1) applies, this Regulation does not apply other than the following provisions:

- (a) section 9;
- (b) section 10;
- (c) section 12;
- (d) Division 1 of Part 5.

#### **Non-application – affiliated entities**

5. This Regulation does not apply to a person in respect of dealing with or advising an affiliated entity of the person unless the affiliated entity is an investment fund.

#### **Non-application – qualifying clearing agencies**

6. This Regulation does not apply to a qualifying clearing agency.

#### **Non-application – governments, central banks and international organizations**

7. This Regulation does not apply to any of the following:

- (a) the Government of Canada, the government of a jurisdiction of Canada or the government of a foreign jurisdiction;
- (b) the Bank of Canada or a central bank of a foreign jurisdiction;
- (c) the Bank for International Settlements;
- (d) the International Monetary Fund.

#### **Exemptions from certain requirements in this Regulation when dealing with or advising an eligible derivatives party**

8. (1) Subject to subsection (3), a derivatives firm is exempt from this Regulation, in relation to a transaction with a derivatives party if the derivatives party

- (a) is an eligible derivatives party, and
- (b) is not an individual or an eligible commercial hedger.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), a derivatives firm is exempt from this Regulation, in relation to a transaction with a derivatives party,

- (a) if the derivatives party,
  - (i) is an eligible derivatives party,
  - (ii) is an individual or an eligible commercial hedger, and
  - (iii) has provided the derivatives firm with a written statement that it “waives protections provided in Regulation 93-101” and specifies which protections that statement applies to, and
- (b) if, in the case of a derivatives party that is an individual and is an eligible commercial hedger, the derivatives firm has identified and documented the nature of the derivatives party’s business and the related commercial risks that the derivatives party is hedging.
- (3) The exemptions in subsections (1) and (2) do not apply in respect of the following:
  - (a) Division 1 of Part 3;
  - (b) sections 24 and 25;
  - (c) subsection 28(1);
  - (d) Part 5.

### **PART 3 DEALING WITH OR ADVISING DERIVATIVES PARTIES**

#### **DIVISION 1 General obligations towards all derivatives parties**

##### **Fair dealing**

- 9.** (1) A derivatives firm must act fairly, honestly and in good faith with a derivatives party.
- (2) An individual acting on behalf of a derivatives firm must act fairly, honestly and in good faith with a derivatives party.

##### **Conflicts of interest**

- 10.** (1) A derivatives firm must establish, maintain and apply reasonable policies and procedures to identify all material conflicts of interest, and material conflicts of interest that the derivatives firm in its reasonable opinion would expect to arise, between the derivatives firm, including each individual acting on behalf of the derivatives firm, and a derivatives party.
- (2) A derivatives firm must respond to a conflict of interest identified under subsection (1).

(3) If a reasonable derivatives party would expect to be informed of a conflict of interest identified under subsection (1), the derivatives firm must disclose, in a timely manner, the nature and extent of the conflict of interest to the derivatives party whose interest conflicts with the interest identified.

### **Know your derivatives party**

**11.** (1) For the purpose of paragraph (2)(c) in Ontario, “insider” has the same meaning as in the Securities Act (R.S.O. 1990, chapter S.5) except that “reporting issuer”, as it appears in the definition of “insider”, is to be read as “reporting issuer or any other issuer whose securities are publicly traded”.

(2) A derivatives firm must establish, maintain and apply reasonable policies and procedures to ensure that the derivatives firm

(a) obtains the facts necessary to comply with applicable legislation relating to the verification of a derivatives party’s identity,

(b) establishes the identity of a derivatives party and, if the derivatives firm has cause for concern, makes reasonable inquiries as to the reputation of the derivatives party,

(c) if transacting with, for or on behalf of, or advising a derivatives party in respect of a derivative that has one or more securities as an underlying interest, establishes whether either of the following applies:

(i) the derivatives party is an insider of a reporting issuer or any other issuer whose securities are publicly traded;

(ii) the derivatives party would reasonably be expected to have access to material non-public information relating to any interest underlying the derivative;

(d) establishes the creditworthiness of a derivatives party if the derivatives firm, as a result of its relationship with the derivatives party, will have any credit risk in relation to that derivatives party.

(3) For the purpose of establishing the identity of a derivatives party that is a corporation, partnership or trust, a derivatives firm must establish the following:

(a) the nature of the derivatives party’s business;

(b) the identity of any individual if either of the following applies:

(i) in the case of a corporation, is a beneficial owner of, or exercises direct or indirect control or direction over, more than 25% of the voting rights attached to the outstanding voting securities of the corporation;

(ii) in the case of a partnership or trust, exercises control over the affairs of the partnership or trust.

(4) A derivatives firm must take reasonable steps to keep current the information required under this section.

(5) This section does not apply if the derivatives party is a registered firm or a Canadian financial institution.

### **Handling complaints**

**12.** (1) In Québec, a derivatives firm is deemed to comply with this section if it complies with section 74 to 76 of the Derivatives Act (chapter I-14.01).

(2) A derivatives firm must document and, in a manner that a reasonable person would consider fair and effective, promptly respond to each complaint made to the derivatives firm about any product or service offered by the derivatives firm or an individual acting on behalf of the derivatives firm.

### **Tied selling**

**13.** A derivatives firm, or an individual acting on behalf of the derivatives firm, must not impose undue pressure on or coerce a person to obtain a derivatives-related product or service from a particular person, including, for greater certainty, the derivatives firm and any of its affiliated entities, as a condition of obtaining another product or service from the derivatives firm.

## **DIVISION 2 Additional obligations when dealing with or advising certain derivatives parties**

### **Derivatives-party-specific needs and objectives**

**14.** (1) A derivatives firm must take reasonable steps to ensure that, before it makes a recommendation to or accepts an instruction from a derivatives party to transact in a derivative, or transacts in a derivative for a derivatives party's managed account, it has sufficient information regarding all of the following to enable it to comply with section 15:

(a) the derivatives party's needs and objectives with respect to its transacting in derivatives;

(b) the derivatives party's financial circumstances;

(c) the derivatives party's risk tolerance;

(d) if applicable, the nature of the derivatives party's business and the operational risks it wants to manage.

(2) A derivatives firm must take reasonable steps to keep current the information required under this section.

### **Suitability**

**15.** (1) A derivatives firm, or an individual acting on behalf of a derivatives firm, must take reasonable steps to ensure, before it makes a recommendation to or accepts an instruction from a derivatives party to transact in a derivative, or transacts in a derivative for a derivatives party's managed account, that the derivative and the transaction are suitable for the derivatives party.

