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**SELF-CERTIFICATION**

**AMENDMENT TO THE PROCEDURES FOR THE CANCELLATION OF TRADES**

The Rules and Policies Committee of Bourse de Montréal Inc. (“**Bourse**”) has approved an amendment to the *Procedures for the cancellation of trades* (the “**Cancellation Procedures**”). Bourse wishes to advise Approved Participants that the amendment to the Cancellation Procedures was self-certified in accordance with the self-certification process as established in the *Derivatives Act* (R.S.Q., chapter I-14.01).

The new version of the Cancellation Procedures, that you will find attached, will become effective **on May 12, 2011**. Please note that these will also be available on Bourse’s website ([www.m-x.ca](http://www.m-x.ca)).

The amendment to Section 5.3 *Validation – No Cancel Range* of the Cancellation Procedures is intended to add an increment for the 30-Day Overnight Repo Rate Futures (ONX) and to identify the increment for the Bourse’s Options on S&P/TSX Indices (SXO).

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## PROCEDURES FOR THE CANCELLATION OF TRADES

### 1. APPLICABLE RULES

The procedures herein are consistent with and refer to the following Rule Six articles of the Bourse:

- 6303 - Validation, Alteration or Cancellation of a Trade
- 6381 - Cancellation of Trades
- 6383 - Acceptable Market Price
- 6384 - Decision by the Market Supervisor of the Bourse
- 6385 - Delays of Decision and Notifications

### 2. SUMMARY OF THE RELATED RULES

In order to maintain a fair and equitable market, trades may be cancelled by a vice-president or a senior vice-president of the Bourse if such transactions are detrimental to the normal operation or quality of the market or in any other circumstance deemed appropriate considering market conditions at the time of the trade or if the parties involved in the trade agree to the cancellation.

### 3. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the procedures described herein is:

- To ensure that all transactions are executed at a price coherent with prevailing market conditions (integrity) and to ensure that input errors can be corrected.

### 4. PROCEDURES' LIMITATION

The present procedures have a limited application in the case of trading sessions during which the underlying exchange-traded products are not open for trading.

In the event of erroneous trades during such trading sessions, the Market Operations department of the Bourse will not establish a No Cancel Range. As a result, such trades will not be adjusted by the Market Operations department of the Bourse and will stand at the traded price level unless both parties consent to cancel the erroneous trade. In such case the trade will be cancelled by the Market Operations department of the Bourse.

During trading sessions where the underlying exchange-traded instruments are not open for trading, a trading range (based on previous day's settlement price) will be established by the Bourse. Trading will be allowed only within that range for that given session (orders outside of that trading range will not be accepted by the system). Should either the high or the low of that range be reached, trading will be allowed at that limit level only until the market re-aligns itself back within the trading range.

## 5. DESCRIPTION

### 5.1 DETECTION AND DELAYS

Market participants have the responsibility to identify without delay erroneous trades. As soon as an erroneous transaction resulting from an entry error is identified, the approved participant must advise a Market Supervisor of the Bourse by calling the Market Operations Department of the Bourse at 514 871-7871 or 1-888-693-6366. A Market Supervisor will then contact the counterparties to the trade in order to reach an agreement within the 15 minutes that follow the execution of the transaction as prescribed by article 6381 of the Rules of the Bourse.

### 5.2 IMPLIED STRATEGY ORDERS

**“Regular orders”**: Orders routed by approved participants to the Montréal Exchange trading system.

**“Implied orders”**: Orders generated by the implied pricing algorithm (using regular orders) and registered in the order book by the trading engine.

**“Strategy”**: An instrument composed of two or more legs, including spreads

A strategy trade resulting from an implied strategy order is in reality constituted from each of the individual legs regular outright orders. For the purpose of this procedure, an erroneous trade occurring on an implied strategy order will be treated as if the strategy trade was executed using regular posted orders of each individual leg separately.

As a result, the prescribed increment utilized to establish the No Cancel Range to adjust an erroneous strategy trade resulting from an implied strategy order will be at least the increment on one of the individual legs and at the most, the sum of each individual legs' increments.

### 5.3 VALIDATION – NO CANCEL RANGE

In order to maintain market integrity, when a transaction outside the No Cancel Range is identified by Market Supervisors, the parties involved will be contacted within a reasonable delay by the Market Operations Department of the Bourse in order to adjust the trade price within the No Cancel Range.

When any potential erroneous trade is brought to the attention of a Market Supervisor by a market participant, the Market Supervisor will determine whether the trade price is in the No Cancel Range for the particular derivative instrument.

