

**AMENDMENTS TO POLICY STATEMENT ENTITLED
COMPANION POLICY 21-101 , *MARKETPLACE OPERATION***

PART 1 AMENDMENTS

1.1 Amendments

- (1) The title of Companion Policy 21-101, *Marketplace Operation* is replaced with the following "Policy Statement to *Regulation 21-101 Respecting Marketplace Operation*".

- (2) Subsection 2.1(1) is repealed and the following substituted:
 - "(1) The Regulation uses the term "marketplace" to encompass the different types of trading systems that match trades. A marketplace is an exchange, a quotation and trade reporting system or an ATS. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of the definition of "marketplace" describe marketplaces that the Canadian securities regulatory authorities consider to be ATSS. A dealer that internalizes its orders of exchange-traded securities and does not execute and print the trades on an exchange or quotation and trade reporting system in accordance with the rules of the exchange or the quotation and trade reporting system (including an exemption from those rules) is considered to be a marketplace pursuant to paragraph (d) of the definition of "marketplace" and an ATS."

- (3) Subsection 3.4(7) is repealed and the following is substituted:
 - "(7) Any marketplace that is required to provide notice under section 6.7 of the Regulation will determine the calculation based on publicly available information."

- (4) Subsection 5.1(3) is amended
 - (a) by striking out the reference to section 8.3; and
 - (b) by adding a reference to sections 7.3 and 8.2.

- (5) Subsection 6.1(2) is repealed and the following substituted:
 - "(2) The forms filed by a marketplace under the Regulation will be kept confidential. The Canadian securities regulatory authorities are of the view that the forms contain intimate financial, commercial and technical information and that the interests of the filers in non-disclosure outweigh the desirability of adhering to the principle that the forms be available for public inspection."

- (6) Section 7.1 is amended by adding the following after "standards for access.":

"In addition, the reference to "a person or company" in subsection (b) includes a system or facility that is operated by a person or company."

- (7) Part 8 is amended
- (a) by striking out the title and substituting “REQUIREMENTS ONLY APPLICABLE TO ATSS”; and

- (b) by adding the following:

“8.2 Access Requirements

Section 6.13 of the Regulation sets out access requirements that apply to an ATS. The Canadian securities regulatory authorities note that the requirements regarding access do not prevent an ATS from setting reasonable standards for access. In addition, the reference to “a person or company” in subsection (b) includes a system or facility that is operated by a person or company.”

- (8) Part 9 is amended

- (a) by striking out the title and substituting

“PART 9 INFORMATION TRANSPARENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR EXCHANGE-TRADED SECURITIES”

- (b) by repealing sections 9.1 and 9.2 and substituting the following:

“9.1 Information Transparency Requirements for Exchange-Traded Securities

- (1) Subsection 7.1(1) of the Regulation requires a marketplace that displays orders of exchange-traded securities to any person or company to provide information to an information processor or, if there is no information processor, to an information vendor that meets the standards set by a regulation services provider. Section 7.2 requires the marketplace to provide information regarding trades of exchange-traded securities to an information processor or, if there is no information processor, an information vendor that meets the standards set by a regulation services provider. Some marketplaces, such as exchanges, may be regulation services providers and will establish standards for the information vendors they use to display order and trade information to ensure that the information displayed by the information vendors is timely, accurate and promotes market integrity. If the marketplace has entered into a contract with a regulation services provider under Regulation 23-101, the marketplace must provide information to the regulation services provider and an information vendor that meets the standards set by that regulation services provider.

- (2) Each regulation services provider will define the process, the business content of the reporting and regulatory data feeds, including the core data elements, the message catalogue and the service level standards. The

regulation services provider will also define the service level standards for delivery and receipt of market data to and from information vendors and marketplaces under sections 7.1 and 7.2 of the Regulation.

- (3) A regulation services provider will identify through a certification process which information vendors meet the standards required by the regulation services provider under section 7.1 and 7.2 of the Regulation.
 - (4) It is expected that if there are multiple regulation service providers, the standards of the various regulation service providers must be consistent. In order to maintain market integrity for securities trading in different marketplaces, the Canadian securities regulatory authorities will, through their oversight of the regulation service providers, review and monitor the standards established by all regulation service providers so that business content, service level standards, and other relevant standards are substantially similar for all regulation service providers.
 - (5) Section 7.5 of the Regulation states that the pre-trade and post-trade transparency requirements in Part 7 do not apply to exchange-traded securities and foreign exchange-traded securities that are options until January 1, 2007. The Canadian securities regulatory authorities are of the view that additional study is necessary to determine the appropriate transparency standards for options.
- (9) Part 10 is amended
- (a) by repealing sections 10.1 and 10.2 and substituting the following:

“10.1 Information Transparency Requirements for Unlisted Debt Securities

- (1) The requirement to provide transparency of information regarding orders and trades of government debt securities in section 8.1 of the Regulation does not apply until January 1, 2007. The Canadian securities regulatory authorities will continue to review the transparency requirements, to determine if the transparency requirements summarized in subsections (2) and (3) below should be amended. One of the issues we will consider is to what extent systems displaying executable prices compete with inter-dealer bond brokers and therefore should be subject to the same level of transparency as the inter-dealer bond brokers.
- (2) The requirements of the information processor for government debt securities are as follows:
 - (a) Marketplaces trading government debt securities and inter-dealer bond brokers are required to

provide in real time quotation information displayed on the marketplace for all bids and offers with respect to unlisted debt securities designated by the information processor, including details as to type, issuer, coupon and maturity of security, best bid price, best ask price and total disclosed volume at such prices; and

- (b) Marketplaces trading government debt securities and inter-dealer bond brokers are required to provide in real time details of trades of all government debt securities designated by the information processor, including details as to the type, issuer, series, coupon and maturity, price and time of the trade and the volume traded.
- (3) The requirements of the information processor for corporate debt securities are as follows:
- (a) Marketplaces trading corporate debt securities, inter-dealer bond brokers and dealers trading corporate debt securities outside of a marketplace are required to provide details of trades of all designated corporate debt securities, including details as to the type, issuer, class, series, coupon and maturity, price and time of the trade and, subject to the caps set out below, the volume traded, within one hour of the trade. If the total par value of a trade of an investment grade corporate debt security is greater than \$2 million, the trade details provided to the information processor shall report the trade as "\$2 million+". If the total par value of a trade of a non-investment grade corporate debt security is greater than \$200,000, the trade details provided to the information processor shall report the trade as "\$200,000+".
 - (b) Although subsection 8.2(1) of the Regulation requires marketplaces to provide information regarding orders of corporate debt securities, the information processor has not required this information to be provided.
- (4) The marketplace upon which the trade is executed will not be shown, unless the marketplace determines that it wants its name to be shown.
- (5) The information processor will use transparent criteria and a transparent process to select the designated government debt securities and designated corporate debt securities. The information processor will make the criteria and the process publicly available.

- (6) An “investment grade corporate debt security” is a corporate debt security that is rated by one of the listed rating organizations at or above one of the following rating categories or a rating category that preceded or replaces a category listed below:

Rating Organization	Long Term Debt	Short Term Debt
Fitch, Inc.	BBB	F3
Dominion Bond Rating Service Limited	BBB	R-2
Moody’s Investors Service, Inc.	Baa	Prime-3
Standard & Poors Corporation	BBB	A-3

- (7) A “non-investment grade corporate debt security” is a corporate debt security that is not an investment grade corporate debt security.
- (8) The information processor will publish the list of designated government debt securities and designated corporate debt securities. The information processor will give reasonable notice of any change to the list.
- (9) The information processor may request changes to the transparency requirements by filing an amendment to Form 21-101F5 with the Canadian securities regulatory authorities pursuant to subsection 14.2(1) of the Regulation. The Canadian securities regulatory authorities will review the amendment to Form 21-101F5 to determine whether the proposed changes are contrary to the public interest, to ensure fairness and to ensure that there is an appropriate balance between the standards of transparency and market quality (defined in terms of market liquidity and efficiency) in each area of the market. The proposed changes to the transparency requirements will also be subject to consultation with market participants.”

- (b) in section 10.3 by striking out the reference to section 8.6 and substituting a reference to section 8.3.

(10) Part 11 is amended

- (a) by repealing sections 11.1, 11.2, 11.3 and 11.4; and
- (b) by adding the following section:

“11.5 Market Integration

Although the Canadian securities regulatory authorities have removed the concept of a market integrator, we continue to be of the view that market integration is important to our marketplaces. We expect to achieve market integration by focusing on compliance with fair access and best execution requirements. We will continue to monitor developments to ensure that the lack of a market integrator does not unduly affect the market.”

(11) Section 12.1 is repealed and the following substituted:

“12.1 Disclosure of Transaction Fees by Marketplaces

Section 10.1 of the Regulation requires that each marketplace make its schedule of transaction fees publicly available. It is not the intention of the Canadian securities regulatory authorities that a commission fee charged by a dealer for dealer services be disclosed. Each marketplace is required to publicly post a schedule of all trading fees that are applicable to outside marketplace participants that are accessing an order and executing a trade displayed through an information processor or information vendor. The requirement to disclose transaction fees does not require a combined price calculation by each marketplace.”

(12) Section 16.2 is amended by adding the following subsection:

- “(3) The forms filed by an information processor under the Regulation will be kept confidential. The Canadian securities regulatory authorities are of the view that they contain intimate financial, commercial and technical information and that the interests of the filers in non-disclosure outweigh the desirability of adhering to the principle that all forms be available for public inspection.”

(13) Policy Statement is amended by substituting :

- (a) “Companion Policy” by “Policy Statement”;
- (b) “Instrument” by “Regulation”, except:
 - (i) in section 13.2 of the French version;
 - (ii) in the English version , in subsection 3.4(2), in paragraph 4.1(2)d) and in section 7.3, in the expression “rules, policies and other similar Instruments”.
- (c) “NI” and “National Instrument” by “Regulation”.

PART 2 EFFECTIVE DATE

2.1 Effective Date

This Amendment comes into force on the date of its publication in the Gazette officielle du Québec.