POLICY STATEMENT TO REGULATION 33-109 RESPECTING REGISTRATION INFORMATION

PART 1 **GENERAL**

1.1. **Purpose**

This Policy Statement sets out how the Canadian Securities Administrators interpret or apply Regulation 33-109 respecting Registration Information (the Regulation).

The registration requirement in securities legislation provides protection to investors from unfair, improper or fraudulent practices and enhances capital market integrity and efficiency. The information required under the Regulation allows regulators to assess a filer's fitness for registration or for permitted individual status, with regard to their solvency, integrity and proficiency. These fitness requirements are the cornerstones of the registration requirement. In each jurisdiction of Canada the registration requirement and the Regulation apply to dealers, underwriters, advisers and investment fund managers and to individuals who act on their behalf as registered or permitted individuals.

1.2. Overview of the forms Definition of permitted individuals

Section 1.1 of the Regulation defines a permitted individual as an individual who meets the criteria set forth in either subsection (a) or subsection (b) of the definition, or both. A permitted individual may or may not be a registered individual. For example, the chief executive officer of a registered firm is registered as the firm's ultimate designated person and is also a permitted individual. The definition of permitted individual allows the Regulation to separate out the filing requirements which are applicable only to permitted individuals from those which are applicable to registered individuals.

Overview of the forms

The following forms are submitted by for firms:

Form 33-109F6 Firm Registration – to apply for registration as a dealer, adviser or investment fund manager

-Form 33-109F3 Business Locations other than Head Office – to disclose each business location of the firm and any change of location

The following forms are for individuals and are submitted in NRD format:

-Form 33-109F1 Notice of Termination of Registered Individuals and Permitted Individuals — to notify the regulator that a registered or permitted individual has ceased to have authority to act on behalf of the firm

The following forms are for individuals and are submitted in NRD format:

-Form 33-109F4 Registration of Individuals and Review of Permitted Individuals - to apply for registration or review as a permitted individual

—Form 33-109F2 —Change or Surrender of Individual Categories - to apply for registration or review in an additional category or to surrender a category

-Form 33-109F7 -Reinstatement of Registered Individuals and Permitted Individuals - to reinstate an individual's registration or a permitted individual status

Notice requirements

Form 33-109F5 Change of Registration Information is used by firms and individuals to notify regulators of any change to their registration information. Under sections 3.1 and 4.1 of the Regulation a registrant and a permitted individual must keep their registration information current on an ongoing basis by filing notices of change of information within the required time.

Appendix A summarizes the notice requirements, time periods and the forms under the Regulation to notify regulators of a change to a firm's or individual's registration information.

1.4.<u>1.5.</u> **Contact information**

When a firm submits a form Form 33-109F6, supporting documents or a form Form 33-109F5, it can make the submission using e-mail, fax or mail. Appendix B attached to this policy sets out the contact information for the regulator in each jurisdiction of Canada and for the Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada (IIROC) in those jurisdictions where the securities regulatory authority has delegated, assigned or authorized IIROC to perform registration functions.

PART 2 FORMS USED BY INDIVIDUALS

2.1. **National Registration Database (NRD)**

The NRD is the database containing information about all registrants and permitted individuals under securities or commodity futures legislation in each jurisdiction of Canada. The requirement for firms to enrol, and to make certain submissions, on NRD are set out in Regulation 31-102,102 respecting National Registration Database. Detailed information about the NRD and the enrolment process is available in the NRD User Guide published at www.nrd-info.ca.

