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Foreign Exchange (FX) Margin Surcharge

OVERVIEW:

This list is published when a Group 1, 2, or 3 currency's spot risk margin rate is increased, because the volatility of the currency exceeds the volatility threshold that is set out in Dealer Member Rule 100.2(d)(v)(B)(a). In addition, the list is also published when the increased spot risk margin rate for the currency is reduced, because a minimum of 30 trading days has passed since the currency's spot risk margin rate increase and the currency's volatility no longer exceeds the volatility threshold.

Excess volatility in a currency is measured and tracked as an "offside day". An offside day is triggered when the percentage change in the exchange rate of the currency over five-day intervals, through a period of 60 trading days, exceeds the margin rate for the currency group. When the number of offside base days during the period reaches 4, a margin surcharge is applied.



A Dealer Member must use the spot risk margin rates listed in the attached Margin Summary Violation Report, the Foreign Currency Group list, and Dealer Member Rule 100.2(d) in margining unhedged foreign exchange customer and Dealer Member (inventory) positions and any other customer and Dealer Member transactions that result in an exposure to foreign exchange risk.

MARGIN VIOLATION SUMMARY REPORT:

Beginning this month, IIROC will be publishing 12 additional spot risk margin rates (Argentina Peso, Czech Koruna, Denmark Krone, Hong Kong Dollar, Hungary Forint, Malaysia Ringgit, Norway Krone, Mexico New Peso, Poland Zloty, Saudi Arabia Riyal, Singapore Dollar and Sweden Krona) based on the volatility of the U.S. dollar exchange rates.

Attached is the foreign exchange (FX) [Margin Violation Summary Report](#) prepared as at March 19, 2010 listing all currencies presently in Groups 1-3.

Based on the volatility of the Canadian dollar exchange rates, effective March 25, 2010, the following spot risk margin rate(s) apply until further notice.

- **New Zealand Dollar versus Canadian Dollar from 3.20% to 3.00%**
- **British Pound versus Canadian Dollar from 3.50% to 3.00%**

Based on the volatility of the U.S. dollar exchange rates, effective March 25, 2010, the following spot risk margin rate(s) apply until further notice.

- **British Pound versus U.S. Dollar from 3.40% to 3.00%**
- **Australian Dollar versus U.S. Dollar from 4.30% to 3.30%**

This summary report replaces the previous list provided in IIROC Rules Notice 09-0309, issued on October 22, 2009.