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**SELF-CERTIFICATION**

**MODIFICATIONS TO THE SPECIFICATIONS**

**TWO-YEAR GOVERNMENT OF CANADA BOND FUTURES CONTRACT (CGZ)**

**AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 6801 OF RULE SIX AND ARTICLES 15613 AND 15619  
OF RULE FIFTEEN OF BOURSE DE MONTRÉAL INC.**

The Rules and Policies Committee of Bourse de Montréal Inc. (“Bourse”) has approved amendments to article 6801 of Rule Six and articles 15613 and 15619 of Rule Fifteen of Bourse (the “amendments”) for the Two-Year Government of Canada Bond Futures (“CGZ contract”) contract in order to change the notional coupon rate from 4% to 6% and exclude 5-year and 10-year Government of Canada bonds from the basket of deliverable bonds. The Bourse wishes to advise market participants that these amendments to the Rules of the Bourse have been self-certified in accordance with the self-certification process as established in the *Derivatives Act* (R.S.Q., chapter I-14.01).

The amendments will apply to the December 2010 CGZ contract and will be applicable to all subsequent contract months. It is important to specify that the amendments will not apply to the September 2010 CGZ contract. This contract will retain its current specifications until maturity.

These amendments will become effective on **September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010**. You will find the amended articles and contract specifications attached herein or on the Web site of the Bourse at [www.m-x.ca](http://www.m-x.ca).

**Amendments to Rule Six**

The Bourse modifies paragraph d) of article 6801 called “Standard Trading Unit” of Rule Six to change the notional coupon rate of the CGZ contract from 4% to 6%.

Also, out-of-date dispositions relative to contract specifications in application before December 2006 are removed from article 6801.

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**Amendments to Rule Fifteen**

The Bourse modifies articles 15613 and 15619 of Rule Fifteen to change the notional coupon rate of the CGZ contract from 4% to 6% and to allow the Bourse to exclude from the basket of deliverable bonds, bonds that were originally issued at auctions of 5-year and 10-year Government of Canada bonds.

Also, out-of-date dispositions relative to contract specifications in application before December 2006 are removed from article 15613.

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# Specifications

## CGZ - Two-Year Government of Canada Bond Futures Contract

<b>Trading Unit</b>	C\$200,000 nominal value Government of Canada Bond with 6% notional coupon
<b>Contract Months</b>	March, June, September and December.
<b>Price Quotation</b>	Par is on the basis of 100 points, with one point equal to C\$5,000.
<b>Last Trading Day</b>	Trading ceases at 1:00 p.m. (ET) on the seventh business day preceding the last business day of the delivery month.
<b>Contract Type</b>	Physical delivery of eligible Government of Canada Bonds. See Circulars.
<b>Delivery Notices</b>	Delivery notices should be submitted before 5:30 p.m. or before such time set by the clearing corporation on any business day, between the third business day preceding the first business day of the delivery month, and the third business day preceding the last business day of the delivery month inclusively.
<b>Delivery Date</b>	Delivery shall be made on the third business day following the submission of the delivery notice by the member holding a seller's position or on any other day as determined by the clearing corporation. Delivery shall be completed no later than the last business day of the delivery month.
<b>Minimum Price Fluctuation</b>	0.005 = C\$ 10 per contract.
<b>Reporting Level</b>	250 contracts.
<b>Position Limits</b>	Information on position limits can be obtained from Bourse de Montréal Inc. as they are subject to periodic changes.
<b>Minimum Margin Requirements</b>	Information on Minimum Margin Requirements can be obtained from the Bourse as they are subject to periodic changes.
<b>Delivery Standards</b>	Government of Canada bonds which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• have a remaining time to maturity of between 1½ year and 2½ years as of the first day of the delivery month, calculated by rounding down to the nearest whole month period.</li><li>• have an outstanding amount of at least C\$2.4 billion nominal value.</li><li>• are originally issued at 2-year Government of Canada bond auctions.</li><li>• are issued and delivered on or before the 15th day preceding the first delivery notice day of the contract.</li></ul>
<b>Daily Price Limit</b>	None
<b>Trading Hours</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Early session: 6:00 a.m. to 8:05 a.m. (ET)</li><li>• Regular session: 8:20 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (ET)</li><li>• Extended session* : 3:06 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (ET)</li></ul> * There is no extended session on the last trading day of the expiring contract month.  Note: During early closing days, the regular session closes at 1:00 p.m., time at which the daily settlement price is established. In those circumstances, the extended session is from 1:06 to 1:30 p.m.
<b>Clearing Corporation</b>	Canadian Derivatives Clearing Corporation (CDCC).
<b>Ticker Symbol</b>	CGZ