2.2. Form 33-109F4

Types of submissions using Form 33-109F4

The NRD format for submitting a completed form 33-109F4 under subsections 2.2(1) or 2.5(1) of the Regulation include four distinct NRD submission types that are made in the following circumstances:

- -Initial Registration, when an individual is seeking registration, or review as a permitted individual, through NRD for the first time
- -Registration in an Additional Jurisdiction, when an individual is registered or is a permitted individual in a jurisdiction of Canada and is seeking registration, or review as a permitted individual, in an additional jurisdiction;
- -Registration with an Additional Sponsoring Firm, when an individual is registered, or is a permitted individual, on behalf of one sponsoring firm and applies for registration, or seeks review as a permitted individual, to act on behalf of an additional sponsoring firm
- -Reactivation of registration, when an individual who has an NRD record is applying for registration, reinstatement of registration or is seeking review as a permitted individual and is not eligible under sections 2.3(2) or 2.5(2) of the Regulation to submit a Form 33-109F7

Submissions by permitted individuals

Under subsection 2.5(1) of the Regulation, within $\frac{710}{10}$ days of becoming a permitted individual, the individual must submit a form-Form 33-109F4 for review by the regulator. An individual whose registration is suspended may apply to reinstate the

registration by submitting a completed form Form 33-109F4 to the regulator. This is done with the Reactivation of registration submission on NRD. After making this submission the individual may not conduct activities requiring registration unless and until the regulator has approved the application. However, an application for reinstatement or review is not required if the individual meets all of the conditions for automatic reinstatement in subsections 2.3(2) or 2.5(2) of the Regulation, which include submitting a completed form-Form 33-109F7 to the regulator as described in section 2.5 below.

Agent for service

Item 18 Agent for service of Form 33-109F4 is a certification clause by the individual that he or she has completed the appointment for service required in each relevant jurisdiction. There is no distinct form under Regulation 33-109 for the appointment of an agent for service for use by individuals. Please refer to the form used by the registered firm. This format is acceptable to the regulator.

2.3.2.3 Form 33-109F2

This form is used by individuals to apply to add or to surrender a registration category or to seek review of a change in their permitted individual category. If an individual has ceased to have authority to act on behalf of their sponsoring firm as a registered or permitted individual in the last jurisdiction of Canada where they were so acting, they cannot submit a form Form 33-109F2. Instead, the individual's sponsoring firm submits a Form 33-109F1 to notify the regulator of the termination or cessation of authority to act on behalf of the firm.

2.4.2.4 Form 33-109F5 for individuals

When an individual submits a form Form 33-109F5 to update their registration information the NRD will transmit the information to the regulator in each jurisdiction in which the individual is registered or is a permitted individual. However, only the principal regulator processes the submission to update the individual's registration information on NRD, or if necessary to deny or withdraw the submission.

Form 33-109F5 should not be used by an individual applying to add or surrender a registration category or to seek review of a change in his/her permitted individual category. In this case, Form 33-109F2 is used. It should also be noted that Form 33-109F5 is not used by an individual that is registered or is a permitted individual in a jurisdiction of Canada and is seeking registration, or review as a permitted individual, in an additional jurisdiction. In this case, a Form 33-109F4 is used and is identified on NRD as Registration in an additional jurisdiction. This also applies to an individual adding a sponsoring firm; Form 33-109F4 is used and is identified on NRD as Registration with an additional sponsoring firm.

2.5.2.5 Form 33-109F7 for reinstatement

When an individual leaves a sponsoring firm and joins a new registered firm, they may submit a form-Form 33-109F7 to have their registration or permitted individual status automatically reinstated in the same category and jurisdiction(s) as before, subject to all of the conditions set out in subsection 2.3(2) or 2.5(2) of the Regulation. An individual who meets all of the applicable conditions will be able to transfer directly from one sponsoring firm to another and start engaging in activities requiring registration from the first day that they submit the form 33-109F7.

2.6.2.6 Ongoing fitness for registration

Every registrant must maintain their fitness for registration on an ongoing basis. Under securities legislation, the regulator has discretionary authority to suspend or revoke an individual's registration or to restrict it with terms and conditions at any time. The regulator may do this, for example, if it receives information through a notice of termination from an individual's former sponsoring firm or any other source that raises concerns about the individual's continued fitness for registration. Individuals will be given an opportunity to be heard before a decision is made to suspend or revoke registration or to impose terms and conditions.