(2) If a derivatives party instructs a derivatives firm, or an individual acting on behalf of a derivatives firm, to transact in a derivative and, in the derivatives firm's reasonable opinion, following the instruction would result in a transaction or derivative that is not suitable for the derivatives party, the derivatives firm must inform the derivatives party in writing of the derivatives firm's opinion and must not transact in the derivative unless the derivatives party, after being informed, instructs the derivatives firm to proceed with the transaction.

### **Permitted referral arrangements**

**16.** A derivatives firm, or an individual acting on behalf of a derivatives firm, must not participate in a referral arrangement in respect of a derivative with another person unless all of the following apply:

(a) before a derivatives party is referred by or to the derivatives firm, the terms of the referral arrangement are set out in a written agreement between the derivatives firm and the person;

(b) the derivatives firm records all referral fees;

(c) the derivatives firm, or the individual acting on behalf of the derivatives firm, ensures that the information prescribed by subsection 18(1) is provided to the derivatives party in writing before the derivatives firm or the individual receiving the referral either opens an account for the derivatives party or provides services to the derivatives party.

### **Verifying the qualifications of the person receiving the referral**

**17.** A derivatives firm, or an individual acting on behalf of a derivatives firm, must not refer a derivatives party to another person unless the derivatives firm first takes reasonable steps to verify and conclude that the person has the appropriate qualifications to provide the services, and, if applicable, is registered to provide those services.

### **Disclosing referral arrangements to a derivatives party**

**18.** (1) The written disclosure of the referral arrangement required by paragraph 16(c) must include all of the following:

(a) the name of each party to the referral arrangement referred to in paragraph 16(a);

(b) the purpose and material terms of the referral arrangement, including the nature of the services to be provided by each party;

(c) any conflicts of interest resulting from the relationship between the parties to the referral arrangement and from any other element of the referral arrangement;

(d) the method of calculating the referral fee and, to the extent possible, the amount of the fee;

(e) the category of registration of, or exemption from registration relied upon by, each derivatives firm and individual acting on behalf of the derivatives firm that is a party to the referral arrangement with a description of the activities that the derivatives firm and individual is authorized to engage in under that category or exemption and, giving consideration to the nature of the referral, the activities that the derivatives firm or individual is not permitted to engage in;

(f) any other information that a reasonable derivatives party would consider important in evaluating the referral arrangement.

(2) If there is a change to the information set out in subsection (1), the derivatives firm must ensure that written disclosure of that change is provided to each derivatives party affected by the change as soon as possible and no later than the 30th day before the date on which a referral fee is next paid or received.

## **PART 4 DERIVATIVES PARTY ACCOUNTS**

### **DIVISION 1 Disclosure to derivatives parties**

#### **Relationship disclosure information**

**19.** (1) Before transacting with, for or on behalf of, or advising, a derivatives party for the first time, a derivatives firm must deliver to the derivatives party all information that a reasonable person would consider important about the derivatives party's relationship with the derivatives firm, and each individual acting on behalf of the derivatives firm, that is providing derivatives-related services to the derivatives party.

(2) Without limiting subsection (1), the information delivered to a derivatives party under that subsection must include all of the following:

- (a) a description of the nature or type of the derivatives party's account;
- (b) a description of the conflicts of interest that the derivatives firm is required to disclose to a derivatives party under securities legislation;
- (c) disclosure of the fees or other charges the derivatives party might be required to pay related to the derivatives party's account;
- (d) a general description of the types of transaction fees or other charges the derivatives party might be required to pay in relation to derivatives;
- (e) a general description of any compensation paid to the derivatives firm by any other party in relation to the different types of derivatives that a derivatives party may transact in through the derivatives firm;
- (f) a description of the content and frequency of reporting for each account or portfolio of a derivatives party;
- (g) disclosure of the derivatives firm's obligations if a derivatives party has a complaint contemplated under section 12;

(h) a statement that the derivatives firm has an obligation to assess whether a derivative is suitable for a derivatives party prior to executing a transaction or at any other time or a statement identifying the exemption the derivatives firm is relying on in respect of this obligation;

(i) the information a derivatives firm must collect about the derivatives party under sections 11 and 14;

(j) a general explanation of how performance benchmarks might be used to assess the performance of a derivatives party's derivatives and any options for benchmark information that might be available to the derivatives party from the derivatives firm;

(k) in the case of a derivatives firm that holds or has access to derivatives party assets, a general description of the manner in which the assets are held, used or are invested by the derivatives firm and a description of the risks and benefits to the counterparty arising from the derivatives firm holding or having access to use or invest the derivatives party assets in that manner.

(3) A derivatives firm must deliver the information required under subsection (1) to the derivatives party in writing before the derivatives firm does either of the following:

- (a) first transacts in a derivative with, for or on behalf of the derivatives party;
- (b) first advises the derivatives party in respect of a derivative.

(4) If there is a significant change in respect of the information delivered to a derivatives party under subsection (1) or (2), the derivatives firm must take reasonable steps to notify the derivatives party of the change in a timely manner and, if possible, before the derivatives firm next does either of the following:

- (a) transacts in a derivative with, for or on behalf of the derivatives party;
- (b) advises the derivatives party in respect of a derivative.

(5) A derivatives firm must not impose any new fee or other charge in respect of an account of a derivatives party, or increase the amount of any fee or other charge in respect of an account of a derivatives party, unless written notice of the new or increased fee or charge is provided to the derivatives party at least 60 days before the date on which the imposition or increase becomes effective.

(6) Subsections (1) to (4) do not apply to a derivatives dealer in respect of a derivatives party for whom the derivatives dealer transacts in a derivative only as directed by a derivatives adviser acting for the derivatives party.

(7) A derivatives dealer referred to in subsection (6) must deliver the information referred to in paragraphs (2)(a) to (g) to the derivatives party in writing before the derivatives dealer first transacts in a derivative for the derivatives party.