The No Cancel Range is defined as the price interval within which a trade cannot be cancelled. To establish the No Cancel Range, Market Supervisors:

- Determine, in accordance with article 6383 of the Rules, what was the acceptable market price for the derivative instrument was before the trade occurred. In making that determination, the Market Supervisor will consider all relevant information, including the last trade price, a better bid or offer, a more recent price for a related derivative instrument (for example a different expiry month) and the prices of similar derivative instruments trading on other markets;

- Apply (add and deduct) the following increments to the acceptable market price:

<b>DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENT</b>	<b>INCREMENT</b>
Three-Month Canadian Banker's Acceptance Futures – BAX (all quarterly and serial months)	5 basis points
Three-Month Canadian Banker's Acceptance Futures – BAX Strategies: - Regular strategy orders - Implied strategy orders	5 basis points Sum of the strategy's individual legs' increments.
Options on Three-Month Canadian Banker's Acceptance Futures	5 basis points
Government of Canada Bond Futures	40 basis points
Options on Government of Canada Bond Futures	40 basis points
Futures Contracts on S&P/TSX Indices	1% of the acceptable market price of these futures contracts
30-Day Overnight Repo Rate Futures	5 basis points
Equity, Currency, ETF and Index Options Price ranges:	
\$0.00 to \$5.00	\$0.10
\$5.01 to \$10.00	\$0.25
\$10.01 to \$20.00	\$0.50
\$20.00 up	\$0.75
Equity, Currency, ETF and Index Options Strategies: - Regular strategy orders - Implied strategy orders	Sum of the strategy's individual legs' increments
Sponsored Options Price ranges:	
\$0.001 to \$0.99	\$0.25
\$1.00 up	\$0.50
Single Stock Futures	\$2.00
Futures Contracts on Canadian Crude Oil	5% of the acceptable market price of these futures contracts.

#### **5.4 TRADE PRICE INSIDE THE NO CANCEL RANGE**

If the Market Supervisor determines that the price of the reported erroneous trade was inside the No Cancel Range, then the trade will be maintained and no further action will be taken unless the counterparty to the erroneous trade has agreed to cancel it.

Erroneous transactions, for which there has been consent between the parties to cancel, may be cancelled within the trading session (early, regular or extended) during which they have occurred.

## **5.5 TRADE PRICE OUTSIDE THE NO CANCEL RANGE**

If the Market Supervisor determines that the price of the erroneous trade is outside the No Cancel Range, then all parties involved in the transaction will be contacted and advised of the situation.

The transaction will be cancelled if all parties involved are in agreement.

The transaction will not be cancelled if one of the parties involved refuses. The residual trades (the ones not cancelled) will be readjusted to the limit of the No Cancel Range. In such a case, if the transaction involved a linked implied order, the initiator of the original error trade will take responsibility for the outcome. The error initiator may therefore have to take ownership of market positions for the directly resulting trades in the other linked contracts.

The Market Operations Department of the Bourse will adjust erroneous transactions in the best possible way. The main objective when adjusting erroneous trades is to minimize the impact for all market participants involved in the erroneous transaction and more particularly those who had a regular order in the order book.

## **5.6 OTHER SITUATIONS JUSTIFYING THE CANCELLATION OF TRANSACTIONS**

The Market Operations Department of the Bourse will review all circumstances surrounding a transaction to determine whether the trade occurred in accordance with the rules of the Bourse. The factors that will be considered include, among other things, the market conditions immediately before and after the trade was executed; the volatility of the market; the prices of related instruments in other markets and the fact that one or many parties to the transaction consider that it was executed at a valid price.

In the case of a system failure, it is possible that the Bourse's automated trading system will freeze with orders queuing and waiting to be processed. Once the problem is resolved, the market will be placed into a pre-opening phase during which trading in each derivative instrument will be halted in order to modify the opening time parameters. This pre-opening phase will allow market participants to modify orders and will ensure that the system failure does not impact the integrity of the market. Nevertheless, when the system is not frozen, pending orders could be executed before the Bourse can halt the derivative instruments. In such circumstances, Market Supervisors could have to cancel trades resulting from such executions.

## **5.7 MULTIPLE MARKET MAKER TRANSACTIONS ON EQUITY AND INDEX OPTIONS**

A Market Supervisor may also cancel transactions under the following conditions:

1. Multiple consecutive transactions can be cancelled if they consist of four (4) or more transactions against one market maker provided that:
  - all transactions were executed within a one (1) second interval;
  - the opposite side of the transactions consists of one or several market makers.
2. The market maker involved in the four (or more) transactions contacted a Market Supervisor at 514 871-7877 or 1-866-576-8836 within one (1) minute of the execution time of the multiple consecutive transactions, to request their cancellation.

## 5.8 DECISION

A decision to cancel or to refuse to cancel will be rendered by a Market Supervisor within 30 minutes following the cancellation request.

If the decision is to cancel the trade, the Market Supervisor will remove the trade from the records. Furthermore, if “stop” orders were triggered and therefore executed as a result of the cancelled trade, then these “stop” trades will also be cancelled and the “stop” orders will have to be re-instated in the order book by the initiators of such orders. Trade cancellation messages will be disseminated.

When a transaction is cancelled, if it originated from a regular order posted in the order book, the original price/time priority (FIFO) will not be maintained if the initiator of the original order wishes to re-instate his order after the cancellation. This cancelled order shall therefore be re-entered in the trading system by the initiator of the original order. This new order entry time will be the official entry time of the re-instated order.

If the Market Supervisor’s decision is to not cancel the trade, the parties to the transaction can not themselves decide to cancel it by making a position transfer through the Canadian Derivatives Clearing Corporation.