PART 3 FORMS USED BY FIRMS

3.1. Form 33-109F6

When a firm submits a form Form 33-109F6 to apply for registration, it may pay the regulatory fees to the applicable regulators by cheque or by using the NRD function called *Resubmit Fee Payment*. A firm that applies in multiple jurisdictions should submit its application to the regulator in the principal jurisdiction or, if Ontario is a non-principal jurisdiction, to the regulators in the principal jurisdiction and in Ontario. For more details refer to *Policy Statement 11-204 respecting Process for registration in multiple jurisdictions*.

3.2. Form 33-109F5

A firm that is registered in multiple jurisdictions may submit a form Form 33-109F5 to its principal regulator only to notify regulators of a change to the firm's registration information, in accordance with subsection 3.1(6) of the Regulation.

3.3. Form 33-109F3

A firm must notify the regulator of each business location in the jurisdiction, including a residence, where a firm's registered individuals are based for the purpose of carrying out activities that require registration. Firms submit this form through the NRD website.

3.4. Discretionary exemption for bulk transfers

Regulators will consider an application for an exemption from certain requirements in the Regulation to facilitate a reorganization or combination of firms which would otherwise require a large number of submissions to change locations and transfer individuals. The information required, and the conditions to obtain, this type of exemption application are described in the attached Appendix C.

3.5. Form 33-109F1

Under section 4.2 of the Regulation, a registered firm must notify the regulator no more than 710 days after an individual ceased to have authority to act on behalf of the firm, as a registered or permitted individual. Typically, this occurs due to the termination of the individual's employment, partnership or agency relationship with the firm. However, it also occurs when an individual is re-assigned to a different position at the firm that does not require registration or is not a permitted individual category. The form Form 33-109F1 is submitted through the NRD website to give notice of the cessation date and the reason for the termination or cessation.

Under paragraph 4.2(1)(b) of the Regulation, the information in item 5 [Details about the termination] of a form-Form 33-109F1 must be submitted unless the cessation of authority to act on behalf of the firm was caused by the death or retirement of the individual—or the completion of an employment or agency contract. A firm can submit the information in item 5 either at the time of the making the initial submission on NRD, if the information is available within that 710 day period, or within 30 days of the cessation date, by making an NRD submission entitled *Update / Correct Termination Information*.

PART 4 DUE DILIGENCE BY FIRMS

4.1. Obligations of former sponsoring firm

After submitting a Form 33-109F1 with regard to a former sponsored individual a firm should promptly send the individual a copy of the completed form-Form 33-109F1. Under subsections 4.2(3) and (4) of the Regulation, within 710 days of a request by a former sponsored individual, a firm must provide the individual with a copy of the form Form 33-109F1 that was submitted, and if necessary, a further copy that includes the information in item 5 of the form Form 33-109F1, within 710 days of submitting that information.

4.2. Obligations of new sponsoring firm

- (1) In fulfilling its obligations under subsection 5.1(1) of the Regulation, a firm should make reasonable efforts to do all of the following:
- establish written policies and procedures to verify an individual's information prior to submitting a Form 33-109F4 or Form 33-109F7 on behalf of the individual
- -document the firm's review of an individual's information in accordance with the firm's policies and procedures
- -regularly remind registered and permitted individuals about their disclosure obligations under the Regulation, such as notifying the regulator about changes to their registration information

Under subsection 5.1(2) of the Regulation, within 60 days of hiring a sponsored individual a firm must obtain a copy of the most recent Form 33-109F1, if any, for the individual. If a sponsoring firm cannot obtain it from the sponsored individual, as a last resort the individual should request it from the regulator.

