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SELF-CERTIFICATION

AMENDMENTS TO RULE 6 OF BOURSE DE MONTRÉAL INC.

On November 8, 2018, the Rules and Policies Committee of Bourse de Montréal Inc. (the “**Bourse**”) approved amendments to articles 6367 and 6380c 3) of the current Rules of the Bourse, and to corresponding articles of the new Rule Book which will come into force in 2019, being articles 6.6 and 6.205 (d), in order to accurately reflect the current trading environment and traded products. These amendments were self-certified in accordance with the self-certification process as established in the *Derivatives Act* (CQLR, Chapter I-14.01).

These amendments, as attached, will become effective on **December 14, 2018**, after market close. Please note that the revised articles will also be available on the Bourse’s website (www.m-x.ca).

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RULE SIX

TRADING

A. GENERAL FRAMEWORK AND PROCEDURES

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6367 Trading Hours

(25.09.00, 29.10.01, 20.03.09, 00.00.00)

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6380a. Prearranged Transactions Prohibited.

No Person shall prearrange or execute noncompetitively any transaction on or through the electronic trading system of the Bourse, except as permitted by, and in accordance with article 6380b.

6380b. Exceptions to Prohibition on Prearranged Transactions.

The prohibition in article 6380a shall not apply to prearranged transactions pursuant to article 6380c; Block Trades pursuant to article 6380d; Riskless Basis Cross Trades pursuant to article 6380e; Exchange For Related Positions pursuant to articles 6815; and transfers of open positions under article 6816; *provided however*, no transaction under any of the exceptions included in this article may be executed using a hidden volume functionality.

6380c. Prearranged transactions.

1) In general.

For the purpose of this article, “communication” means any communication for the purpose of discerning interest in the execution of a transaction prior to the exposure of the order to the market. Any communication that relates to the size, side of market or price of an order, or a potentially forthcoming order, constitutes a communication to prearrange a transaction.

The parties to a transaction may engage in communications to prearrange a transaction on the electronic trading system in an eligible derivative in the minimum amount specified where one party wishes to be assured that there will be a counterparty willing to take the opposite side of the transaction, in accordance with the following conditions:

- i) A customer must consent to the Approved Participant engaging in prearranging communications on the customer’s behalf. The consent of the client, in whatever form, must be communicated to the Bourse upon request;

- ii) After the first order for the prearranged transaction is entered into the electronic trading system the parties may not enter the second order for the prearranged transaction until the following specified time period has elapsed as follows:

ELIGIBLE DERIVATIVES	PRESCRIBED TIME PERIOD	MINIMUM VOLUME THRESHOLD
Three-Month Canadian Bankers' Acceptance Futures Contracts (BAX):		
1st four quarterly months – not including serial months	5 seconds	No threshold
Remaining expiry months and strategies	15 seconds	No threshold
Thirty-Day Overnight "Repo" Rate Futures Contracts (ONX):		
Front month	5 seconds	No threshold
Remaining expiry months and strategies	15 seconds	No threshold
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All expiry months and strategies	5 seconds	No threshold
Futures Contracts on S&P/TSX Indices:		
All expiry months and strategies	0 seconds	≥ 100 contracts
All expiry months and strategies	5 seconds	< 100 contracts
Basis Trade on Close: All expiry months	0 seconds	≥ 100 contracts
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Futures Contracts on the FTSE Emerging Markets Index:		
All expiry months and strategies	0 seconds	≥ 100 contracts
All expiry months and strategies	5 seconds	< 100 contracts
Options on Three-Month Canadian Bankers' Acceptance Futures Contracts:		
All expiry months and strategies	0 seconds	≥ 250 contracts
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Options on Ten-Year Government of Canada Bond Futures Contracts (OGB):		
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ELIGIBLE DERIVATIVES	PRESCRIBED TIME PERIOD	MINIMUM VOLUME THRESHOLD
Equity, ETF and Currency Options:		
All expiry months	0 seconds	≥ 100 contracts
All expiry months	5 seconds	< 100 contracts
All UDS Strategies	5 seconds	No Threshold
Index Options:		
All expiry months	0 seconds	≥ 50 contracts
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- iii) The party that initiates communication regarding a prearranged transaction shall have his or her order entered into the electronic trading system first, unless the parties as part of their negotiation agree otherwise. The consent of the client, in whatever form, must be communicated to the Bourse upon request; provided however, that in a prearranged transaction between an Approved Participant and a customer for an equity, ETF or index option, the customer's order shall always be entered into the electronic trading system first, regardless of which party initiated the communication.
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- iv) Parties may not aggregate unrelated orders to meet the minimum threshold for a prearranged transaction.
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- 2) **Committed Orders.** Committed orders may not be used to execute any transaction under article 6380c or article 6380f having a prescribed time delay longer than zero seconds, and may be used for such transactions only for the following products subject to the minimum volume threshold:

