

CSA Multilateral Staff Notice 24-309

Publication of Clearing Agency Requirements in Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba

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Introduction

Staff of the securities regulatory authorities in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia (“staff” or “we”) are publishing this CSA Multilateral Staff Notice to alert our market participants of proposed rules and related companion policies that are being published for comment today in Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba.

Substance and Purpose

Specifically, the proposed rules will establish requirements relating to the operation of clearing agencies that are regulated by the securities regulatory authorities in those provinces. In Ontario, the proposed rule is referred to as OSC Rule 24 – 503 – *Clearing Agency Requirements* and may be found at: http://www.osc.gov.on.ca/en/SecuritiesLaw_24-503.htm. In Quebec as the proposed rule is referred to as Regulation 24-503 – *Respecting Clearing House, Central Securities Depository and Settlement System Requirements* and may be found at: <http://www.lautorite.qc.ca/files/pdf/consultations/valeurs-mobilieres/mars-2014/2013dec18-24-503-cons-publ-en.pdf>. In Manitoba the proposed rule is referred to as MSC Rule 24-503 – *Clearing Agency Requirements*.

The requirements in these proposed rules are based largely on international standards applicable to financial market infrastructures (FMIs) that were developed jointly by the Committee on Payment and Settlement Systems (CPSS) of the Bank for International Settlements and the Board of the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO). We intend to develop materially similar requirements that will apply to clearing agencies that offer their services in our jurisdictions.

Market participants in our jurisdictions are encouraged to comment on the proposed rules published by Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba. We will publish for public comment our multi-lateral requirements at a later date and will consider comment letters that are submitted to the OSC the AMF and the MFSC when developing those requirements.

Questions

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