The information referred to above will assist the firm in meeting its obligations under subsection 5.1(1) of the Regulation and should inform the firm's hiring decisions. If an individual is hired before a completed Form 33-109F1 is available and if the firm discovers an inconsistency in the individual's disclosure to the firm or the regulator, then the firm should take appropriate action. All of the required information should be available within 60 days of hiring the individual, which will often fall within the individual's probation period under their employment or agency contract.

PART 5 COMMODITY FUTURES ACT SUBMISSIONS

5.1. Ontario

In Ontario, if a person is required to make a submission under both the Regulation and OSC Rule 33-506 (Commodity Futures Act) with respect to the same information, the securities regulatory authority is of the view that a single filing on a form required under either rule satisfies both requirements.

5.2. Manitoba

In Manitoba, the Regulation is a rule under each of the Securities Act and the Commodity Futures Act. A single submission with respect to the same information will satisfy the requirements of both statutes.

APPENDIX Appendix A

Notice Period Section

Summary of Notice Requirements in Regulation 33-109

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Description of Change
                                                        Form Change Notice
PeriodSectionForm submitted
                                    Firms - Form F6 information by 33-109F6
informationby e-mail, fax or mail Part 1 - Registration details 710 days
3.1(1)(b)
              Form <u>33-109</u>F5
                                    Part 2 - Contact information, including head office
address (except 2.4) 7 days Item 10 days Item 2.4 - Agent and Address for service
[items 3 and 4 of Schedule B to Form <u>33-109</u>F6]-710 days 3.1(4)
Schedule B to Form 33-109F6
Submission to Jurisdiction—PartJurisdictionPart 3 - Business history & structure
                                                                                       30
days 3.1(1)(a)
Form <u>33-109</u>F5
                     Part 4 - Registration history 710 days
              Part 5 - Financial condition—7 days Part 10 days Part 6 - Client relationships
3.1(1)(b)
              Part 10 daysPart 7 - Regulatory action 7 days Part 10 daysPart 8 - Legal 7 Firms - other notice requirements in NRD format
action 710 days
       Open requirements in NRD format Open / change of business location
(other than head office) 710 days 3.2 Form 33-109F3
                                                                Termination / Cessation
of Authority of a registered or permitted individual__
items 1 - 4:
item <u>5:7510</u> days
                     4.2(2)(a)
            <del>30</del>33-109F130 days 4.2(2)(b)
Form F1
                                                  Individuals - Form F4 information
      in information in NRD format Item format Item 1 - Name 710 days 4.1(1)(b)
                     Item 2 - Address 7 days Item 10 days Item 3 - Personal
Form 33-109F5
information NoinformationNo update required 4.1(2) Item 4 - Citizenship 30 days
       4.1(1)(a)
                     Item 5 - Registration jurisdictions—710 days
4.1(1)(b)
Item 6 - Individual categories 7 days Item 10 days Item 7 - Address for service-
days Item 10 days Item 8 - Proficiency 7 days Item 10 days Item 9 - Location of
employment 7 days Item 10 days Item 10 - Current employment 7 days Item 10 days Item
                                                         Item 12 - Terminations 710 days
11 - Previous employment 30 days
                                           4.1(1)(a)
              Item 13 - Regulatory disclosure 7 days Item 10 days Item 14 - Criminal
4.1(1)(b)
disclosure-
              7 days Item 10 daysItem 15 - Civil disclosure 7 days Item 10 daysItem
16 - Financial disclosure 7 days Item 10 days Item 17 - Ownership of securities
days Change 10 daysChange of F4: registrant position or relationship with sponsoring firm
/ permitted status \frac{-10}{10} days 4.1(4) Form \frac{33-109}{100}F2
                                                         Review of a Permitted individual
710 days
                             Form <u>33-109</u>F4 or
after appointment
                     2.5
Form 33-109F7, subject to conditions
                                           Automatic conditions Automatic reinstatement
of registration
subject to conditions within conditions within 90 days of cessation date 2.3(2) Form
33-109F7
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Appendix B