ELIGIBLE DERIVATIVES FOR COMMITTED ORDERS	MINIMUM VOLUME THRESHOLD
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Futures Contracts on S&P/TSX and FTSE Emerging Markets Indices	100 contracts
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Options on Ten-Year Government of Canada Bond Futures Contracts	250 contracts
Canadian Share Futures Contracts	100 contracts
All expiry months and excluding UDS strategies	
Equity, ETF and Currency Options	100 contracts
Index Options	50 contracts
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- 3) **Transactions on eligible products with a prescribed time delay.** The parties may engage in communications to prearrange a transaction on the electronic trading system ~~or via the User Defined Strategy Facility (UDS)~~ where one party wishes to be assured that there will be a counterparty willing to take the opposite side of the transaction, in accordance with the conditions in paragraph 1 of this article 6380c; *provided however:*
- i) in the case of a prearranged transaction that is between the bid and ask on the electronic trading system and for an amount at or greater than the minimum threshold, the parties in their discretion may enter the prearranged transaction as a committed order with no delay, subject to the conditions in paragraph 2 of article 6380c; or
 - ii) in the case of a prearranged transaction that is on or between the bid and ask on the electronic trading system and for an amount at or greater than the minimum threshold, the parties enter the first and second orders of the prearranged transaction with no delay between the two, but nevertheless subject to execution risk (including the priority given resting limit orders at or better than the prearranged price).

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Remaining expiry months and strategies	15 seconds	No threshold
Thirty-Day Overnight "Repo" Rate Futures Contracts (ONX):		
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Overnight Index Swap Futures Contracts (OIS):		
Front month	5 seconds	No threshold
Remaining expiry months and strategies	15 seconds	No threshold
Government of Canada Bond Futures		
All expiry months and strategies	5 seconds	No threshold
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All expiry months and strategies	0 seconds	≥ 100 contracts
All expiry months and strategies	5 seconds	< 100 contracts
Basis Trade on Close: All expiry months	0 seconds	≥ 100 contracts
Basis Trade on Close: All expiry months	5 seconds	< 100 contracts
Futures Contracts on the FTSE Emerging Markets Index:		
All expiry months and strategies	0 seconds	≥ 100 contracts
All expiry months and strategies	5 seconds	< 100 contracts
Options on Three-Month Canadian Bankers' Acceptance Futures Contracts:		
All expiry months and strategies	0 seconds	≥ 250 contracts
All expiry months and strategies	5 seconds	< 250 contracts
Options on Ten-Year Government of Canada Bond Futures Contracts (OGB):		
All expiry months and strategies	0 seconds	≥ 250 contracts
All expiry months and strategies	5 seconds	< 250 contracts
Equity, ETF and Currency Options:		
All expiry months	0 seconds	≥ 100 contracts
All expiry months	5 seconds	< 100 contracts

ELIGIBLE DERIVATIVES	PRESCRIBED TIME PERIOD	MINIMUM VOLUME THRESHOLD
All UDS Strategies	5 seconds	No Threshold
Index Options:		
All expiry months	0 seconds	≥ 50 contracts
All expiry months	5 seconds	< 50 contracts
All UDS Strategies	5 seconds	No Threshold
Canadian Share Futures Contracts:		
All expiry months and strategies	0 seconds	≥ 100 contracts
All expiry months and strategies	5 seconds	< 100 contracts
Basis Trade on Close: All expiry months	0 seconds	≥ 100 contracts
Basis Trade on Close: All expiry months	5 seconds	< 100 contracts
Futures and Options on Futures Inter-Group Strategies		
All strategies	5 seconds	No threshold

The minimum volume threshold described in the table above, when applicable to a strategy, refers to the negotiated volume of a given strategy instrument and not to the sum of its legs.

- iii) The party that initiates communication regarding a prearranged transaction shall have his or her order entered into the electronic trading system first, unless the parties as part of their negotiation agree otherwise. The consent of the client, in whatever form, must be communicated to the Bourse upon request; provided however, that in a prearranged transaction between an Approved Participant and a customer for an equity, ETF or index option, the customer's order shall always be entered into the electronic trading system first, regardless of which party initiated the communication.
 - iv) Limit orders resting in the electronic trading system at the time that the first order of the prearranged transaction is entered at or better than the price of the first order shall be matched with the first order entered. Any residual, unfilled amount of the first order may be matched against the second order of the prearranged transaction when the second order is entered.
 - iv) Parties may not aggregate unrelated orders to meet the minimum threshold for a prearranged transaction.
 - v) The parties to the prearranging communications shall not disclose to any other party details of the negotiation or otherwise enter an order to take advantage of the negotiation during such communications except as permitted in this article.
- 2) **Committed Orders.** Committed orders may not be used to execute any transaction under article 6380c or article 6380f having a prescribed time delay longer than zero seconds, and may be used for such transactions only for the following products subject to the minimum volume threshold:

ELIGIBLE DERIVATIVES FOR COMMITTED ORDERS	MINIMUM VOLUME THRESHOLD
All expiry months and strategies	
Futures Contracts on S&P/TSX and FTSE Emerging Markets Indices	100 contracts
Options on Three-Month Canadian Bankers' Acceptance Futures Contracts	250 contracts
Options on Ten-Year Government of Canada Bond Futures Contracts	250 contracts
Canadian Share Futures Contracts	100 contracts
All expiry months and excluding UDS strategies	
Equity, ETF and Currency Options	100 contracts
Index Options	50 contracts
Basis Trade on Close	
Futures Contracts on S&P/TSX Indices	100 contracts
Canadian Share Futures Contracts	100 contracts

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- 3) **Transactions on eligible products with a prescribed time delay.** The parties may engage in communications to prearrange a transaction on the electronic trading system where one party wishes to be assured that there will be a counterparty willing to take the opposite side of the transaction, in accordance with the conditions in paragraph 1 of this article 6380c; *provided however:*
- i) in the case of a prearranged transaction that is between the bid and ask on the electronic trading system and for an amount at or greater than the minimum threshold, the parties in their discretion may enter the prearranged transaction as a committed order with no delay, subject to the conditions in paragraph 2 of article 6380c; or
 - ii) in the case of a prearranged transaction that is on or between the bid and ask on the electronic trading system and for an amount at or greater than the minimum threshold, the parties enter the first and second orders of the prearranged transaction with no delay between the two, but nevertheless subject to execution risk (including the priority given resting limit orders at or better than the prearranged price).

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Article 6.6 Trading Hours

(a) Trading hours are determined by the Bourse.

~~(b) There will not be any extended trading session on the expiry day of a contract month except in cases where the final Settlement Price of the contract is established after the close of the extended trading session.~~

(...)

Article 6.205 Prearranged Transactions

(a) In general. For the purpose of this Article, “communication” means any communication for the purpose of discerning interest in the execution of a Transaction prior to the exposure of the order to the market. Any communication that relates to the size, side of market or price of an order, or a potentially forthcoming order, constitutes a communication to prearrange a Transaction.

(b) The parties to a Transaction may engage in communications to prearrange a Transaction on the Electronic Trading System in an eligible derivative in the minimum amount specified where one party wishes to be assured that there will be a counterparty willing to take the opposite side of the Transaction, in accordance with the following conditions:

(i) A customer consent to the Approved Participant engaging in prearranging communications on the customer’s behalf. The consent of the client, in whatever form, must be communicated to the Bourse upon request;

(ii) After the first order for the prearranged Transaction is entered into the Electronic Trading System the parties may not enter the second order for the prearranged Transaction until the following specified time period has elapsed as follows:

ELIGIBLE DERIVATIVES	PRESCRIBED TIME PERIOD	MINIMUM VOLUME THRESHOLD
Three-Month Canadian Bankers’ Acceptance Futures Contracts (BAX):		
1st four quarterly months – not including serial months	5 seconds	No threshold
Remaining expiry months and strategies	15 seconds	No threshold
Thirty-Day Overnight “Repo” Rate Futures Contracts (ONX):		
Front month	5 seconds	No threshold
Remaining expiry months and strategies	15 seconds	No threshold