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## **D. SPECIAL RULES FOR TRADING FUTURES CONTRACTS**

### **Section 6801 - 6820**

#### **Terms of Trade**

#### **Futures**

#### **6801 Standard Trading Unit**

(24.01.86, 22.04.88, 08.09.89, 16.04.92, 19.01.95, 07.09.99, 31.01.01, 29.04.02, 14.06.02, 03.05.04, 24.07.06, 16.11.07, 30.05.08, 15.05.09, 18.06.10, 01.09.10)

No futures contract shall be traded on the Bourse unless it has standardized terms and is issued by the appropriate clearing corporation in cooperation with the Bourse.

Unless otherwise determined by the Bourse, each trading unit shall consist of the following:

- a) in the case of the 30-day overnight repo rate futures:  
a nominal value of CAN\$5,000,000.
- b) in the case of the 1-month Canadian bankers' acceptance futures:  
a nominal value of CAN\$3,000,000 of 1-month Canadian bankers' acceptances.
- c) in the case of the 3-month Canadian bankers' acceptance futures:  
a nominal value of CAN\$1,000,000 of 3-month Canadian bankers' acceptances.
- d) i) in the case of 2-year Government of Canada Bond futures expiring before December 2010:  
CAN\$200,000 nominal value of a notional Government of Canada Bond bearing a coupon of 4%.  
ii) in the case of the December 2010 2-year Government of Canada Bond futures and for subsequent contract months:  
CAN\$200,000 nominal value of a notional Government of Canada Bond bearing a coupon of 6%.
- e) in the case of the 5-year Government of Canada Bond futures:  
CAN\$100,000 nominal value of a notional Government of Canada Bond bearing a coupon of 6%.
- f) in the case of the 10-year Government of Canada Bond futures:  
CAN\$100,000 nominal value of a notional Government of Canada Bond bearing a coupon of 6%.
- g) in the case of the 30-year Government of Canada Bond futures:

CAN\$100,000 nominal value of a notional Government of Canada Bond bearing a coupon of 4%.

- h) in the case of the futures contract on the S&P/TSX 60 Index:

CAN \$200 times the S&P/TSX 60 Index futures contract level.

- i) in the case of the mini futures contract on the S&P/TSX Composite Index:

CAN \$5 times the level of the S&P/TSX Composite Index mini futures.

- j) in the case of the futures contract on designated S&P/TSX sectorial indices:

The Bourse, in consultation with the Canadian Derivatives Clearing Corporation, shall establish the unit of trading for each futures contract that has been approved for trading.

- k) in the case of the futures contract on Canadian and international stocks:

The Bourse, in consultation with the Canadian Derivatives Clearing Corporation, shall establish the unit of trading for each futures contract that has been approved for trading.

- l) in the case of the futures contract on carbon dioxide equivalent (CO<sub>2</sub>e) units with physical settlement:

100 carbon dioxide equivalent (CO<sub>2</sub>e) units. Each unit is an entitlement to emit one metric ton of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO<sub>2</sub>e).

- m) in the case of the futures contract on carbon dioxide equivalent (CO<sub>2</sub>e) units with cash settlement:

100 carbon dioxide equivalent (CO<sub>2</sub>e) units. Each unit is an entitlement to emit one metric ton of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO<sub>2</sub>e).

- n) in the case of the futures contract on designated Canadian Crude Oil:

1,000 U.S. barrels.

**15613 Delivery Standards**

(08.09.89, 20.11.89, 05.03.90, 01.07.92, 01.10.92, 12.07.94, 19.01.95, 05.08.97, 06.11.97, 22.12.99, 03.05.04, 17.11.04, 24.07.06, 16.11.07, 01.09.10)