**Pre-transaction disclosure**

**20.** (1) Before transacting in a type of derivative with, for or on behalf of a derivatives party for the first time, a derivatives dealer must deliver each of the following to the derivatives party:

(a) a general description of the type of derivatives and services related to derivatives that the derivatives firm offers;

(b) a document designed to reasonably enable the derivatives party to assess each of the following:

(i) the types of risks that a derivatives party should consider when making a decision relating to types of derivatives that the derivatives dealer offers, including, for greater certainty, the material risks relating to the type of derivatives transacted and the derivatives party's potential exposure under the type of derivatives;

(ii) the material characteristics of the type of derivative, including, for greater certainty, the material economic terms and the rights and obligations of the counterparties to the type of derivative;

(c) the following statement, or a statement in writing that is substantially similar:

“A characteristic of many derivatives is that you are only required to deposit funds that correspond to a portion of your total potential obligations when entering into the derivative. However, your profits or losses from the derivative are based on changes in the total value of the derivative. This means the leverage characteristic magnifies the profit or loss under a derivative, and losses can greatly exceed the amount of funds deposited. We may require you to deposit additional funds to cover your obligations under a derivative as the value of the derivative changes. If you fail to deposit these funds, we may close out your position without warning. You should understand all of your obligations under a derivative, including your obligations if the value of the derivative declines.

“Using borrowed money to finance a derivatives transaction involves greater risk than using cash resources only. If you borrow money, your responsibility to repay the loan and pay interest as required by its terms remains the same even if the value of the derivative declines.”.

(2) Before transacting in a derivative with, for or on behalf of a derivatives party, a derivatives dealer must advise the derivatives party of all of the following:

(a) any material risks or material characteristics that are materially different from the risks or characteristics described in the disclosure required under subsection (1);

(b) if applicable, the price of the derivative to be transacted and the most recent valuation;

(c) any compensation or other incentive payable by the derivatives party relating to the derivative or the transaction.

**Valuation reporting**

21. (1) On each business day, a derivatives dealer must make available to a derivatives party a valuation for each derivative that it has transacted with, for or on behalf of the derivatives party and with respect to which obligations remain outstanding on that day.

(2) At least once every 3 months, a derivatives adviser must make available to a derivatives party a valuation statement for each derivative that it has transacted for or on behalf of the derivatives party, unless the derivatives party requests the valuation statement be made available monthly, in which case the adviser must make available a statement to the derivatives party for each one-month period.

**Notice to derivatives parties by non-resident derivatives dealers**

22. A derivatives dealer whose head office or principal place of business is not in Canada must not transact in a derivative with a derivatives party in the local jurisdiction unless it has delivered to the derivatives party a statement in writing disclosing all of the following:

(a) the foreign jurisdiction in which the head office or the principal place of business of the derivatives dealer is located;

(b) that all or substantially all of the assets of the derivatives dealer may be situated outside the local jurisdiction;

(c) that there may be difficulty enforcing legal rights against the derivatives dealer because of the above;

(d) the name and address of the agent for service of process of the derivatives dealer in the local jurisdiction.

**DIVISION 2 Derivatives party assets****Definition – initial margin**

23. In this Division, “initial margin” means any derivatives party assets delivered by a derivatives party to a derivatives firm as collateral to cover potential changes in the value of a derivative over an appropriate close-out period in the event of a default.

**Application and interaction with other regulations**

24. A derivatives firm is exempt from the provisions in this Division if any of the following apply:

(a) the derivatives firm is subject to and complies with or is exempt from sections 3 to 8 of Regulation 94-102 respecting Derivatives: Customer Clearing and Protection of Customer Collateral and Positions (chapter I 14.01, r. 0.001) in respect of derivatives party assets;

(b) the derivatives firm is subject to and complies with Guideline E-22 *Margin Requirements for Non-Centrally Cleared Derivatives* issued by the federal Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions;

(c) the derivatives firm is subject to and complies with the *Guideline on margins for over-the-counter derivatives not cleared by a central counterparty* issued by the Autorité des marchés financiers in respect of derivatives party assets;

(d) the derivatives firm is subject to and complies with Regulation 81-102 respecting Investment Funds (chapter V-1.1, r. 39) in respect of derivatives party assets.

#### **Segregating derivatives party assets**

25. A derivatives firm must segregate derivatives party assets and derivatives positions from the property and derivatives positions of the derivatives firm and other persons.

#### **Holding initial margin**

26. A derivatives firm must hold initial margin in an account at a permitted depository.

#### **Investment or use of initial margin**

27. (1) A derivatives firm must not use or invest initial margin without receiving written consent from the derivatives party.

(2) A derivatives firm must not use or invest the initial margin of a derivatives party unless the derivatives firm has entered into a written agreement with the derivatives party under which the derivatives firm assumes all losses resulting from the investment or use of initial margin by the derivatives firm.

### **DIVISION 3 Reporting to derivatives parties**

#### **Content and delivery of transaction information**

28. (1) A derivatives dealer that transacts with, for or on behalf of a derivatives party must promptly deliver a written confirmation of the transaction to the following, as applicable:

(a) the derivatives party;

(b) if the derivatives party has consented in writing, a derivatives adviser acting for the derivatives party.

(2) If a derivatives dealer has transacted with, for or on behalf of a non-eligible derivatives party, the written confirmation required under subsection (1) must include all of the following, as applicable:

(a) a description of the derivative;

(b) a description of the agreement that governs the transaction;

- (c) the notional amount, quantity or volume of the underlying asset of the derivative;
- (d) the number of units of the derivative;
- (e) the total price paid for the derivative and the per unit price of the derivative;
- (f) the commission, sales charge, service charge and any other amount charged in respect of the transaction;
- (g) whether the derivatives dealer acted as principal or agent in relation to the derivative;
- (h) the date and the name of the trading facility on which the transaction took place;
- (i) the name of each individual acting on behalf of the derivatives firm that provided advice relating to the derivative or the transaction;
- (j) the date of the transaction;
- (k) the name of the qualifying clearing agency where the derivative was cleared.

#### **Derivatives party statements**

**29.** (1) A derivatives firm must deliver a statement referred to in subsection (2) to a derivatives party, at the end of each quarterly period, if either of the following applies:

- (a) within the quarterly period the derivatives firm transacted a derivative with, for or on behalf of the derivatives party;
- (b) the derivatives party has an outstanding derivatives position resulting from a transaction where the derivatives firm acted as a derivatives dealer.

(2) A derivatives firm that delivers a statement referred to in subsection (1) must include in the statement all of the following information for each transaction made with, for or on behalf of the derivatives party by the derivatives firm during the period covered by the statement, if applicable:

- (a) the date of the transaction;
- (b) a description of the transaction, including, for greater certainty, the notional amount, the number of units, the price per unit and the total price of the derivative transacted;
- (c) information sufficient to identify the agreement that governs the transaction.