APPENDIX B-Contact Information for the Regulators and IIROC

-Part 1 provides the regulators' contact information for registrants in all categories, except for those in the jurisdictions and categories listed in Part 2

-Part 2 below, provides IIROC's contact information in the jurisdictions where IIROC performs registration functions for representatives of investment dealers and, in some cases, for investment dealer firms

PART 1 _- Regulators' Contact Information Information

Alberta

Alberta

e-mail: registration@asc.ca fax: (403) 297-4113

Alberta Securities Commission,

4th Floor, 300 5th Avenue S.W.Suite 600, 250-5th St. SW

Calgary, AB T2P 3C0R4 Registration department Britishdepartment

British Columbia

e-mail: registration@bcsc.bc.ca

fax: (604) 899-6506

British Columbia Securities Commission

P.O. Box 10142, Pacific Centre 701 West Georgia Street Vancouver, BC V7Y 1L2

Attention: Registration Registration

Manitoba

Manitoba

e-mail: registrationmsc@gov.mb.ca

fax: (204) 945-0330

The Manitoba Securities Commission

500-400 St. Mary Avenue Winnipeg, MB R3C 4K5

Attention: Registrations New Registrations

New Brunswick

e-mail: nrs@nbsc-cvmnb.ca

fax:(506) 658-3059

Fax: New Brunswick Securities Commission

Suite 300, 85 Charlotte Street Saint John, NB E2L 2J2 Attention: Registration Officer

nrs@nbsc-cvmnb.ca Newfoundlandca

Newfoundland and Labrador

e-mail: scon@gov.nl.ca fax: (709) 729-6187

Financial Services Regulation Division Department of Government Services Government of Newfoundland and Labrador P.O. Box 8700, 2nd Floor, West Block

Confederation Building St. John's, NL A1B 4J6

Attention: Registration Section Northwest Section

Northwest Territories

e-mail: SecuritiesRegistry@gov.nt.ca

fax: (867) 873-0243

Government of the Northwest Territories

P.O. Box 1320

Yellowknife, NWT X1A 2L9

Attention: Exemption Review Staff NovaStaff

Nova Scotia

e-mail: nrs@gov.ns.ca fax: (902) 424-4625

Nova Scotia Securities Commission 2nd Floor, Joseph Howe Building

1690 Hollis Street P.O. Box 458 Halifax, NS B3J 3J9

Attention: Registration Nunavut Registration

e-mail: CorporateRegistrations@gov.nu.ca

fax: (867) 975-6594 Legal Registries Division Department of Justice Government of Nunavut P.O. Box 1000 Station 570 Iqaluit, NU X0A 0H0

Attention: Deputy Registrar Registrar

Ontario

Ontario

e-mail: registration@osc.gov.on.ca

fax: (416) 593-8283

Ontario Securities Commission

Suite 1903, Box 55 20 Queen Street West Toronto, ON M5H 3S8

Attention: Compliance and Registrant Regulation

Telephone: (416) 593-8314

e-mail: registration@osc.gov.on.ca

Prince Edward Island e-mail: ccis@gov.pe.ca fax: (902) 368-5283

Consumer and Corporate Services Division,

Office of the Attorney General P.O. Box 2000, 95 Rochford Street Charlottetown, PE C1A 7N8

Attention: Superintendent of Securities Securities

Québec

Québec

e-mail: inscription@lautorite.qc.ca

fax: (514) 873-3090

Autorité des marchés financiers

Service de l'encadrement des intermédiaires

800 square Victoria, 22e étage C.P 246, Tour de la Bourse Montréal (Québec) H4Z 1G3

Saskatchewan

e-mail: registrationsfsc@gov.sk.ca

fax: (306) 787-5899

Saskatchewan Financial Services Commission

Suite 601

1919 Saskatchewan Drive Regina, SK S4P 4H2

Attention: Registration **Yukon**Registration

Yukon Territory

e-mail: corporateaffairs@gov.yk.ca

fax: (867) 393-6251

Department of Community Services Yukon

Yukon Securities Office

P.O. Box 2703

Whitehorse, **YUYT** Y1A 2C6

Attention: Superintendent of Securities

PART 2 Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada Contact Information