- a) For the 10-year Government of Canada Bond Futures contract shall be deliverable only those Government of Canada bond issues which:
- i) have a remaining maturity of between 8 and 10½ years, as of the first day of the delivery month (for the purpose of determining the maturity of a bond eligible for delivery and for settlement, the time to maturity of a given issue shall be calculated in complete periods of three months, by rounding down to the nearest entire three-month period, e.g. 10 years and seven months shall be considered 10½ years from the first day of the delivery month);
  - ii) have an outstanding amount of \$3.5 billion nominal value (net of all potential purchases by the Government of Canada up until the end of the period during which the bond issue is deliverable);
  - iii) are originally issued at 10-year auctions (a bond not issued at a 10-year auction which would otherwise meet the standards of this rule, is also deemed to be deliverable, if during the last 12-month period preceding the first Delivery Notice Day of the contract month, its reopenings total a minimum nominal amount of \$3.5 billion);
  - iv) are issued and delivered on or before the 15th day preceding the first Delivery Notice Day corresponding to the delivery month of the contract;
  - v) have a face value at maturity in multiples of CAN \$100,000; and
  - vi) have a coupon of 6%. However, at the seller's choice, a Government of Canada Bond having a coupon other than 6% can be substituted. The amount of premium or discount for each deliverable issue shall be calculated on the basis of a yield equivalent to a Government of Canada Bond bearing a 6% coupon and selling at par.
- b) For the 5-year Government of Canada Bond Futures contract, shall be deliverable only those Government of Canada bond issues which:
- i) have a remaining maturity of between 3 years 6 months and 5 years 3 months, as of the first day of the delivery month (for the purpose of determining the maturity of a bond eligible for delivery and for settlement, the time to maturity of a given issue shall be calculated in complete one month increments, by rounding down to the nearest entire one month period. e.g. 4 years 5 months and 14 days shall be considered 4 years and 5 months from the first day of the delivery month);
  - ii) have an outstanding amount of \$3.5 billion nominal value (net of all potential purchases by the Government of Canada up until the end of the period during which the bond issue is deliverable);
  - iii) have an original maturity of not more than 5 years and 9 months (an issue which has an original maturity of more than 5 years and 9 months and which would otherwise meet the standards of this rule, is also deemed to be deliverable, if during the last 12-month period preceding the first Delivery Notice Day of the contract month, its reopenings

total a minimum nominal amount of \$3.5 billion, or if it was deliverable in the 10-year Government of Canada Bond Futures contract);

- iv) are issued and delivered on or before the 15th day preceding the first Delivery Notice Day corresponding to the delivery month of the contract;
  - v) have a face value at maturity in multiples of CAN \$100,000; and
  - vi) have a coupon of 6%. However, at the seller's choice, a Government of Canada Bond having a coupon other than 6% can be substituted. The amount of premium or discount for each deliverable issue shall be calculated on the basis of a yield equivalent to a Government of Canada Bond bearing a 6% coupon and selling at par.
- c) For the 2-year Government of Canada Bond Futures contract expiring before December 2010, shall be deliverable only those Government of Canada bond issues which:
- i) have a remaining maturity of between 1 year 6 months and 2 years 6 months, as of the first day of the delivery month (for the purpose of determining the maturity of a bond eligible for delivery and for settlement, the time to maturity of a given issue shall be calculated in complete one month increments, by rounding down to the nearest entire one month period. e.g. 2 years 1 month and 14 days shall be considered 2 years and 1 month from the first day of the delivery month);
  - ii) have an outstanding amount of \$2.4 billion nominal value (net of all potential purchases by the Government of Canada up until the end of the period during which the bond issue is deliverable);
  - iii) are originally issued at 2-year, 5-year or 10-year Government of Canada bond auctions (a bond which has not been originally issued at a 2-year, 5-year or 10-year Government of Canada bond auction and which would otherwise meet the standards of this rule, is also deemed to be deliverable, if during the last 12-month period preceding the first Delivery Notice Day of the contract month, its reopenings total a minimum nominal amount of \$2.4 billion);
  - iv) are issued and delivered on or before the 15th day preceding the first Delivery Notice Day corresponding to the delivery month of the contract;
  - v) have a face value at maturity in multiples of CAN \$200,000; and
  - vi) have a coupon of 4%. However, at the seller's choice, a Government of Canada Bond having a coupon other than 4% can be substituted. The amount of premium or discount for each deliverable issue shall be calculated on the basis of a yield equivalent to a Government of Canada Bond bearing a 4% coupon and selling at par.
- d) For the December 2010 2-year Government of Canada Bond Futures contract and for subsequent contract months, shall be deliverable only those Government of Canada bond issues which:
- i) have a remaining maturity of between 1 year 6 months and 2 years 6 months, as of the first day of the delivery month (for the purpose of determining the maturity of a bond eligible for delivery and for settlement, the time to maturity of a given issue shall be

calculated in complete one month increments, by rounding down to the nearest entire one month period. e.g. 2 years 1 month and 14 days shall be considered 2 years and 1 month from the first day of the delivery month);