(3) A derivatives firm that delivers a statement referred to in subsection (1) must include in the statement all of the following information, as applicable, as at the date of the statement:

- (a) a description of each outstanding derivative to which the derivatives party is a party;
- (b) the valuation, as at the statement date, of each outstanding derivative referred to in paragraph (a);
- (c) the final valuation, as at the expiry or termination date, of each derivative that expired or terminated during the period covered by the statement;
- (d) a description of all derivatives party assets held or received by the derivatives firm as collateral;
- (e) the amount of any cash balance in the derivatives party's account;
- (f) a description of assets of a derivatives party, other than assets referred to in paragraph (d), held or received by the derivatives firm;
- (g) the total market value of any outstanding derivatives and derivatives party assets referred to in paragraph (f) in the derivatives party's account.

## **PART 5 COMPLIANCE AND RECORDKEEPING**

### **DIVISION 1 Compliance**

#### **Definitions**

**30.** In this Division,

“chief compliance officer” means the officer or partner of a derivatives firm who is responsible for establishing, maintaining and applying written policies and procedures to monitor and assess compliance, of the derivatives firm and individuals acting on its behalf, with securities legislation relating to derivatives;

“derivatives business unit” means, in respect of a derivatives firm, a division or other organizational unit the employees of which transact in, or provide advice in relation to, a type of derivative, or a class of derivatives, on behalf of the derivatives firm;

“senior derivatives manager” means an individual designated by the derivatives dealer under subsection 32(1).

#### **Policies and procedures**

**31.** A derivatives firm must establish, maintain and apply policies and procedures that establish a system of controls and supervision sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that all of the following are satisfied:

- (a) the derivatives firm and each individual acting on its behalf in relation to transacting in, or providing advice in relation to, a derivative, comply with securities legislation relating to trading and advising in derivatives;

(b) the risks relating to its derivatives activities within the derivatives business unit are managed in accordance with the derivatives firm's risk management policies and procedures;

(c) each individual who performs an activity on behalf of the derivatives firm relating to transacting in, or providing advice in relation to, a derivative, before commencing the activity and on an ongoing basis,

(i) has the experience, education and training that a reasonable person would consider necessary to perform the activity competently,

(ii) without limiting subparagraph (i), understands the structure, features and risks of each derivative that the individual transacts in or advises in relation to, and

(iii) acts with integrity.

### **Designation and responsibilities of a senior derivatives manager**

**32.** (1) A derivatives dealer must do the following:

(a) designate an individual as a senior derivatives manager for each derivatives business unit;

(b) identify to the regulator or, in Québec, the securities regulatory authority, upon request, each individual designated as the senior derivatives manager in respect of each derivatives business unit.

(2) A senior derivatives manager must do the following:

(a) supervise the derivatives-related activities conducted in the derivatives business unit directed towards ensuring compliance by the derivatives business unit, and each individual employed in the derivatives business unit, with this Regulation, applicable securities legislation, including for greater certainty, ensuring the policies and procedures required under section 31 are applied;

(b) respond by addressing, in a timely manner, any material non-compliance by an individual employed in the derivatives business unit with this Regulation, applicable securities legislation, or the policies and procedures required under section 31, including reporting to the chief compliance officer.

(3) At least once every calendar year, the senior derivatives manager in respect of each derivatives business unit must,

(a) prepare a report containing the following, as applicable:

(i) a description of

(A) each incident of material non-compliance with this Regulation, securities legislation relating to trading in derivatives or the policies and procedures required under section 31 by the derivatives business unit or an individual in the derivatives business unit, and

(B) the steps taken to respond to each incidence of material non-compliance;

(ii) a statement to the effect that the derivatives business unit is in material compliance with this Regulation, securities legislation relating to trading and advising in derivatives and the policies and procedures required under section 31; and

(b) submit the report referred to in paragraph (a) to the board of directors of the derivatives firm.

(4) The obligation of the senior derivatives manager under paragraph (3)(b) may be fulfilled by the derivatives firm's chief compliance officer.

### **Responsibility of a derivatives dealer to report to the regulator or the securities regulatory authority**

33. A derivatives dealer must report to the regulator or, in Québec, the securities regulatory authority, in a timely manner any circumstance in which a derivatives dealer is not or was not in compliance with the requirements of this Regulation or other securities legislation relating to trading in derivatives if any of the following applies:

(a) the non-compliance creates or created, in the opinion of a reasonable person, a risk of material harm to a derivatives party;

(b) the non-compliance creates or created, in the opinion of a reasonable person, a risk of material harm to capital markets;

(c) the non-compliance is part of a pattern of material non-compliance.

## **DIVISION 2 Recordkeeping**

### **Derivatives party agreement**

34. (1) A derivatives firm must, before transacting in a derivative with, for or on behalf of a derivatives party, enter into an agreement referred to in subsection (2) with the derivatives party.

(2) For the purposes of (1), the agreement must establish all of the material terms governing the relationship between the derivatives firm and the derivatives party including the rights and obligations of the derivatives firm and the derivatives party.

### **Records**

35. A derivatives firm must keep records of its derivatives transactions and advising activities, including all of the following, as applicable:

(a) records containing a general description of its derivatives business and activities conducted with, for or on behalf of, derivatives parties, and compliance with applicable provisions of securities legislation, including,

- (i) records of derivatives party assets, and
- (ii) records documenting the derivatives firm's compliance with internal policies and procedures;
- (b) for each derivative, records demonstrating the existence and nature of the derivative, including,
  - (i) records of communications with the derivatives party relating to transacting in the derivative,
  - (ii) documents provided to the derivatives party to confirm the derivative, the terms of the derivative and each transaction relating to the derivative,
  - (iii) correspondence relating to the derivative and each transaction relating to the derivative,
  - (iv) records made by staff relating to the derivative and each transaction relating to the derivative, including notes, memos and journals,
  - (v) records relating to pre-execution activity for each transaction including all communications relating to quotes, solicitations, instructions, transactions and prices, however they may be communicated,
  - (vi) reliable timing data for the execution of each transaction relating to the derivative,
  - (vii) records relating to the execution of the transaction, including
    - (A) information obtained to determine whether the counterparty qualifies as an eligible derivatives party,
    - (B) fees or commissions charged,
    - (C) information used in calculating the derivative's valuation;and
    - (D) any other information relevant to the transaction;
  - (viii) an itemized record of post-transaction processing and events, including a record in relation to the calculation of margin and exchange of collateral; and
  - (ix) the price and valuation of the derivative.

