# ICE Futures U.S.®, Inc.

# **CANOLA FUTURES AND OPTIONS**

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#### **CHAPTER 12 - CANOLA**

# **Scope of Rules**

Except where specifically provided otherwise in this Chapter 12, the Rules of the Exchange and the Clearing Organization Rules shall be applicable to Transactions in Canola Futures Contracts and Canola Options. All times specified in this Chapter 12 refer to Eastern Standard Time or Daylight Savings Time as in effect on the relevant date and time in New York.

#### 12.00 Definitions

As used in these Rules, the following words shall have the meanings set forth below. In the event of any inconsistency between the provisions of this Chapter 12 and any other Rule, the provisions of this Chapter shall apply.

- "Additional Indemnification" means the monies required to be paid by a Warrant Issuer, subsequent to Delivery Day, and is an amount calculated by the Exchange based on marking-to-market the commodity, all as required under the Rules.
- "Business Day" shall have the meaning set forth in Chapter 1 of the Exchange Rules.
- "CGC-Licensed Inland Facility" an inland grain-handling facility, which is licensed by the Canadian Grain Commission, and is located in one of the following Canadian provinces: British Columbia (Peace River District only), Alberta, Saskatchewan, or Manitoba.
- "constructively placed" means when the conveyance (railcar or truck) is placed by the buyer in an accessible position for loading at a location pursuant to the contract Rule.
- "Deferred Delivery Contract" a written cash market purchase agreement of a contract deliverable grade as set out in the Exchange Rules, in which a Merchant Participant authorized to issue Warrants is the buyer and a third party is a seller and the terms of the agreement include a specified future delivery period within the contract deliverable region(s).
- "Delivery Certificate" an electronic Exchange delivery instrument which evidences the right to call for shipment of canola, all in accordance with the Rules.
- "Delivery Certificate Holder" the Person identified in the Delivery System (who may be acting for its own account or the account of another Person) as entitled to exercise all rights with respect to a Delivery Certificate for all purposes under the Rules.
- "Delivery Day" means the Business Day immediately following Tender Notice Day.
- "Delivery Day Value" means the monies required to be paid by the long position holder(s) taking delivery which shall be the number of metric tonnes of canola multiplied by the previous day's futures contract settlement price, or for deliveries made during the last two (2) Business Days after the Last Trading Day of the delivery month, the settlement price on the Last Trading Day.

**Delivery System** - shall mean the database and operational system for canola deliveries utilized by the Exchange known as the ICE Deliveries Platform System (or any successor system used by the Exchange), which is accessible electronically by persons to which the Exchange (or its affiliate) grants a right of access.

- **Delivery System Rules** shall mean the rules, protocols, agreements, user manuals and procedures as the Exchange may from time to time adopt or modify with respect to the Delivery System, as in effect from time to time.
- **Elevator Operator** means any company or other organization approved by the Exchange entitled to register elevators for storage and/or shipment of Exchange canola contracts in fulfillment of Warrants issued by Warrant Issuers for delivery against Exchange canola contracts.
- **Exchange Rules --** shall mean the Rules of ICE Futures U.S., Inc. and the Delivery System Rules.
- **"F.O.B."** Free on Board. Condition of Sale where the price of the commodity includes all charges until such commodity is placed aboard the conveyance in which the commodity is to be shipped.
- "Group", "Group Companies" or "Group of Companies" means, with respect to any entity, a Firm which is a parent or a subsidiary of that entity or a subsidiary of any parent of that entity.
- "Handling Agreement" means a written agreement between Participants eligible to participate in the Handling Shipment Process.
- **"Handling Shipment Process"** means the Rules, requirements and procedures whereby a Warrant Issuer utilizes elevators registered by a Merchant Participant or an Elevator Operator to effect its storage and/or shipment requirements in fulfillment of its Warrant obligations.
- "Initial Indemnification" means the monies required to be paid by the Warrant Issuer on the issuance of a new Warrant, in accordance with the Rules, which monies are payable on the Delivery Day;
- "in-store" grain actually in an elevator.
- "In-Transit" means any grain that has been loaded into a conveyance (whether railcar, truck, or vessel) and is in the process of being shipped from one owner (the seller) to another (the buyer).
- "Issuer-Owned Warrant" -- means a Warrant which has been issued by a Merchant Participant in accordance with the requirements of Section 12.12 (c)(1) and (c)(2) of the Rules with respect to canola that is beneficially owned by the Merchant Participant.
- "Load Out Capacity" means, with respect to each elevator registered for delivery, the lesser of the elevator's ability to load railcars or to load trucks during a one day period during regular business hours, in accordance with the Rules.
- "Merchant" means a company which buys or sells canola either for its own account or as an agent charging commission.
- "Merchant Participant" means any company approved to list space for storage and delivery against the canola contract and/or issue Warrants in accordance with the Rules, provided that the approval has not been suspended or terminated.
- "Official Sample" a sample taken from a shipment by an Official Sampler.

"Official Sampler" – means an entity listed below, who is permitted to take Official Samples for the purposes of determining weights, grades, and quality assessments, as described elsewhere in these Rules. The list of approved Official Samplers is as follows and the President or his designate may vary this list as necessary, with notice to the market:

SGS Canada Inc.

SGS North America Inc.

Intertek Group plc;

Canadian Grain Commission (CGC)

Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) of the US Department of Agriculture (USDA)

"railcar" – hopper car.

"Registered Handling Agreement" - means a Handling Agreement which has been submitted to the Exchange for approval by submission of the formspecfied by the Exchange and which has received the written approval of the Exchange.

"Tender Notice Day" - means the Business Day on which a Tender Notice is issued.

**"Tender Notice"** - a notice of a Clearing Member's intention to make delivery pursuant to the By-laws and Rules of the Exchange and the Clearing Organization that is entered in the Delivery System.

"Third Party Warrant" -means a Warrant which has been issued by a Merchant Participant in accordance with the requirements of Section 12.12 (c)(1) and (c)(3) of the Rules with respect to canola that is beneficially owned by another Person .

**"truck"** – grain or similar product equipment with open top allowing unrestricted country elevator loading access and with hopper bottom or end dump unloading capability. This excludes pressurized and/or top hatch equipment.

"Warrant" – an Exchange delivery instrument which evidences in electronic form the obligation of the Warrant Issuer to provide the shipment of the canola when called for by the Exchange, all in accordance with the Rules.

**"Warrant Issuer"** – a Merchant Participant which has properly completed and filed in the Delivery System.

Amended by the Board December 11, 2019; effective April 28, 2020.

#### **Part A - Futures Contracts**

#### 12.01 Contract Specifications

Each futures contract shall be for 20 metric tonnes of canola at par.

# 12.02 Trading Specifications

a. Trading Unit

Prices shall be quoted per metric tonne of canola

b. Price Increments

The minimum price fluctuation shall be ten cents (\$0.10) per metric tonne.

c. Daily Price Limits

Trading in canola futures contracts is prohibited during any Business Day at prices which exceed the settlement price of the previous Business Day by an amount higher or lower than the Regular or Expanded Daily Limit Amount.

(1) Regular Daily Price Limits

The Daily Price Limit shall be calculated in accordance with paragraph (c)(1)(i) as provided below:

- (i) Regular Daily Price Limit shall be reset every six months and determined as follows:
  - (a) The first reset of the calendar year shall be effective with the start of trading on the first trading day in May, and the new Regular Daily Price Limit shall be calculated as 7% of the average of the daily settlement price of the nearest July contract over the 45 consecutive trading day period ending on the business day prior to April 16<sup>th</sup>, rounded to the nearest \$5.00 per metric tonne.
  - (b) The second reset of the calendar year shall be effective with the start of trading on the first trading day in November, and the new Regular Daily Price Limit shall be calculated as 7% of the average of the daily settlement price of the nearest January contract over the 45 consecutive trading day period ending on the business day prior to October 16<sup>th</sup>, rounded to the nearest \$5.00 per metric tonne.
- (ii) Provided that there shall be no daily limit on price movement in an expiring futures contract month commencing on the Exchange Business Day prior to the First Notice Day of that expiring futures contract month.
- (iii) Provided further, that under certain market conditions, system-priced legs of spread or Trade at Settlement ("TAS") trades may be priced outside the aforementioned Daily Limits.

# (2) Expanded Daily Price Limits

- (i) If the settlement price of any two (2) of the front five contract months subject to a daily price limit in the canola futures contract, or the nearby July futures contract when it is the first listed contract subject to a daily price limit, is at the Regular Daily Limits, the limits shall be expanded on the following day to in amount equal to 150% of the Regular Price Limit rounded up to the nearest \$5.00 per metric tonne.
- (ii) If, while the daily limits are expanded and no contract month settles at the expanded daily limit that day, the daily limits shall move to the Regular Daily Limit level the following day.

Amended by the Board Decembe 11, 2019; effective April 28, 2020 [¶¶ (c)(1)(i)]. Amended by the Board June 23, 2021; effective July 15, 2021 [[¶¶ (c)(1)(i) through (c)(1(ii), (c)(2)(i) through (2)(ii)].

#### 12.03 Contract Deliverable Grades

- a. Contract deliverable grades shall be based on primary elevator grade standards as established by the Canadian Grain Commission:
  - (1) non-commercially clean Canadian canola with a maximum dockage of 8%, all other specifications to meet No. 1 Canada Canola at contract price; or
  - (2) commercially clean No. 1 Canada Canola at a premium of \$5.00 per net tonne; or
  - (3) commercially clean No. 2 Canada Canola with a Green of 4% or less at a discount of \$5.00 per net tonne; or
  - (4) commercially clean Canadian canola, with a Green of 5% or 6% at a discount of \$15.00 per net tonne; or
  - (5) non-commercially clean Canola with a maximum dockage of 8% and with a Green of 4% or less, all other specifications to meet No. 2 Canada Canola at a discount of \$10.00 per net tonne; or
  - (6) non-commercially clean Canola with a maximum dockage of 8% and with a Green of 5% or 6%, all other specifications to meet No. 2 Canola at a discount of \$20.00 per net tonne.
- b. Canadian canola that meets the contract deliverable grades and is of a variety that is derived from Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs or "transgenic" canola) is also deliverable against the canola futures contract.
- c. Grade specifications of canola being delivered shall be clearly identified on the Warrants and Delivery Certificates in accordance with the Annexes hereto.

d. Warrants and Delivery Certificates shall be generic as to commercially clean or non-commercially clean specifications.

Amended by the Board June 23, 2021; effective July 20, 2021 with the November 2022 canola futures contracts [ $\P\P$  (3) through (6)].

# 12.04 Currency

Bids, offers and trades shall be in Canadian dollars.

# 12.05 Par Pricing Basis

Bids and offers shall be made at a price based on F.O.B. value in the par delivery region. The buyer shall arrange for and provide conveyance by truck and the seller will arrange for railcars, unless the buyer agrees to provide railcars. All charges for transport by railcar, relative to the shipment at issue, will be paid by the buyer.

# 12.06 Delivery Regions and Non-Par Price Differentials

- a. Par Delivery may be made at any elevator registered for delivery that is located in the Province of Saskatchewan, east of Saskatoon and in the vicinity of Saskatoon (Par Region).
- b. Non-Par Delivery may be made at any registered elevator located:
  - (1) in the Province of Saskatchewan, west of the Par Region (Central West Region), at a non-par price differential in accordance with the Non-Par price Differential Schedule attached to this chapter of the Rules; or
  - (2) in the Province of Manitoba (Eastern Region) at a non-par price differential in accordance with the Non-Par Price Differential Schedule attached to this Rule; or
  - in the Province of Alberta (excluding the Peace River District of Alberta) (Western Region) at a non-par price differential in accordance with the Non-Par Price Differential Schedule attached to this Rule; or
  - (4) In the Peace River Region at a non-par price differential in accordance with the Non-Par Price Differential Schedule attached to this Rule. This region encompasses all areas in the Province of Alberta north of the 18<sup>th</sup> base line and the area in the Province of British Columbia known as the Peace River District.
- c. Non-par price differentials shall be reviewed at least once per year, in the second quarter of each year, and additional reviews may be performed at the Exchange's discretion when there is evidence of an issue related to non-par differentials. Reviews may consider any relevant information available including, but not limited to: tonnes nominated and/or rejected in each region, regional differences in cash bids, rail freight spreads, and/or any other relevant factors. Except, in exceptional circumstances, amendments to non-par price differentials shall be made effective starting with the first futures contract of the crop year (November). Amendments to non-par price differentials shall apply to all futures contracts with open interest and to all outstanding Warrants and Delivery Certificates, as at the effective date of such changes.

Amended by the Board December 11, 2019; effective April 28, 2020 [ $\P$ ¶ (a) and (b)(1).

# 12.07 Contract Delivery Months

Trading in canola futures contracts may only be conducted for delivery during the following months in any year, commencing on such date as the Exchange may determine: January, March, May, July and November.

# 12.08 Last Trading Day

The Last Trading Day shall be the Business Day preceding the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) calendar day of the delivery month. Any contracts remaining open after the Last Trading Day must be either:

- settled by delivery in accordance with the Rules no later than the second Business Day following the Last Trading Day (tender required no later than the Business Day prior to delivery); or
- b. transferred in accordance with Rule 4.37.

Amended by the Board December 11, 2019; effective April 28, 2020.

# 12.09 Contracts Binding

- a. (1) All contracts for canola futures delivery shall be binding and of full force and effect until:
  - (i) the quantity and quality of the commodity specified in such contract shall have been delivered; and
  - (ii) the price specified in the said contract shall have been paid.
  - (2) No futures contract shall be entered into with any stipulation or understanding at the time of making such futures contract that the terms of said contract as specified above are not to be fulfilled, or that the commodity is not to be delivered and received in accordance with the Rules.
- b. Subject to the prohibitions set out in subsection a. (2) above, subsequent to the time that the Warrant Issuer and the Delivery Certificate Holder are matched up for shipment and the Delivery Certificate Holder accepts the nominated points, they may enter into a mutually acceptable written agreement to complete all, or part of the shipment under terms other than those stipulated in the Rules. Both the Warrant Issuer and the Delivery Certificate Holder shall promptly notify the Exchange of such agreement by selecting "off-Exchange Delivery" in the Delivery System. Upon such selection, the Exchange-shall be relieved of any further involvement in, or liability with respect to, the said shipment (or such part thereof).

Amended by the Board December 11, 2019; effective April 28, 2020 [¶ (b)].

# Part B - Delivery and Shipment

# 12.10 - Merchant Participant Registration and Financial Requirements; Supervision

- (a) Registration and Financial Reporting: Merchant Participants shall register with the Exchange as such, and shall execute such agreements as the Exchange may prescribe from time to time and provide such information, in such form, as is required by the Exchange from time to time. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing in any way, each Merchant Participant shall file an application for registration and the following additional documents:
  - (i) with their written Merchant Participant application, audited financial statements for the most recent year ended and unaudited financial statements for the most recent quarter ended.
  - (ii) after acceptance as a Merchant Participant, annual audited financial statements within one hundred and twenty (120) days from the end of the fiscal period to which they refer.

An applicant or a registered Merchant Participant may apply, in writing, to the Exchange, seeking permission to file unaudited annual financial statements and must provide reasons for the failure to have its financial statements audited. The decision of the Exchange as to whether or not to accept unaudited financial statements, and for what period of time, will be final.

- (b) Extension of Time: The Exchange may agree to extend the time for filing any required financial information if, in the opinion of the Exchange, it is appropriate to do so. Failure to file the required financial information, by the date prescribed without obtaining an extension, or failure to provide the notifications required under this Rule, may result in the imposition of a Summary Fine by the Exchange not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or referral for disciplinary action.
- (c) Subsidiaries: If a Merchant Participant is or becomes a subsidiary, then the Person exercising voting control (the "Controlling Entity") over it may be required to file an agreement to indemnify the Exchange and all other participants for all acts and transactions of the subsidiary. In addition, the Controlling Entity may be required to file financial statements. Failure of the Controlling Entity to agree to file such financial statements will result in immediate suspension of the Merchant Participant.
- (d) Approval: The Exchange may approve an application for registration as a Merchant Participant and, in its absolute discretion, place any restrictions or conditions on such registration that the Exchange deems appropriate, including but not limited to those specified in paragraph (g) of this Rule.
- (e) Exchange may deny an application for registration as a Merchant Participant if any of the requirements specified in this Rule have not been satisfied, and/or if the Exchange determines that, based on the information disclosed in the application, registration would not be in the best interests of the Exchange, *provided*, *however*, that prior to denying the application, the Exchange shall provide the applicant with (i) written notice setting forth its intention to deny the application and the grounds for denial and (ii) an opportunity to be heard by a Special Committee appointed in accordance with Rule 7.25 to present evidence as to why the application should be granted. A request to be heard by a Special Committee shall be furnished in writing to

the Exchange General Counsel within two (2) Business Days following issuance of the notice of intention to deny the application. The evidence to be considered by the Special Committee shall be presented by written submission in accordance with procedures specified by the Special Committee, and the decision rendered by the Special Committee shall be final.

- (f) A Merchant Participant must advise the Exchange, in writing, immediately upon becoming aware of the occurrence or likely occurrence of any material adverse change in its financial condition. The Merchant Participant must provide detailed information as to how and why its financial situation has fallen or is expected to fall. The Merchant Participant shall provide the Exchange with such further information as the Exchange may require. Failure to advise the Exchange as required under this Rule is a violation of the Rules and shall result in Disciplinary Action.
- (g) In the event of a material adverse change in financial condition, the Exchange will review all financial information and shall make such determination as to any requirements to be met by the Merchant Participant as it shall, in its absolute discretion, deem reasonable. In the event that the Merchant Participant has Warrants outstanding, the Exchange will immediately call for such additional indemnification as it deems reasonable. If time and circumstances permit, the Exchange may consult with the Merchant Participant and work with it to determine the most appropriate next steps. Without in any way limiting the generality of the forgoing, the Exchange may, in its absolute discretion, determine;
  - (i) that the Merchant Participant be permitted to retain its status on conditions that restrict certain privileges of the Merchant Participant status, such as not being permitted to issue Warrants or being permitted to issue Warrants in such amounts as the Exchange deems appropriate, and/or that any Warrants issued be subject to additional amounts of indemnification above those amounts defined in the Rules;
  - (ii) that the Merchant Participant provide additional Initial Indemnification and/or Additional Indemnification in such amounts and on such terms and conditions, as the Exchange determines reasonable;
  - (iii) that the Merchant Participant provides a postponement agreement, which agreement postpones any claim or demand that a partner, officer, or shareholder may have against the assets of the Merchant Participant. Any postponement agreement shall be in such form as the Exchange shall stipulate;
  - (iv) that the Merchant Participant provides a written guarantee executed by a parent company or other entity. Any guarantee shall be in such form as the Exchange shall stipulate;
  - (v) that the Merchant Participant's status be suspended or terminated, effective on such date(s) as the Exchange determines; or
  - (vi) any combination of the foregoing.
- (h) The right to pursue all claims against any entities on the executed guarantee and/or postponement agreements is strictly that of the Exchange. The President or his designate shall make all determinations respecting all matters concerning claims against entities that are liable under guarantee and/or postponement agreements and such determinations shall be final. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the President or his designate will not be

required to provide notice of any hearing considering any matter to any entity, nor be required to give any entity an opportunity to be heard prior to making any determination.

- (i) In the event that the Exchange obtains any funds from any entity under the provisions of a guarantee or postponement agreement, the President or his designate shall distribute such proceedings first to pay all fines, dues, assessments and charges due to the Exchange by the Merchant Participant who was the subject of the agreement, including full payment of any or all legal fees, accountant's charges and any other expenses whatsoever incurred by the Exchange as the President or his designate in his or her absolute discretion may determine.
- (j) All Merchant Participants shall adopt written policies and procedures to be followed by their directors, officers, employees, representatives and agents who are involved in or engage in business activities related to the Exchange, that are adequate, taking into account the nature, scope and complexity of their business, to ensure compliance with the Rules and applicable law.

Amended by the Board April 22, 2019; effective May 31, 2019 [ $\P(g)$ ]. Amended by the Board September 25, 2019; effective December 2, 2019 [ $\P(g)$ ] (a) through (a)(ii), (d) and (f) through (j)] Amended by the Board June 21, 2023; effective July 31, 2023 [ $\P(g)$ ].

# **12.11** Delivery Process

Delivery against Canola Futures Contracts shall be performed in accordance with the following:

- a. Warrant Issuers, Delivery Certificate Holders, Clearing Members and any other Person utilizing the Delivery System shall execute such agreements as the Exchange (or its affiliate) may prescribe from time to time for the purpose of utilizing the Delivery System.
- b. Delivery shall be initiated by the Clearing Member of a short futures position holder (seller) by submitting a Tender Notcice to the Clearing Organization through the Delivery System by 4:00 pm on the Business Day prior to Delivery Day. Tender Notices can be submitted commencing from the Business Day immediately preceding the first Business Day of the delivery month, up to and including 4:00 pm on the first Business Day after the Last Trading Day of the delivery contract.
- c. The short futures position holder (seller) shall issue or cause to be issued a Warrant, in an amount covering the amount of canola subject to the Tender Notice, to the Exchange in the Delivery System no later than 4:00 pm on the Business Day prior to Delivery Day.
- d. The Exchange will review the Warrant and will notify the Warrant Issuer of the required amount that will be called as payment for Initial Indemnification, by the close of business on the Business Day prior to Delivery Day (as set forth in paragraph (h) below, the amount owed by the Warrant Issuer will be partially offset by the Delivery Day Value received from the Clearing Member for the long futures position).
- e. The Warrant Issuer shall provide the Initial Indemnification (less the value of any anticipated credit) to the Exchange no later than 10:00 am on the Business Day following the day of presentation of a Tender Notice to the Clearing Organization.

- f. Upon receipt of the Initial Indemnification (less the value of any anticipated credit), the Exchange will accept the Warrant.
- g. Tender Notices shall not be processed through the Clearing Organization until the Exchange has received and accepted the Warrant and the Initial Indemnification (less the value of any anticipated credit) has been received by the Exchange.

# h. On Delivery Day:

- (1) The Clearing Organization will post a Daily Delivery Report available to all Clearing Members by 10:30 am. This report identifies all matched deliveries, which are done on a FIFO basis and will constitute notice to the applicable Clearing Member for purposes of Clearing Organization Rule 602(c).
- (2) By 11:30 a.m., or such other time as may be determined the Clearing Member for the long futures position holder (buyer), will be notified of the invoice amount, which includes the amount of the Delivery Day Value and other applicable charges, if any.
- (3) The Clearing Organization will collect Delivery Day Value from the Clearing Member of the long futures position holder (buyer) and such amount must be paid by the long futures position holder (buyer) to the Clearing Member upon request.
- (4) Two (2) hours after the notification is sent, the Clearing Member for the long futures position holder (buyer) shall provide payment of the invoice. Payment must be made in Canadian dollars, via bank wire, all in accordance with the Rules.
- (5) The Delivery Day Value will be deposited to the account of and held by the Exchange, which shall apply such amount, less applicable charges, if any, as a credit towards the Initial Indemnification amount required to be deposited by the Warrant Issuer pursuant to Rule 12.13. In the case of a re-delivery of a Delivery Certificate, the Delivery Day Value less applicable charges will be provided to the Clearing Member of the short futures position holder (seller).
- (6) Upon receipt of the Delivery Day Value by the Exchange, the Exchange will issue the Delivery Certificate in respect of the relevant canola to the Clearing Member for the long futures position holder (buyer) through the Delivery System.
- i. If a long futures position holder (buyer) holds outstanding Warrants of the same grade of canola, those Warrants shall be offset by the amount of the delivery prior to the issuance of a Delivery Certificate, which shall be issued for the net tonnage after offsetting the Warrant. Assignment of deliveries for this purpose shall be made against the newest Warrants first, on a Last-In-First-Out basis.
- j. If the short futures position holder (seller) holds outstanding Delivery Certificates of the same grade of canola, and presents a Tender Notice, it shall indicate on the Tender Notice that it is submitting a "re-delivery" and the tonnage of canola on the Tender Notice shall be offset against the tonnage of canola evidenced on the Delivery Certificates.

#### Amended by the Board June 21, 2023; effective July 31, 2023 [ $\P$ (a) and (b)].

#### 12.12 Warrants

- a. All Canola Warrants must be issued in electronic form in the Delivery System in accordance with these Rules.
- b. Warrants shall only be issued by:
  - (1) Merchant Participants who have elevators registered for delivery against the canola futures contract (in accordance with the Exchange Rules; or
  - (2) Merchant Participants who have Registered Handling Agreements with a Merchant Participant or Elevator Operator with elevators registered for delivery against the canola futures contract.
- c. Warrants Terms and Conditions:
  - (1) Terms Applicable to All Warrants: A Merchant Participant issuing a Warrant in the Delivery System represents, warrants, covenants and agrees that:
    - (i) Each Warrant shall be issued in whole multiples of twenty (20) metric tonnes and shall be generic as to region;
    - (ii) Merchant Participant will ensure that the quantity and quality of the canola meets the deliverable grade entered for the Warrant;
    - (iii) Merchant Participant will make canola available and effect shipment from one or more of its elevators registered with the Exchange to one or more holders of Delivery Certificate(s) as same are assigned to it in the Delivery System in accordance with the Exchange Rules;
    - (iv) Merchant Participant will effect shipment and perform all necessary and ancillary obligations in the manner prescribed in the Exchange Rules; and
    - (v) issuing a Warrant in the Delivery System creates a binding obligation of the Merchant Participant to the Exchange for storage and/or shipment of the canola as and when instructed by the Exchange, and the Merchant Participant shall be liable in damages to the Exchange in the event that storage and/or shipment is not made as required by the Exchange Rules.
  - (2) Additional Terms for "Issuer-Owned" Warrants: A Merchant Participant issuing an Issuer-Owned Warrant in the Delivery System further represents, warrants, covenants and agrees that:
    - (i) Merchant Participant transfers, assigns and sets over to the Exchange, all right, title and interest in canola, up to the Net Tonnes entered in the Delivery System, whether owned outright or by virtue of its rights under Deferred Delivery Contracts, free and clear of any liens, encumbrances and security interests of any kind whatsoever; such transfer takes effect,

- without further notice or documentation, immediately upon issuance by the Exchange of the corresponding Delivery Certificate to the Clearing Member of the buyer.
- (ii) Merchant Participant owns and controls (where controls means located in-store at a CGC-Licensed Inland Facility of the Merchant Participant and/or located in-store at a CGC-Licensed Inland Facility of another Merchant Participant or Elevator Operator with which the Merchant Participant issuing the Warrant has a Registered Handling Agreement) canola in a quantity at least equal to the quantity represented by all Warrants issued by it and outstanding in the Delivery System.
- (iii) Notwithstanding Paragraph (c)(2)(ii) above, up to 25% of the canola represented by all Warrants issued by the Merchant Participant and outstanding in the Delivery System may be canola contracted for under Deferred Delivery Contract(s) which shall be calculated as the difference between: (a) Deferred Delivery Contracts callable within the next thirty (30) days plus In-Transit grain to be delivered into the Merchant Participant's facilities in a region; and (b) any cash sales the Merchant Participant is obligated to make in that same thirty (30) day period without referencing any In-Transit grain that has been shipped out of the Merchant Participant's facilities;
- (iv) In the event that a Merchant Participant has Warrants outstanding that represent canola that is in excess of the canola that it owns and controls, it is required to provide to the Exchange a report that includes details of all its Deferred Delivery Contracts for canola and details of all committed sales for canola in the form prescribed by the Exchange. Such report shall be submitted on the date that it issues the Warrant(s) and on a weekly basis thereafter until the canola represented on the Warrant(s) is no longer in excess of the canola that is owned and controlled by the Warrant Issuer.
- (3) Additional Terms and Requirements for Third Party Warrants: Third Party Warrants shall be issued by the Merchant Participant in the Delivery System in accordance with paragraph (c)(1) of this Rule. In addition, the Merchant Participant shall cause the beneficial owner of the canola covered by such Warrant to complete such documentation, in such form as is required by the Exchange, to transfer, assign and set over to the Exchange, all right, title and interest in such canola, up to the Net Tonnes represented by such Third Party Warrant(s), and to agree to be bound by the provisions of the Exchange Rules applicable to such Third Party Warrant(s); and the Merchant Participant shall deliver such documentation to the Exchange.
  - (i) A Merchant Participant issuing a Third Party Warrant in the Delivery System further represents, warrants, covenants and agrees, that:
  - (1) Merchant Participant controls the canola represented in the Third Party Warrant where "control" means canola is located:
    - (A) in-store at CGC-Licensed Inland Facilities of the Merchant Participant; and/or

- (B) in-store at CGC-Licensed Inland Facilities of another Merchant Participant or an Elevator Operator with which the Merchant Participant issuing the Warrant has a Registered Handling Agreement.
- (2) Merchant Participant has entered into a written services agreement with the beneficial owner of the canola, which states, inter alia, that: (i) the canola is owned by the beneficial owner and is free and clear of any liens, encumbrances and security interests of any kind whatsoever; and (ii) the Merchant Participant will store the commodity at one of its elevators registered with the Exchange and will maintain the quantity and quality of the canola as required by the Exchange Rules.
- (3) Merchant Participants who issue Third Party Warrants shall be responsible for fulfillment of the contract through shipment and all dispute resolution, all in accordance with these Rules. All issues relating to the canola being delivered under the Third Party Warrant including, but not limited to the provision of Initial Indemnification and Additional Indemnification, grade standards, quality, quantity, ownership and title, all shipment processes, and all other ancillary matters are the sole responsibility of the Merchant Participant. In the case of any dispute, problem or deficiency respecting the commodity represented by Warrants on deposit under the provisions of third party delivery process, the Exchange shall be entitled to recover any and all damages and costs from the security/indemnification provided to the Exchange by the Merchant Participant. Merchant Participants may require such contractual obligations and indemnification from the beneficial owner of the canola as the Merchant Participant deems appropriate for providing such service. The Exchange shall not be obligated to pursue any claim, remedy or action against the beneficial owner of canola under a Third Party Warrant as a condition to, or otherwise in connection with, any claim, remedy or action against the Merchant Participant in respect of such Third Party Warrant under the Exchange Rules.
- d. A fee, as established by the Exchange, shall be assessed upon the issuance of a Warrant, including Third Party Warrants.

Amended by the Board December 11, 2019; effective April 28, 2020 [¶¶ (a) through (3)(d).

#### 12.13 Warrants – Indemnification

- a. All Warrant Issuers must provide Initial Indemnification and Additional Indemnification as and when requested by the Exchange for all Issuer-Owned and third party Warrants issued and outstanding.
- b. Initial Indemnification is paid by the Warrant Issuer as provided in Rule 12.11 in an amount that is no less than the sum of the base indemnification plus the tonnage surcharge calculated as follows:
  - (1) Base indemnification for canola is the daily settlement price for the nearby contract, or a preliminary settlement price estimate to be determined by the Exchange in its absolute discretion if such settlement price is not timely available after the close of

trading multiplied by the number of metric tonnes for which Warrants are issued and outstanding.

# (2) Tonnage surcharge:

and (c) through (e)].

- i. for tonnage up to 25,000 metric tonnes -10% of base indemnification; and
- ii. for tonnage more than 25,000 and less than 50,000 metric tonnes -15% of base indemnification; and
- iii. for tonnage that is 50,000 metric tonnes or more -20% of base indemnification.
- c. The Exchange will mark-to-market-each Warrant each Trading Day to ensure that the amount of indemnification held by the Exchange is no less than the sum of the base indemnification, calculated in accordance with paragraph (b)(1) of this Rule, plus the tonnage surcharge, calculated in accordance with paragraph (b)(2) of this Rule. Warrant Issuers will be required to provide Additional Indemnification as market circumstances require. Where a Warrant Issuer is notified by the Exchange that it has to make payment of Additional Indemnification it shall satisfy the requirements no later than 10:00 am on the Trading Day following the notification. Initial Indemnification and Additional Indemnification must be provided by (1) payment in Canadian dollars via bank wire or (2) furnishing to the Exchange a Standby Letter of Credit in the form specified by the Exchange and issued by a bank recognized by the Exchange for such purpose, or (3) a combination of both forms of indemnification. Any excess indemnification held by the Exchange in the form of Canadian dollars shall be returned in accordance with paragraph (g) of this Rule.
- d. The Exchange may require such additional Initial Indemnification or Additional Indemnification that it deems appropriate under special circumstances, including but not limited to an inverse between the cash market for immediate delivery and the nearby futures prices; or periods of high price volatility of nearby futures prices.
- e. Initial and/or Additional Indemnification shall be maintained by the Exchange in a segregated account and shall not be commingled with Exchange funds.
- f. Failure to provide Initial or Additional Indemnification as required under these Rules is a violation of the Rules. The Exchange shall take whatever steps it deems appropriate in the circumstances.
- g. Requests for the return of excess indemnification held by the Exchange in the form of Canadian dollars must be received by the Exchange no later than 1:00 pm for processing the next Business Day. Requests received after 1:00 pm will not-be processed until the second Business Day after receipt.

Amended by the Board April 22, 2019; effective May 13, 2019 [ $\P$  (f)]. Amended by the Board September 25, 2019; effective December 2, 2019 [¶¶ (b) through (b)(2)

Amended by the Board June 23, 2021; effective July 20, 2021 with the Novembe 2022 canola futures contracts  $[\P\P (b)(1)]$ .

Amended by the Board June 22, 2022; effective July 22, 2022 [¶¶ (c) and (g)

#### 12.14 Delivery Certificates

- a. All Delivery Certificates will be issued, recorded and maintained in electronic form in the Delivery System.
- b. The records in the Delivery System shall constitute the final record for all purposes.
- c. Delivery Certificates may be transferred by the Delivery Certificate Holder in accordance with Exchange Rules.
- d. Delivery Certificates shall be generic as to region, but not as to No. 1 or No. 2 Canola. Delivery Certificates shall be generic as to commercially clean or non-commercially clean and as to the percentage of Green.
- e. A fee, as established by the Exchange, shall be assessed upon the registration, issuance and reissuance of each Delivery Certificate.

Amended by the Board Decembe 11, 2020; effective April 28, 2020 [¶¶ (a) through (e)]. Amended by the Board June 23, 2021; effective July 20, 2021 with the Novembe 2022 canola futures contracts  $[\P(d)]$ .

#### 12.15 Obligations of the Warrant Issuer

- a. Warrant Issuers have a number of obligations pursuant to the terms of the Warrant and the Rules, which include, inter alia:
  - (1) Ensuring the canola is maintained in CGC-Licensed Inland Facilities and meets the quality and quantity of the contract deliverable grade;
  - (2) Having capacity, both financial and operational, to respond to and meet the requests by the Exchange to post Initial Indemnification and Additional Indemnification;
  - (3) Posting Initial Indemnification and meeting ongoing Additional Indemnification obligations;
  - (4) Having logistical and operational capacity to meet the Rule requirements relative to submission of all required forms under the Rules and ensuring that the canola is shipped out within the required time deadlines; and
  - (5) Submission of all required documentation relative to the shipment processes.

Amended by the Board December 11, 2019; effective April 28, 2020 [ $\P$  (a)(5)].

#### 12.16 Transaction Facilitation Fee

a. Warrant Issuers will be entitled to a Transaction Facilitation Fee ("TFF") for the performance of the obligations referenced in Rule 12.15. Delivery Certificate Holders will be responsible for the payment of the TFF on the canola held on all Delivery Certificates from the Business Day on which Delivery Certificates are issued until the date shipment is

completed. Delivery Certificate Holders shall pay the TFF to the Exchange, in such form and manner as may be prescribed by the Exchange from time to time.

b. Warrant Issuers shall pay a TFF Administration Fee to the Exchange, in such form and manner as may be prescribed by the Exchange from time to time.

Amended by the Board October 10, 2018; effective October 25, 2018 [¶¶ (a) and (b)]. Amended by the Board December 11, 2019; effective April 28, 2019 [¶ (a)].

# **12.17 Shipment**

- a. Delivery Certificate Holders shall initiate the shipment processes by submitting a Call for Shipment in the Delivery System. Upon submission, the Exchange shall:
  - (1) determine the oldest outstanding Warrant(s);
  - (2) notify the Warrant Issuer(s) of such Warrants of its obligation to ship out the canola; and
  - (3) notify the Warrant Issuer(s) who the Delivery Certificate Holder is.

A Call For Shipment received prior to noon on a Business Day will be processed by the Exchange on the Business Day it is received; and a Call For Shipment received after noon on a Business Day (or on a day that is not a Business Day) will be processed by the Exchange the next Business Day.

- b. Shipment shall only be made from elevators registered with the Exchange.
- c. The Warrant Issuer shall complete the Shipment Nomination in the Delivery System within two (2) Business Days (inclusive of the day of the Call for Shipment is entered in the system if the Call for Shipment is entered before noon) and indicate (i) the elevator(s) from which the canola will be shipped and (ii) whether the canola will be commercially clean or non-commercially clean.
- d. The quantity nominated shall not exceed two (2) full car spots at the nominated facility.
- e. When nominating shipping location points, the Warrant Issuer must be able to accommodate the placement of trucks at the nominated point, in such a way as to facilitate the shipment within the times prescribed by these Rules and the ordering of railcars within any railway-imposed limitations, to the best of its knowledge unless the Delivery Certificate Holder has specified truck as the method of conveyance on the Call For Shipment form.
- f. At the time the shipping locations are nominated, the Warrant Issuer will enter in Nomination in the Delivery System the railway(s) providing services to the shipping locations, and any known restrictions or limitations related to rail shipment from the shipping locations, or specify truck as the method of conveyance (if shipping by truck has been selected by the Delivery Certificate Holder in accordance with paragraph h. below).
- g. A minimum of eighty (80) metric tonnes shall be nominated from any given point(s), with any odd lots of less than eighty (80) metric tonnes to come from a point already nominated. If the call for shipment is less than eighty (80) metric tonnes, the entire nomination must be from one location. All quantities nominated must be in twenty (20) tonne multiples.

- h. The Delivery Certificate Holder shall enter the following information in the Shipment Nomination Acceptance/Rejection field in the Delivery System within two (2) Business Days of the completion of the Nomination in the Delivery System by the Warrant Issuer (inclusive of the day of such completion if such completion is made before noon:
  - (1) the acceptance or rejection of the shipping locations, in whole or in part, in twenty (20) metric tonne multiples), including the selection of commercially clean or non-commercially clean;
  - (2) the amount, in twenty (20) metric tonne multiples, if any, that will be shipped; and/or
  - the amount where the nomination is rejected, in twenty (20) metric tonne multiples, if any, that is to be converted back to a new Delivery Certificate(s).

Provided that, if either (1) or (2) is chosen, the Delivery Certificate Holder will also be responsible for nominating whether shipment will be by rail or by truck, and if the shipment is by rail, the Delivery Certificate Holder shall also enter the destination. If the Delivery Certificate Holder specified truck or rail on the Call For Shipment form, they must ship the product by that method of conveyance.

- i. If a shipment is by rail, the Delivery Certificate Holder must have in place all arrangements necessary to complete the shipment, including, but not limited to, accounts and credit with the railway, arrangements with customs and/or with customs brokers, and terminal authorizations.
- j. Rejection of a shipment in whole or in part by the Delivery Certificate Holder will cause a new Delivery Certificate to be issued for the tonnage rejected.
- k. Failure by the Delivery Certificate Holder to enter a properly completed Shipment Nomination and Acceptance in the Delivery System within the time required by these Rules shall be deemed rejection, in whole, of the shipping locations for the amount of canola as represented by the Delivery Certificates.
- 1. The date on which a shipment is rejected, in whole or in part, whether deemed or not, will be the date for determining the oldest outstanding Warrant(s) for the purposes of subsequent calls for shipment.

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### 12.18 Shipment by Truck

These provisions pertain to shipments by truck:

a. The Delivery Certificate Holder shall give no less than two (2) Business Days load notice (inclusive of the day of notice if such notice is given before noon) to the Warrant Issuer and the Delivery Certificate Holder shall arrange for trucking sufficient to complete the shipment in accordance with paragraph (d) of this Rule, but is not subject to any daily load-out requirement.

- b. The Warrant Issuer shall be required to load trucks arranged by the Delivery Certificate Holder at a minimum per day rate of five hundred (500) metric tonnes or five percent (5%) of the shipment accepted at that location, whichever is greater.
- c. The Warrant Issuer is required;
  - (1) to load out the Canola at not less than the minimum rate of load-out, commencing on the day the stated conveyance is constructively placed.
  - (2) when loading trucks that have been constructively placed by the Delivery Certificate Holder, not to load out any other grain trucks during normal work day hours (8:00 am through 5:00 pm local time) until the Delivery Certificate Holder's load-outs have been completed, up to the minimum load-out requirement.
- d. Shipment must be completed within thirty-two (32) Business Days from:
  - (1) The date of acceptance of the nominated points on the Shipment Nomination and Acceptance as entered in the Delivery System; or
  - (2) Where Rule 12.19 c. is invoked, the date notice to amend the mode of transport from rail to truck was provided by the Delivery Certificate Holder to the Warrant Issuer.

Amended by the Board December 11, 2019; effective April 28, 2020 [¶¶ (d) and (d)(1)]. Amended by the Board June 22, 2022; effective July 22, 2022 [¶¶ (a) and (b)].

#### 12.19 Shipment by Rail

These provisions pertain to shipment by rail:

- a. The Warrant Issuer is required:
  - (1) To promptly place orders with the applicable railway for sufficient empty railcars to accommodate the shipment of Canola to be delivered to the shipping location(s) at the earliest date(s) the railway ordering schedules and siding space at the accepted location(s) and destination(s) permit, provided that;
    - (i) If both the Warrant Issuer and Delivery Certificate Holder agree:
      - A. Shipment may be made from a location or locations different than the location(s) originally accepted, subject to the provisions of payment of freight charges set out in sub-section d. of this Rule, provided that the new location(s) is entered into the Delivery System and approved by the Warrant Issuer and Delivery Certificate Holder, and/or
      - B. The Delivery Certificate Holder may supply its own railcars for part or all of the shipment, provided that the railcars are scheduled to arrive for a future week that begins not more than four (4) weeks

from the date that the Shipment Nomination and Acceptance is entered in the Delivery System.

- (ii) The Warrant Issuer may include the shipment with a larger block of railcars destined to the same destination or corridor, provided that adding the shipment to a larger block of railcars does not delay the shipment or cause the Delivery Certificate Holder to incur additional rail freight charges.
- (2) To manage all communications with the railway regarding the shipment, until such time as the Delivery Certificate Holder assumes responsibility to the railway for the shipment;
- (3) To promptly notify the Delivery Certificate Holder of any communications received from the railway regarding railcars ordered and/or shipped, including the first date upon or week in which the railway expects to make railcars available at the shipping location, and promptly notify the Delivery Certificate Holder and the Exchange of any delays as set out in sub-section c. of this Rule;
- (4) To ensure submission of all information required by the railway to process the shipment;
- (5) To ensure that information provided to the railway for the bill of lading or other purposes enables the Delivery Certificate Holder to arrange for customs clearance, if applicable;
- (6) To load and release railcars according to the requirements and schedule of the railway;
- (7) To load each railcar to its full "visible" capacity, except if the quantity remaining to be loaded is less than the railcar capacity;
- (8) To properly attach seals to each railcar that the Delivery Certificate Holder has requested seals be attached to, and/or to each railcar that is to be moved to a destination outside Canada;
- (9) Upon request, to provide evidence to the Exchange that the railcars have been ordered, and copies of all communications with the railway regarding the shipment.
- (10) If railcars have been received at the nominated location, and these railcars may be shipped into the same corridor as the Delivery Certificate Holder's shipment, the railcars must be loaded before any other loading is conducted for shipment into that same corridor.
- (11) To request, from the railway, that the Warrant Issuer's railcar allocation be used for the shipment.
- b. The Delivery Certificate Holder is required;
  - (1) Upon request, to provide, to the Warrant Issuer and/or to the Exchange, evidence that the shipment will be accepted and unloaded at the destination(s) it has specified for shipment;

- (2) To ensure the destination facility(ies) receive(s) and unload(s) railcars according to the requirements of the railway(s);
- (3) To make all arrangements necessary to complete the shipment, including, but not limited to, customs clearance; and
- (4) To provide to the Warrant Issuer and/or the railway all information required to process the shipment.
- c. In the event that the Delivery Certificate Holder is advised that the railcars will not be supplied on the date or during the week originally scheduled and this information was provided to the Delivery Certificate Holder pursuant to Rule 12.19(a)(3) above, or that the originally scheduled date provided to the Delivery Certificate Holder is more than four weeks after the date on which the Acceptance of Nomination is entered into the Delivery System, the Delivery Certificate Holder may:
  - (1) amend the mode of transport from rail to truck; or
  - amend the destination of the shipment, in which case the Warrant Issuer shall amend their order(s) with the railway to reflect the updated destination; or
  - (3) reject the shipment, in which case all other provisions of nomination rejection set out elsewhere in the Rules shall apply.
  - (4) The Delivery Certificate Holder must notify the Exchange and the Warrant Issuer in writing, by email of its election to amend the mode of transport from rail to truck, or to amend the destination of the shipment or to reject the shipment under subparagraphs 1 to 3 above, by the close of business New York time on the second business day after receiving notice of either (1) the expected railcar arrival date is more than 4 weeks after the date on which the Acceptance of Nomination was entered into the Delivery System, or (2) a scheduled date already provided to the Delivery Cert Holder will be delayed.
  - (5) If the Delivery Certificate Holder does not elect on of the above options by the relevant time deadline specified above, it will be deemed to have accepted the original or the delayed railcar schedule.
  - (6) The provisions of this Rule apply to each instance in which a Delivery Certificate Holder receives notice of a change to a previously scheduled date by which rail service is expected to be provided.
- d. Payment of freight and other charges:
  - (1) The Delivery Certificate Holder will pay freight charges to the railway, except that;
    - (i) For shipments to destinations within Canada, it will be the Warrant Issuer's choice as to whether it will pay freight charges to the railway or whether the Delivery Certificate Holder will pay the freight charges to the railway; and

- (ii) For shipments to destinations outside Canada, the Warrant Issuer may pay freight charges to the railway only if the Delivery Certificate Holder agrees.
- (2) When the Warrant Issuer pays freight charges to the railway, the Delivery Certificate Holder will pay to the Warrant Issuer all charges published in the applicable railway tariffs for the shipment of single railcars on the shipment route for which the Warrant Issuer paid freight charges to the railway. If the Warrant Issuer ships railcars for a total cost that is lower than the published tariff cost applicable to the shipment of single cars, the discount shall be retained by the Warrant Issuer.
- When the Delivery Certificate Holder pays freight charges to the railway, the Delivery Certificate Holder will pay to the Warrant Issuer any discount or reduced rate or rebate received from the railway due to shipment of railcars in a multi-car block at a rate that is lower than the single car tariff rate, provided that if a shipment is made using any method of invoicing where charges relating to different parts of the shipment route are paid separately to different railways or freight carriers, including what is commonly referred to as "Rule 11" invoicing, the Delivery Certificate Holder will pay to the Warrant Issuer only the discount applicable on freight charges paid for the part of the shipment from the delivery location to the first invoicing junction point or gateway located outside of the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and/or Alberta.
- (4) When the Delivery Certificate Holder supplies its own railcars and pays freight charges directly to the railway, the Delivery Certificate Holder will not make any payment to the Warrant Issuer for any discount or reduced rate or rebate received from the railway.
- (5) When the shipment is made from a location other than the location(s) originally accepted, then the Delivery Certificate Holder will pay the lesser of:
  - (i) The freight rate from the location(s) originally accepted, plus or minus the regional premium / discount for that location, or
  - (ii) The freight rate from the location actually shipped from, plus or minus the regional premium / discount for that location.

And the amount noted above shall serve as the total amount owing for freight and any regional premium or discount.

- (6) The Delivery Certificate Holder will pay to the Warrant Issuer all charges related to the shipment that are incurred by the Warrant Issuer, including penalties, due to the unload of railcars at the destination.
- (7) The Warrant Issuer will invoice the Delivery Certificate Holder promptly upon completion of shipment, for all freight costs and charges as specified in the Rules.
- (8) The Delivery Certificate Holder will pay to the Warrant Issuer, within five (5) Business Days of receipt of the invoice, all freight costs and charges as specified in the Rules.

- (9) Upon request, the Warrant Issuer will provide the Exchange with documentation and full details on all of the shipping costs it has invoiced to the Delivery Certificate Holder.
- (10) In the event that the Delivery Certificate Holder's election under the provisions of paragraph (c) of this Rule incurs railway charges to the Warrant Issuer due to late cancellation of scheduled rail service for the Delivery Certificate Holder's nomination, the Delivery Certificate Holder shall pay these costs to the Warrant Issuer, provided the Warrant Issuer has provided the approximate amount of such costs to the Delivery Certificate Holder prior to the expiration of the Delivery Certificate Holder's time to make such election under the provisions of paragraph (c)(4) of this Rule. In such an instance the Warrant Issuer shall provide commercial documentation of the actual costs to the Delivery Certificate Holder.

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Amended by the Board June 20, 2024; effective August 1, 2024 [ $\P\P$  (a)(A) and (B), (3)(c), (c)(1), (c)(3) and adopted (c)(4) and (c)(10)].

#### **12.20** Confirmation of Shipment

- a. Within two (2) Business Days of the completion of shipment, whether by rail or by truck, the Warrant Issuer and the Delivery Certificate Holder shall enter a Confirmation of Shipment form in the Delivery System, or shall advise the Exchange, in writing, that a dispute exists. For clarification, the two (2) day requirement set out in this Rule begins upon the completion of loading at origin when the first Official Sample is taken at loading, or upon the completion of unloading when the first Official Sample is taken at destination.
- b. A Shipment Fee, as established by the Exchange, shall be assessed to the Delivery Certificate Holder upon submission of the completed Confirmation of Shipment.
- c. The tonnage covered by a Warrant and a Delivery Certificate shall be reduced by the tonnage specified in the Confirmation of Shipment.

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# 12.21 Accounting for Non-Par Premiums and Discounts

- a. In the event that shipment is from a non-par delivery point and/or a premium or discount is payable for the shipment as provided elsewhere in the Rules:
  - (1) the Delivery Certificate Holder, after completion of the shipment, shall invoice the Warrant Issuer for the appropriate discount(s); and/or
  - (2) the Warrant Issuer shall, after completion of the shipment, invoice the Delivery Certificate Holder for the appropriate premium(s).
- b. All invoicing shall be done promptly upon completion of the Confirmation of Shipment being entered into the Delivery System and shall be payable within five (5) Business Days of the date of the invoice.

Amended by the Board Decemer 11, 2019; effective April 28, 2020 [¶¶ (a)(1) and (b)].

# 12.22 Official Samples of Shipment

- a. Each of the Delivery Certificate Holder and the Warrant Issuer at its own expense, may have an Official Sample taken, provided that the Official Sample is taken before the Canola leaves the control and ownership of the Delivery Certificate Holder.
- b. The party which had an Official Sample taken shall provide a copy of the documentation identifying the results of the Official Sample to the other party to the shipment and to the Exchange within three (3) