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List of Floating and Tracking Error Margin Rates for Qualifying Canadian and U.S. Index Products

This list is published monthly and provides the floating and tracking error margin rates for Canadian and U.S. index products whose index qualifies under the definition of an “index” in Dealer Member Rule 100.9(a)(xii). By qualifying as an index, these index products are allowed to use the floating margin rate methodology for margining purposes.

Individual positions (i.e. non-offset positions) of index participation units (also known as exchange traded funds or ETFs) and qualifying baskets of index securities for customer positions and Dealer Member inventory positions are to be margined according to Dealer Member Rule 100.2(f)(vii). Individual positions of index options are to be margined according to Dealer Member Rule 100.9 for customer positions and Dealer Member Rule 100.10 for Dealer Member inventory positions.



Offset positions involving index participation units, qualifying basket of index securities, index options, and index futures are to be margined according to Dealer Member Rule 100.9 for customer positions and Dealer Member Rule 100.10 for Dealer Member inventory positions.

Non-traditional ETFs, such as leveraged and inverse ETFs, whose performance may be based upon the performance of a qualifying index, are not eligible for the floating margin rate methodology for margining purposes.

For U.S. listed index products that have not yet been included on the list and whose U.S. OCC index options are based on a security or index that qualifies as a U.S. “Broad index stock group” as per FINRA Rule 4210(f)(2)(A)(vii), IIROC has set the floating margin rate as 15.00%. In addition, IIROC has set the minimum tracking error margin rates for these index products as 2.50%.

Enclosed as [Attachment #1](#), is a copy of the list of floating margin rates and tracking error margin rates for qualifying major Canadian and U.S. index products, which has been prepared using data available up to the period ended February 29, 2016.

The list has been updated to include the tracking error margin rates for the “index and futures” on the S&P/TSX Composite Index Banks (Industry Group), and the “index and futures” and “index participation unit and futures” on the S&P/TSX Capped Utilities Index.

This list of floating margin rates and tracking error margin rates for Canadian and U.S. index products, for the purposes of Dealer Member Rules 100.2(f)(vii), 100.9 and 100.10, is effective March 18, 2016.