**Form, accessibility and retention of records**

**36.** (1) The records required to be maintained in this Regulation must be kept in a safe location, readily accessible and in a durable form for a period of,

- (a) except in Manitoba, seven years from the date the record is created, and



(b) in Manitoba, eight years from the date the record is created.

(2) A record required to be provided to the regulator or, in Québec, the securities regulatory authority, must be provided in a format that is capable of being read by the regulator or, in Québec, the securities regulatory authority.

## **PART 6 EXEMPTIONS**

### **DIVISION 1 Exemption from this Regulation**

#### **Exemption for foreign liquidity providers – transactions with derivatives dealers**

**37.** A person is exempt from the provisions of this Regulation in respect of a transaction if all of the following apply:

(a) the transaction is made with either an investment dealer registered in accordance with Regulation 31-103 respecting Registration Requirements, Exemptions and Ongoing Registrant Obligations (chapter V-1.1, r. 10) or a derivatives dealer, that, in each case, is transacting as principal for its own account;

(b) the person is registered, licensed or authorized, or otherwise operates under an exemption or exclusion from a requirement to be registered, licensed or authorized under the securities, commodity futures or derivatives legislation of a foreign jurisdiction in which its head office or principal place of business is located to carry on the activities in that jurisdiction that registration as a derivatives dealer would permit it to carry on in the local jurisdiction;

(c) the person is not any of the following:

(i) a derivatives dealer whose head office or principal place of business is in Canada;

(ii) a derivatives dealer that is a Canadian financial institution.

#### **Exemption for certain derivatives end-users**

**38.** (1) A person is exempt from this Regulation if all of the following apply:

(a) the person does not solicit or otherwise transact a derivative with, for or on behalf of, a non-eligible derivatives party;

(b) the person does not, in respect of any derivative or transaction, advise a non-eligible derivatives party, other than general advice that is provided in accordance with the conditions of section 45;

(c) the person does not regularly make or offer to make a market in a derivative with a derivatives party;

(d) the person does not regularly facilitate or otherwise intermediate transactions for another person;

(e) the person does not facilitate the clearing of a derivative through the facilities of a qualifying clearing agency for another person.

(2) The exemption in subsection (1) is not available to a person if either of the following applies:

(a) the person is a registered derivatives firm or a registered securities firm in any jurisdiction of Canada or is registered under the commodity futures legislation of Manitoba or Ontario;

(b) the person is registered under the securities, commodity futures or derivatives legislation of a foreign jurisdiction in which its head office or principal place of business is located in a category of registration to carry on the activities in that jurisdiction that registration as a derivatives dealer or derivatives adviser would permit it to carry on in the local jurisdiction.

### **Exemption for foreign derivatives dealers**

**39.** (1) A derivatives dealer whose head office or principal place of business is in a foreign jurisdiction specified in Appendix A is exempt from the provisions in this Regulation if all of the following apply:

(a) the derivatives dealer transacts only with, for or on behalf of, a person in the local jurisdiction that is an eligible derivatives party;

(b) the derivatives dealer is registered, licensed or authorized under the securities, commodity futures or derivatives legislation of a foreign jurisdiction specified in Appendix A to conduct the derivatives activities in the foreign jurisdiction that it proposes to conduct with the derivatives party;

(c) the derivatives dealer is subject to and complies with the securities, commodity futures or derivatives legislation of the foreign jurisdictions specified in Appendix A relating to the activities being conducted by the derivatives dealer with a derivatives party whose head office or principal place of business is in Canada;

(d) the derivatives dealer provides the regulator or, in Québec, the securities regulatory authority, with prompt access to its books and records upon request with respect to any matter relating to the activities being conducted with a derivatives party whose head office or principal place of business is located in Canada.

(2) The exemption in subsection (1) is not available unless all of the following apply:

(a) the derivatives dealer engages in the business of a derivatives dealer in the foreign jurisdiction in which its head office or principal place of business is located;

(b) the derivatives dealer has delivered to the derivatives party a statement in writing disclosing all of the following:

(i) the foreign jurisdiction in which the derivatives dealer's head office or principal place of business is located;

(ii) that all or substantially all of the assets of the derivatives dealer may be situated outside of the local jurisdiction;

(iii) that there may be difficulty enforcing legal rights against the derivatives dealer because of the above;

(iv) the name and address of the agent for service of process of the derivatives dealer in the local jurisdiction;

(c) the derivatives dealer has submitted to the regulator or, in Québec, the securities regulatory authority, a completed Form 93-101F1.

(3) Paragraphs (1) (a) to (d) do not apply if the derivatives party is an affiliated entity of the derivatives dealer unless the affiliated entity is an investment fund.

(4) Paragraph (2)(b) does not apply if the derivatives party is an affiliated entity of the derivatives dealer unless the affiliated entity is an investment fund.

## **DIVISION 2 Exemptions from specific provisions in this Regulation**

### **Definition – local counterparty**

**40.** In this Division, “local counterparty” means a counterparty to a derivative in any jurisdiction of Canada if either of the following applies:

(a) the counterparty is a person, other than an individual, to which one or more of the following apply:

(i) the person is organized under the laws of the local jurisdiction;

(ii) the head office of the person is in the local jurisdiction;

(iii) the principal place of business of the person is in the local jurisdiction;

(b) the counterparty is an affiliated entity of a person referred to in paragraph (a) and the person is liable for all or substantially all of the liabilities of the counterparty.

### **Investment dealers**

**41.** A derivatives dealer that is an investment dealer member of CIRO is exempt from the provisions of this Regulation set out in Appendix B if both of the following apply:

(a) the derivatives dealer is subject to and complies with the corresponding conduct and other applicable rules of CIRO in connection with a transaction or other related activity;

(b) the derivatives dealer promptly notifies the regulator or, in Québec, the securities regulatory authority, of each instance of material non-compliance with a provision of this Regulation that is set out in Appendix B.

**Canadian financial institutions**

**42.** A derivatives dealer that is a Canadian financial institution is exempt from the provisions of this Regulation set out in Appendix C if both of the following apply:

(a) the derivatives dealer is subject to and complies with the corresponding conduct and other regulatory provisions of its prudential regulator in connection with a transaction or other related activity;

(b) the derivatives dealer promptly notifies the regulator or, in Québec, the securities regulatory authority, of each instance of material non-compliance with a provision of this Regulation that is set out in Appendix C.