** registration of investment dealer firms and their representatives **

registration of investment dealer representatives *

** Alberta - IIROC **

** Saskatchewan- IIROC **

e-mail: registration@iiroc.ca

fax: (403) 265-4603

#2300, 355-4th Avenue SW,

Calgary, AB T2P 0J1

Attention: Registration department

British Columbia - IIROC

e-mail: registration@iiroc.ca

fax: 604-683-3491

1055 West Georgia Street

Suite 2800 - Royal Centre

Vancouver, BC V6E 3R5

Attention: Registration department

** Newfoundland and Labrador - IIROC **

* Ontario - IIROC *

e-mail: registration@iiroc.ca

fax: (416) 364-9177

Suite 1600,

121 King Street West

Toronto, ON M5H 3T9

Attention: Registration department

* Québec - IIROC *

e-mail: registration@iiroc.ca

fax: (514) 878-0797

Organisme canadien de réglementation du commerce des valeurs mobilières

5 Place Ville Marie

Bureau 1550

Montréal (Québec) H3B 2G2

Attention: Service des inscriptions

Appendix C

Discretionary Exemption for Bulk Transfers of Locations and Individuals

- (1) If a registered firm is acquiring a large number of business locations (for example, as a result of an amalgamation or asset purchase) from one or more other registered firms that are located in the same jurisdiction(s) and registered in the same categories as the acquiring firm, and if a significant number of individuals are associated on NRD with the locations, the regulator will consider granting an exemption from any or all of the following requirements:
- (a) to submit a notice regarding the termination of each employment, partner, or agency relationship under section 4.2 of the Regulation;
- (b) to submit a registration application or a reinstatement notice for each individual seeking be a registered individual under section 2.2 or 2.3 of the Regulation;
- (c) to submit a Form 33-109F4 or Form 33-109F7 for each permitted individual under section 2.5 of the Regulation;
- (d) to notify the regulator of a change to the business location information in Form 33-109F3 under section 3.2 of the Regulation.
- (2) The exemption application should be submitted by the registered firm that will acquire control of the business locations at the closing of the transaction and should be submitted well in advance of the date (**transfer date**) on which the business locations will be transferred. It would typically be sufficient if a firm submits the application at least 30 days before the transfer date. An application for this type of exemption should include the following information:
- (a) the name and NRD number of the registered firm that will acquire control of the business locations;
- (b) for each registered firm that is transferring control of the business locations;
 - (i) the name and NRD number of the registered firm,
- (ii) the address and NRD number of each business location that is being transferred from the registered firm named in (b)(i) to the registered firm named in (a),
- (iii) the date that the business locations and individuals will be transferred to the registered firm named in (a).
- (3) If the exemption is granted, as soon as practicable after the transfer date, the regulator will instruct the NRD administrator to record on NRD the transfer of the business locations, registered individuals and permitted individuals.
- (4) Bulk transfers involving firms that are registered in different categories or different jurisdictions may need to take additional steps. Firms involved in such a transaction should contact their principal regulator to discuss what steps are required for the firm to be eligible for a bulk transfer exemption as described above.
- (5) A firm applying for this type of exemption in more than one jurisdiction should refer to *Policy Statement 11-203 respecting Process for Exemption Applications in Multiple Jurisdictions* for guidance on the form of application and the information required. The firm may set out the information referred to in (2) as follows:

(A) Registered firm that will acquire the business locations

Name:

Firm NRD number:

(B) Registered firm transferring the business locations

Firm NRD number:

Business locations that will be transferred

Address of business location:

NRD number of business location:

Address of business location:

NRD number of business location:

(Repeat for each business location as necessary)

(C) Date that business locations will be transferred: