



ELIGIBLE EQUITY OPTIONS

Approval of Underlying Interest for Stock Options

As the issuer and guarantor of exchange-traded derivatives in Canada, Canadian Derivatives Clearing Corporation (CDCC) revises its eligibility criteria for equity options on an annual basis.

CDCC Rule B-6 stipulates:

Section B-603 Criteria for Eligibility of Stock Options

- 1) In considering whether any Stock should be approved as the Underlying Interest of a Stock Option, the Board, in those circumstances where Section B-605 does not apply, shall ensure that prior to being approved as an Underlying Interest the Stock meets all of the following criteria:
 - a. the Stock is listed on a Canadian Exchange;
 - b. the Market Capitalization of the Stock is within the top quartile (25%) of Securities listed on all Canadian Exchanges as of the last trading day of the previous quarter. The specific dollar threshold will be published by the Corporation;
 - c. the monthly North American Volume of the Stock is within the top quartile (25%) of Securities listed on all Canadian Exchanges as of the last trading day of the previous quarter. The specific threshold will be published by the Corporation.

Section B-604 Deficiency Criteria for Stock Options

- 1) Except as provided for in Section B-604 (2), no new Series of a Class of Stock Options which is already listed may be opened for trading if any one of the following conditions occur with respect to the Underlying Interest:
 - a. the Stock is no longer listed on a Canadian Exchange;
 - b. the Market Capitalization of the Stock is below the top third (33%) of Securities listed on all Canadian Exchanges as of the last trading day of the previous quarter. The specific dollar threshold will be published by the Corporation;
 - c. the monthly North American Volume of the Stock is below the top third (33%) of Securities listed on all Canadian Exchanges as of the last trading day of the previous quarter. The specific threshold will be published by the Corporation.
- 2) In exceptional circumstances and in the interest of maintaining a fair and orderly market or for the protection of investors, the Corporation may agree to clear additional Series of Options with respect to any Underlying Interest which is deficient under one or more of the criteria set forth in subsection (1) of this Section B-604.