**Derivatives transacted on a derivatives trading facility where the identity of the derivatives party is unknown**

**43.** A derivatives dealer is exempt from the provisions in this Regulation, except for section 9, section 12, and Part 5, in respect of a transaction to which both of the following apply:

(a) the execution of the transaction is on and subject to the rules of a derivatives trading facility;

(b) the derivatives dealer does not know the identity of the derivatives party prior to and at the time of execution of the transaction.

**Exemptions from certain requirements in this Regulation for certain notional amounts of certain commodity derivatives and other derivatives activity**

**44.** (1) A derivatives dealer is exempt from this Regulation, other than section 9, section 10 and section 28, if all of the following apply:

(a) the derivatives dealer does not solicit or otherwise transact a derivative with, for or on behalf of, a non-eligible derivatives party;

(b) the derivatives dealer does not, in respect of derivatives or transactions, advise a non-eligible derivatives party, other than in accordance with section 45;

(c) either of the following applies:

(i) the derivatives dealer has its head office or principal place of business in a jurisdiction of Canada and the derivatives dealer, together with each affiliated entity of the derivatives dealer that is a local counterparty, excluding investment funds, and excluding derivatives between all affiliated entities, has not had, in any of the previous 24 calendar months, an aggregate month-end gross notional amount under outstanding derivatives, exceeding \$250 000 000;

(ii) the derivatives dealer has its head office and principal place of business in a foreign jurisdiction and the derivatives dealer, together with each affiliated entity of the derivatives dealer that is a local counterparty, excluding investment funds, and excluding derivatives between all affiliated entities, has not had, in any of the previous 24 calendar months, an aggregate month-end gross notional amount under outstanding derivatives with one or more counterparties that have a head office or principal place of business in Canada, exceeding \$250 000 000.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), a derivatives dealer is exempt from the provisions of this Regulation, other than section 9, section 10 and section 28, if all of the following apply:

(a) the derivatives dealer does not solicit or otherwise transact a derivative with, for or on behalf of, a non-eligible derivatives party;

(b) the derivatives dealer does not, in respect of derivatives or transactions, advise a non-eligible derivatives party, other than in accordance with section 45;

(c) the derivatives dealer, and each affiliated entity of the derivatives dealer that is also a derivatives dealer, is a derivative dealer solely as a result of transactions in respect of commodity derivatives;

(d) either of the following applies:

(i) the derivatives dealer has its head office or principal place of business in a jurisdiction of Canada and the derivatives dealer, together with each affiliated entity of the derivatives dealer that is a local counterparty, excluding investment funds, and excluding derivatives between all affiliated entities, has not had, in any of the previous 24 calendar months, an aggregate month-end gross notional amount under outstanding commodity derivatives, exceeding \$10 000 000 000;

(ii) the derivatives dealer has its head office and principal place of business in a foreign jurisdiction and the derivatives dealer, together with each affiliated entity of the derivatives dealer that is a local counterparty, excluding investment funds, and excluding derivatives between all affiliated entities, has not had, in any of the previous 24 calendar months, an aggregate month-end gross notional amount under outstanding commodity derivatives with one or more counterparties that have a head office or principal place of business in Canada, exceeding \$10 000 000 000.

(3) Subsection (2) does not apply in respect of a commodity derivative for which the underlying interest is a cryptoasset.

### **DIVISION 3 Exemptions for derivatives advisers**

#### **Advising generally**

45. (1) For the purpose of subsection (3), “financial or other interest” in relation to a derivative or a transaction includes the following:

(a) ownership of, beneficial or otherwise, an underlying interest or underlying interests of the derivative;

(b) ownership of, beneficial or otherwise, or another interest in, a derivative that has the same underlying interest as the derivative;

(c) a commission or other compensation received or expected to be received from any person in relation to a transaction, an underlying interest in the derivative or a derivative that has the same underlying interest as the derivative;

(d) a financial arrangement in relation to the derivative, an underlying interest in the derivative or a derivative that has the same underlying interest as the derivative;

(e) any other interest that relates to the transaction.

(2) A person that acts as a derivatives adviser is exempt from the provisions of this Regulation applicable to a derivatives adviser if the advice that the person provides does not purport to be tailored to the needs of the person receiving the advice.

(3) If the person referred to in subsection (2) recommends a transaction involving a derivative, a class of derivatives or the underlying interest of a derivative or class of derivatives in which any of the following has a financial or other interest, the person must disclose the interest, including a description of the nature of the interest, concurrently with providing the advice:

(a) the person;

(b) any partner, director or officer of the person;

(c) if the person is an individual, the spouse or child of the individual;

(d) any other person that would be an insider of the first mentioned person if the first mentioned person were a reporting issuer.

#### **Foreign derivatives advisers**

46. (1) A derivatives adviser whose head office or principal place of business is in a foreign jurisdiction specified in Appendix D is exempt from the provisions of this Regulation in respect of advice provided to a derivatives party if all of the following apply:

(a) the derivatives party to whom the advice is being provided is an eligible derivatives party;

(b) the derivatives adviser is registered, licensed or authorized, or otherwise operates under an exemption from registration, under the securities, commodity futures or derivatives legislation of a foreign jurisdiction specified in Appendix D to conduct the derivatives activities in the foreign jurisdiction that it proposes to conduct with the derivatives party;

(c) the derivatives adviser is subject to and complies with the securities, commodity futures or derivatives legislation of the foreign jurisdictions specified in Appendix D relating to the activities being conducted by the derivatives adviser with a derivatives party whose head office or principal place of business is in Canada;

(d) the derivatives adviser provides the regulator or, in Québec, the securities regulatory authority, with prompt access to its books and records upon request with respect to any matter relating to the activities being conducted with a derivatives party whose head office or principal place of business is in Canada.

(2) The exemption under subsection (1) is not available unless all of the following apply:

(a) the derivatives adviser engages in the business of a derivatives adviser in the foreign jurisdiction in which its head office or principal place of business is located;

(b) the derivatives adviser has delivered to the derivatives party a statement in writing disclosing the following:

(i) the foreign jurisdiction in which the derivatives adviser's head office or principal place of business is located;

(ii) that all or substantially all of the assets of the derivatives adviser may be situated outside of the local jurisdiction;

(iii) that there may be difficulty enforcing legal rights against the derivatives adviser because of the above;

(iv) the name and address of the agent for service of process of the derivatives adviser in the local jurisdiction.

