
2002/02/15 — Recognition of Market Regulation Services Inc. — Notice of Approval

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RS Inc. recognition

On January 29, 2002, the Commission recognized Market Regulation Services Inc. (RS Inc.) as a self-regulatory organization. RS Inc. will operate as a regulation services provider under the Alternative Trading System (ATS) rules and will administer and enforce trading rules for the marketplaces that retain its services.

Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba and Quebec also recognized RS Inc. as a self-regulatory organization.

The RS Inc. recognition has three components:

1. — Recognition order with terms and conditions

The recognizing regulators issued orders recognizing RS Inc. with terms and conditions based on recognition criteria. A copy of the Ontario recognition order is published in Chapter 2 of this bulletin.

2. — Rules and Policies

The recognizing regulators approved the Universal Market Integrity Rules (UMIRs). A copy of the UMIRs and the policies under the UMIRs is published in Chapter 13 of this bulletin.

3. — Oversight program

The recognizing regulators established an oversight program for RS Inc. under a memorandum of understanding (MOU). The MOU includes a joint rule protocol for the review and approval of rules, the filing of significant changes to RS Inc.'s operations, and the performance of examinations of RS Inc.'s regulation services. A copy of the MOU.

The Commission published the RS Inc. application for recognition on October 12, 2001 at (2001), 24 OSCB 6125. Eight commenters responded to the request for comments. A summary of the comments and the response of the recognizing regulators is attached to this notice.

TSE amended recognition order

The Toronto Stock Exchange Inc. (TSE) intends to retain RS Inc. as a regulation services provider. As a result, the Commission issued an order amending the TSE's recognition as a stock exchange to

amend the requirements concerning regulation services. A copy of the amended TSE recognition order is published in Chapter 2 of this bulletin.