

CSA Staff Notice 23-317

Order Protection Rule: Market Share Threshold for the period April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018

January 30, 2017

Introduction

On June 20, 2016, the Canadian Securities Administrators (the **CSA** or **we**) published a notice¹ (the **2016 Notice**) regarding the implementation of the market share threshold. The 2016 Notice included the list of protected and unprotected marketplaces for the period October 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017.

In the 2016 Notice we indicated that, in early 2017, the market share of each marketplace will be recalculated based on trading data from the first to last trading day of 2016, and we will publish an updated list of protected and unprotected marketplaces in January 2017. The updated list will be in effect from April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018.

The text of this notice is available on the websites of the CSA jurisdictions, including:

www.lautorite.qc.ca
www.albertasecurities.com
www.bcsc.bc.ca
www.nssc.novascotia.ca
www.fcnb.ca
www.osc.gov.on.ca
www.fcaa.gov.sk.ca
www.msc.gov.mb.ca

Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to provide the list of marketplaces that display protected orders (**protected marketplaces**) and marketplaces whose orders will not be protected (**unprotected marketplaces**) for the purposes of *Regulation 23-101 respecting Trading Rules* (**Regulation 23-101**) and the order protection rule (**OPR**) for the period April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018 because they do not:

- (i) provide automated trading functionality as they have an intentional order processing delay, and/or
- (ii) meet the market share threshold.

The market share threshold has been set at 2.5%².

¹ CSA Staff Notice 23-316 Order Protection Rule: Implementation of the Market Share Threshold and Amendments to *Policy Statement to Regulation 23-101 respecting Trading Rules*.

² CSA Staff Notice 23-316 includes a description of the calculation of the market share threshold.

OPR Requirements

Section 6.1 of Regulation 23-101 requires marketplaces to establish, maintain and ensure compliance with policies and procedures that are reasonably designed to prevent trade-throughs of better priced protected bids and offers. Section 6.4 of Regulation 23-101 imposes the same requirement on marketplace participants that assume responsibility for compliance with OPR by entering directed-action orders.

Section 1.1 of Regulation 23-101 defines protected bids and offers as bids and offers displayed on a marketplace offering automated trading functionality, and about which information is provided to an information processor.

Section 1.1.2.1 of *Policy Statement to Regulation 23-101 respecting Trading Rules* outlines the circumstances in which a marketplace that introduced an intentional order processing delay would not be considered to be providing automated trading functionality. In those circumstances, the orders on that marketplace would not be protected.

Orders on “dark” marketplaces are not protected as they are not displayed. Therefore, orders on ICX, LiquidNet, MatchNow and Nasdaq CXD are unprotected for the purposes of OPR.³

List of Protected and Unprotected Marketplaces

Below we have listed the protected and unprotected marketplaces.

The orders displayed on the marketplaces listed in Table 1 below are protected because either the marketplace meets the market share threshold and/or the orders are for securities that are listed by and traded on that marketplace:

Table 1 – Marketplaces that Display Protected Orders

Marketplace	Market Share	Status	Reason Protected
CSE	3.20	Protected	Meets market share threshold
Nasdaq CXC	12.61	Protected	Meets market share threshold
Nasdaq CX2	4.69	Protected	Meets market share threshold
OMEGA	5.62	Protected	Meets market share threshold
TSX	52.43	Protected	Meets market share threshold
TSX VENTURE	11.23	Protected	Meets market share threshold
AEQUITAS Lit Book	1.46	Protected for Aequitas-listed securities only	Exchange protected for its listed securities

³ Orders on the Aequitas Dark book will also be unprotected after this book is launched.

Orders displayed on the marketplaces listed on Table 2 below will be unprotected because either the marketplace does not provide automated trading functionality, does not meet the market share threshold or does not display orders:

Table 2 – Marketplaces whose Orders Are Unprotected

Marketplace	Market Share	Status	Reason Unprotected
AEQUITAS Neo Book	1.49	Unprotected	Does not provide automated trading functionality
ALPHA	6.74	Unprotected	Does not provide automated trading functionality
AEQUITAS Lit Book	1.46	Unprotected for securities other than Aequitas-listed securities	Does not meet market share threshold
LYNX	0.53	Unprotected	Does not meet market share threshold
ICX		Unprotected	Does not display orders
LIQUIDNET		Unprotected	Does not display orders
MATCHNOW		Unprotected	Does not display orders
Nasdaq CXD		Unprotected	Does not display orders

Questions

Please refer your questions to any of the following:

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