(c) the derivatives adviser has submitted to the regulator or, in Québec, the securities regulatory authority, a completed Form 93-101F1 Submission to Jurisdiction and Appointment of Agent for Service of Process;

(3) A derivatives adviser that relied on the exemption under subsection (1) during the 12-month period preceding December 1 of a year must notify the regulator or, in Québec, the securities regulatory authority, of that fact by December 1 of that year.

(4) In Ontario, subsection (3) does not apply to a derivatives adviser that complies with the filing and fee payment provisions applicable to an unregistered exempt international firm under Ontario Securities Commission Rule 13-502 Fees.

(5) A person is exempt from subsections (2) and (3) if the person is registered as a derivatives adviser in the local jurisdiction.

(6) Paragraphs (1) (a) to (d) do not apply if the derivatives party is an affiliated entity of the derivatives adviser unless the affiliated entity is an investment fund.

(7) Paragraph (2)(b) does not apply if the derivatives party is an affiliated entity of the derivatives adviser unless the affiliated entity is an investment fund.

#### **Foreign derivatives sub-advisers**

47. (1) A derivatives sub-adviser whose head office or principal place of business is in a foreign jurisdiction specified in Appendix E is exempt from the provisions of this Regulation if all of the following apply:

(a) the obligations and duties of the sub-adviser are set out in a written agreement with the derivatives adviser or derivatives dealer;

(b) the derivatives adviser or derivatives dealer has entered into a written agreement with its derivatives parties on whose behalf derivatives advice is or portfolio management services are to be provided, agreeing to be responsible for any loss that arises out of the failure of the derivatives sub-adviser to do any of the following:

(i) exercise the powers and discharge the duties of its office honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the derivatives firm and each derivatives party of the derivatives firm for whose benefit the derivatives advice is, or portfolio management services are, to be provided;

(ii) exercise the degree of care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in the circumstances.

(2) The exemption under subsection (1) is not available unless all of the following apply:

(a) the derivatives sub-adviser's head office or principal place of business is in a foreign jurisdiction;

(b) the derivatives sub-adviser is registered, licensed or authorized in a category of registration, or operates under an exemption from registration, under the securities, commodity futures or derivatives legislation of the foreign jurisdiction in which its head office or principal place of business is located;

(c) the legislation of the foreign jurisdiction referred to in paragraph (b) permits the derivatives sub-adviser to carry on the activities in that jurisdiction that registration as a derivatives adviser would permit it to carry on in the local jurisdiction;

(d) the derivatives sub-adviser engages in the business of a derivatives adviser in the foreign jurisdiction in which its head office or principal place of business is located.

### **Registered advisers under securities or commodity futures legislation**

**48.** A derivatives adviser that is registered as an adviser under securities legislation or, in Ontario and Manitoba, commodity futures legislation, is exempt from the provisions set out in Appendix F if the derivatives adviser complies with the corresponding business conduct provisions of securities or commodity futures legislation in connection with a transaction or other related derivatives activity with a derivatives party.

## **PART 7 GRANTING AN EXEMPTION**

### **Granting an exemption**

**49.** (1) The regulator or, in Québec, the securities regulatory authority, may grant an exemption from this Regulation, in whole or in part, subject to such conditions or restrictions as may be imposed in the exemption.



- (2) Despite subsection (1), in Ontario, only the regulator may grant such an exemption.
- (3) Except in Alberta and Ontario, an exemption referred to in subsection (1) is granted under the statute referred to in Appendix B of Regulation 14-101 respecting Definitions (chapter V-1.1, r. 3) opposite the name of the local jurisdiction.

## **PART 8 TRANSITION AND EFFECTIVE DATE**

### **Transition representations for existing derivatives parties**

**50.** (1) In this section “transition period” means the period commencing on 28 September 2024 and expiring on 28 September 2029.

(2) During the transition period, for the purposes of this Regulation, an “eligible derivatives party”, as defined in section 1(1), includes a person, that is any of the following:

(a) a permitted client, as that term is defined in Regulation 31-103 respecting Registration Requirements, Exemptions and Ongoing Registrant Obligations (chapter V-1.1, r. 10);

(b) in Ontario, an accredited investor, other than an individual, as that term is defined in Regulation 45-106 respecting Prospectus Exemptions (chapter V-1.1, r. 21);

(c) an accredited counterparty, as that term is defined in the Derivatives Act (chapter I-14.01);

(d) a qualified party, as that term is defined in any of the following:

(i) in Alberta, Blanket Order 91-507 Over-the-Counter Trades in Derivatives;

(ii) in British Columbia, Blanket Order 91-501 Over-the-Counter Derivatives;

(iii) in Manitoba, Blanket Order 91-501 Over-the-Counter Trades in Derivatives;

(iv) in New Brunswick, Local Rule 91-501 Over-the-Counter Trades in Derivatives;

(v) in Nova Scotia, Blanket Order 91-501 Over-the-Counter Trades in Derivatives;

(vi) in Saskatchewan, General Order 91-908 Over-the-Counter Derivatives;

(e) an eligible contract participant as that term is defined under Section 1(a)(18) of the United States Commodity Exchange Act;

(f) a financial counterparty as that term is defined under Article 2(8) of the European Market Infrastructure Regulation;

(g) a non-financial counterparty as that term is defined under Article 2(9) of, and which exceeds clearing thresholds pursuant to Article 10(4)(b) of, the European Market Infrastructure Regulation.

(3) Despite subsection (2), if either of the following circumstances apply, the definition of “eligible derivatives party”, as set out in subsection 1(1), applies to that circumstance:

(a) the derivatives firm has obtained a representation from the derivatives party in writing, that the derivatives party is considered to be an eligible derivatives party on the basis of any of paragraphs (2)(a) to (g);

(b) the representation referred to in paragraph (a) was made prior to the effective date of this Regulation.

**Transition for existing transactions that remain in place in accordance with their original terms**

**51.** Other than section 9, the provisions of this Regulation do not apply in respect of the transaction if both of the following apply:

(a) the transaction was entered into before the effective date of this Regulation;

(b) the derivatives firm has taken reasonable steps to determine that the derivatives party is one or more of the following, as applicable:

(i) a permitted client, as that term is defined in Regulation 31-103 respecting Registration Requirements, Exemptions and Ongoing Registrant Obligations (chapter V-1.1, r. 10);

(ii) in Ontario, an accredited investor, other than an individual, as that term is defined in Regulation 45-106 respecting Prospectus Exemptions (chapter V-1.1, r. 21);

(iii) an accredited counterparty, as that term is defined in the Derivatives Act (chapitre I-14.01);

(iv) a qualified party, as that term is defined in any of the following:

(A) in Alberta Blanket Order 91-507 Over-the-Counter Trades in Derivatives;

(B) in British Columbia Blanket Order 91-501 Over-the-Counter Derivatives;

(C) in Manitoba Blanket Order 91-501 Over-the-Counter Trades in Derivatives;

(D) in New Brunswick Local Rule 91-501 Over-the-Counter Trades in Derivatives;

(E) in Nova Scotia Blanket Order 91-501 Over-the-Counter Trades in Derivatives;

(F) in Saskatchewan General Order 91-908 Over-the-Counter Derivatives;

(v) an eligible contract participant as that term is defined in Section 1(a)(18) of the United States Commodity Exchange Act;

(vi) a financial counterparty as that term is defined under Article 2(8) of the European Market Infrastructure Regulation;

(vii) a non-financial counterparty as that term is defined under Article 2(9) of, and which exceeds clearing thresholds pursuant to Article 10(4)(b) of, the European Market Infrastructure Regulation.

**Transition for obtaining waivers for certain individuals and eligible commercial hedgers**

**52.** Despite paragraph 8(2)(a)(iii), a derivatives firm has a period of one year following the effective date of this Regulation to obtain the waiver referred to in paragraph 8(2)(a)(iii) of this Regulation.

**Effective date**

**53.** This Regulation comes into force on 28 September 2024.

**APPENDIX A**  
**FOREIGN DERIVATIVES DEALERS**  
**(Section 39)**

**LIST OF SPECIFIED FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS**

Australia

Brazil

Hong Kong

Iceland

Japan

Republic of Korea

New Zealand

Norway

Singapore

Switzerland

United States of America

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Any member country of the European Union

**APPENDIX B**  
**INVESTMENT DEALERS**  
**(Section 41)**

Section 11, Know your derivatives party

Section 12, Handling complaints

Section 14, Derivatives-party-specific needs and objectives

Section 15, Suitability

Section 19(2)(a)-(k) to (4), Relationship disclosure information

Section 20, Pre-transaction disclosure

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Section 25, Segregating derivatives party assets

Section 26, Holding initial margin

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Section 33, Responsibility of derivatives dealer to report to the regulator or the securities regulatory authority

**APPENDIX C  
CANADIAN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS  
(Section 42)**

Section 11, Know your derivatives party

Section 13, Tied selling

Section 25, Segregating derivatives party assets

Section 26, Holding initial margin

Section 27, Investment or use of initial margin

Section 34, Derivatives party agreement

**APPENDIX D  
FOREIGN DERIVATIVES ADVISERS  
(Section 46)**

**LIST OF SPECIFIED FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS**

Australia

Brazil

Hong Kong

Iceland

Japan

Republic of Korea

New Zealand

Norway

Singapore

Switzerland

United States of America

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Any member country of the European Union

**APPENDIX E**  
**FOREIGN DERIVATIVES SUB-ADVISERS**  
**(Section 47)**

**LIST OF SPECIFIED FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS**

Australia

Brazil

Hong Kong

Iceland

Japan

Republic of Korea

New Zealand

Norway

Singapore

Switzerland

United States of America

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Any member country of the European Union

**APPENDIX F**  
**REGISTERED ADVISERS UNDER SECURITIES AND COMMODITY FUTURES**  
**LEGISLATION**  
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Section 12, Handling complaints

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of Part 3, Dealing with or advising derivatives parties

Part 4, Derivatives party accounts

Part 5, Compliance and recordkeeping, except section 31, Policies and Procedures

**FORM 93-101F1**  
**SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION AND APPOINTMENT OF AGENT FOR**  
**SERVICE OF PROCESS**  
**(Sections 39 and 46)**

1. Name of person ("**Foreign Firm**"):
2. If the Foreign Firm was previously assigned an NRD number as a registered firm or an unregistered exempt international firm, provide the NRD number of the firm.
3. Jurisdiction of incorporation of the Foreign Firm:
4. Head office address of the Foreign Firm:
5. The name, email address, phone number and fax number of the Foreign Firm's chief compliance officer, or equivalent.

Name:

Email address:

Phone:

Fax:

6. Section of Regulation 93-101 respecting Derivatives: Business Conduct the Foreign Firm (*insert reference*) is relying on:

Section 39

Section 46

Other (specify) [*e.g exemptive relief decision – please explain*]

7. Name of agent for service of process (the "**Agent for Service**"):
8. Address for service of process on the Agent for Service:
9. The Foreign Firm designates and appoints the Agent for Service at the address stated above as its agent upon whom may be served a notice, pleading, subpoena, summons or other process in any action, investigation or administrative, criminal, quasi-criminal or other proceeding (a "**Proceeding**") arising out of or relating to or concerning the Foreign Firm's activities in the local jurisdiction and irrevocably waives any right to raise as a defence in any such Proceeding any alleged lack of jurisdiction to bring such Proceeding.
10. The Foreign Firm irrevocably and unconditionally submits to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the judicial, quasi-judicial and administrative tribunals of the local jurisdiction in any Proceeding arising out of or related to or concerning the Foreign Firm's activities in the local jurisdiction.



11. Until seven years after the Foreign Firm ceases to rely on section 39 or section 46, the Foreign Firm must submit to the securities regulatory authority

a. a new Submission to Jurisdiction and Appointment of Agent for Service in this form no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> day before the date this Submission to Jurisdiction and Appointment of Agent for Service is terminated;

b. an amended Submission to Jurisdiction and Appointment of Agent for Service no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> day before any change in the name or above address of the Agent for Service; and

c. a notice detailing a change to any information submitted in this form, other than the name or above address of the Agent for Service, no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> day after the change.

12. This Submission to Jurisdiction and Appointment of Agent for Service is governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the local jurisdiction.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of the Foreign Firm or authorized signatory)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of signatory)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title of signatory)

### Acceptance

The undersigned accepts the appointment as Agent for Service of (Insert name of Foreign Firm) under the terms and conditions of the foregoing Submission to Jurisdiction and Appointment of Agent for Service.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of the Agent for Service or authorized signatory)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of signatory)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title of signatory)