- ii) have an outstanding amount of \$2.4 billion nominal value (net of all potential purchases by the Government of Canada up until the end of the period during which the bond issue is deliverable);
  - iii) are originally issued at 2-year Government of Canada bond auctions (a bond which has not been originally issued at a 2-year Government of Canada bond auction and which would otherwise meet the standards of this rule, is also deemed to be deliverable, if during the last 12-month period preceding the first Delivery Notice Day of the contract month, its reopenings total a minimum nominal amount of \$2.4 billion);
  - iv) are issued and delivered on or before the 15th day preceding the first Delivery Notice Day corresponding to the delivery month of the contract;
  - v) have a face value at maturity in multiples of CAN \$200,000; and
  - vi) have a coupon of 6%. However, at the seller's choice, a Government of Canada Bond having a coupon other than 6% can be substituted. The amount of premium or discount for each deliverable issue shall be calculated on the basis of a yield equivalent to a Government of Canada Bond bearing a 6% coupon and selling at par.
- e) For the 30-year Government of Canada Bond Futures contract shall be deliverable only those Government of Canada Bond issues which:
- i) have a remaining maturity of between 21 and 33 years, as of the first day of the delivery month (for the purpose of determining the maturity of a bond eligible for delivery and for settlement, the time to maturity of a given issue shall be calculated in complete periods of three months, by rounding down to the nearest entire three-month period, e.g. 30 years and seven months shall be considered 30½ years from the first day of the delivery month);
  - ii) have an outstanding amount of \$3.5 billion nominal value (net of all potential purchases by the Government of Canada up until the end of the period during which the bond issue is deliverable);
  - iii) are originally issued at 30-year auctions (a bond not issued at a 30-year auction which would otherwise meet the standards of this rule, is also deemed to be deliverable, if during the last 12-month period preceding the first Delivery Notice Day of the contract month, its reopenings total a minimum nominal amount of \$3.5 billion);
  - iv) are issued and delivered on or before the 15th day preceding the first delivery notice day corresponding to the delivery month of the contract;
  - v) have a face value at maturity in multiples of CAN \$100,000; and
  - vi) have a coupon of 4%. However, at the seller's choice, a Government of Canada Bond having a coupon other than 4% can be substituted. The amount of premium or discount



for each deliverable issue shall be calculated on the basis of a yield equivalent to a Government of Canada Bond bearing a 4% coupon and selling at par.

- f) The price of a deliverable Government of Canada Bond shall be determined according to the conversion factors tables published by the Bourse.

The conversion factor of a deliverable issue is the actualized value of the deliverable issue to the notional yield of the futures contract considered on the first day of the delivery month, minus the interest accrued until delivery day.

- g) The amount to be paid at delivery is equal to \$2,000 multiplied by the conversion factor of the deliverable issue and multiplied by the settlement price of the futures contract being delivered, plus accrued interests to the delivery day. Accrued interest is charged to the approved participant taking delivery.
- h) All Government of Canada Bonds being delivered in respect of a futures contract must be of the same issue.
- i) Before a contract is listed for trading, the Bourse shall have the right to exclude any deliverable Government of Canada bond issue, even if it meets all the standards specified in this Rule.

**15619 Emergencies, Acts of God, Actions of Governments**

(08.09.89, 19.01.95, 05.08.97, 22.12.99, 03.05.04, 16.11.07, 01.09.10)

- a) In the eventuality that a delivery operation cannot be carried because of a strike, a fire, an accident, a Government action, an act of God or any other emergency situation, the holder of a buyer's position or a seller's position shall immediately notify the Bourse and the clearing corporation. In the eventuality that the Bourse or the clearing corporation finds that an immediate action is necessary, a special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be called on the matter and any decision rendered in such circumstances shall be binding on all parties to futures contracts. If the Board of Directors decides that an emergency situation is in progress, the Board of Directors shall take all necessary actions in the circumstances, and the decision of the Board of Directors shall bind all parties to the futures contract. The Board of Directors could, for instance, extend the delivery period or indicate a different location for delivery operations.
- b) In the eventuality where the Board of Directors decides that a shortage of deliverable Government of Canada Bond issues exists or might exist, it shall take all necessary action to correct, prevent or alleviate the situation. The Board of Directors could, for instance:
  - i) designate as a deliverable issue any other Government of Canada Bond that does not meet the criteria in this Rule;
  - ii) in addition to the normal delivery procedures, decide of a cash settlement based on the cash value of a Government of Canada Bond bearing the coupon rate specified in the rules applicable to each designated 2-year, 5-year, 10-year or 30-year Government of Canada Bond futures contract, as determined by using the yield curve of Government of Canada Bonds on the last day of trading.