ELIGIBLE DERIVATIVES	PRESCRIBED TIME PERIOD	MINIMUM VOLUME THRESHOLD
Overnight Index Swap Futures Contracts (OIS):		
Front month	5 seconds	No threshold
Remaining expiry months and strategies	15 seconds	No threshold
Government of Canada Bond Futures Contracts:		
All expiry months and strategies	5 seconds	No threshold
Futures Contracts on S&P/TSX Indices:		
All expiry months and strategies	0 seconds	≥ 100 contracts
All expiry months and strategies	5 seconds	< 100 contracts
Basis Trade on Close: All expiry months	0 seconds	≥ 100 contracts
Basis Trade on Close: All expiry months	5 seconds	< 100 contracts
Futures Contracts on the FTSE Emerging Markets Index:		
All expiry months and strategies	0 seconds	≥ 100 contracts
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Options on Three-Month Canadian Bankers' Acceptance Futures Contracts:		
All expiry months and strategies	0 seconds	≥ 250 contracts
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Options on Ten-Year Government of Canada Bond Futures Contracts (OGB):		
All expiry months and strategies	0 seconds	≥ 250 contracts
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Equity, ETF and Currency Options:		
All expiry months	0 seconds	≥ 100 contracts
All expiry months	5 seconds	< 100 contracts
All UDS Strategies	5 seconds	No Threshold
Index Options:		
All expiry months	0 seconds	≥ 50 contracts
All expiry months	5 seconds	< 50 contracts
All UDS Strategies	5 seconds	No Threshold

ELIGIBLE DERIVATIVES	PRESCRIBED TIME PERIOD	MINIMUM VOLUME THRESHOLD
Canadian Share Futures Contracts:		
All expiry months and strategies	0 seconds	≥ 100 contracts
All expiry months and strategies	5 seconds	< 100 contracts
Basis Trade on Close: All expiry months	0 seconds	≥ 100 contracts
Basis Trade on Close: All expiry months	5 seconds	< 100 contracts
Futures and Options on Futures Inter-Group Strategies		
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- (iii) The party that initiates communication regarding a prearranged Transaction shall have his or her order entered into the Electronic Trading System first, unless the parties as part of their negotiation agree otherwise. The consent of the client, in whatever form, must be communicated to the Bourse upon request; *provided however*, that in a prearranged Transaction between an Approved Participant and a customer for an equity, ETF or Index Option, the customer's order shall always be entered into the Electronic Trading System first, regardless of which party initiated the communication.
 - (iv) Limit orders resting in the Electronic Trading System at the time that the first order of the prearranged Transaction is entered at or better than the price of the first order shall be matched with the first order entered. Any residual, unfilled amount of the first order may be matched against the second order of the prearranged Transaction when the second order is entered.
 - (v) Parties may not aggregate unrelated orders to meet the minimum threshold for a prearranged Transaction.
 - (vi) The parties to the prearranging communications shall not disclose to any other party details of the negotiation or otherwise enter an order to take advantage of the negotiation during such communications except as permitted in this Article.
- (c) **Committed Orders.** Committed orders may not be used to execute any Transaction under this Article or Article 6.202 having a prescribed time delay longer than zero seconds, and may be used for such Transactions only for the following products subject to the minimum volume threshold:

ELIGIBLE DERIVATIVES FOR COMMITTED ORDERS	MINIMUM VOLUME THRESHOLD
All expiry months and strategies	
Futures Contracts on S&P/TSX and FTSE Emerging Markets Indices	100 contracts
Options on Three-Month Canadian Bankers' Acceptance Futures Contracts	250 contracts
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Canadian Share Futures Contracts	100 contracts
All expiry months and excluding UDS strategies	
Equity, ETF and Currency Options	100 contracts
Index Options	50 contracts
Basis Trade on Close	
Futures Contracts on S&P/TSX Indices	100 contracts
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- (d) Transactions on eligible products with a prescribed time delay. The parties may engage in communications to prearrange a Transaction on the Electronic Trading System ~~or via the User Defined Strategy facility~~ where one party wishes to be assured that there will be a counterparty willing to take the opposite side of the Transaction, in accordance with the conditions in paragraph (a) of this Article; *provided however:*
- (i) in the case of a prearranged Transaction that is between the bid and ask on the Electronic Trading System and for an amount at or greater than the minimum threshold, the parties in their discretion may enter the prearranged Transaction as a committed order with no delay, subject to the conditions in paragraph (c) of this Article, or
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