

# IIROC NOTICE

## Rules Notice

### Technical

Dealer Member Rules

*Please distribute internally to:*

Credit  
Internal Audit  
Legal and Compliance  
Operations  
Regulatory Accounting  
Retail  
Senior Management  
Trading Desk

*Contact:*

Mindy Kwok

Information Analyst, Member Regulation Policy

416 943-6979

[mkwok@iiroc.ca](mailto:mkwok@iiroc.ca)

Bruce Grossman

Senior Information Analyst, Member Regulation Policy

416 943-5782

[bgrossman@iiroc.ca](mailto:bgrossman@iiroc.ca)

**11-0095**

**March 9, 2011**

## 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:**

Attached is the foreign exchange (FX) [Margin Violation Summary Report](#) prepared as at March 4, 2011 listing all currencies presently in Groups 1-3.

Based on the volatility of the Canadian dollar exchange rates, effective March 14, 2011, the following spot risk margin rate(s) apply until further notice.

- **Sweden Krona versus Canadian Dollar from 3.30% to 3.00%**
- **U.S. Dollar versus Canadian Dollar from 2.50% to 1.80%**

Based on the volatility of the U.S. dollar exchange rates, effective March 14, 2011, the following spot risk margin rate(s) apply until further notice:

- **Canadian Dollar versus U.S. Dollar from 2.50% to 1.80%**
- **Norway Krona versus U.S. Dollar from 3.50% to 3.00%**
- **Sweden Krona versus U.S. Dollar from 3.80% to 3.10%**

This summary report replaces the previous list provided in IIROC Rules Notice 11-0035, issued on January 26, 2011.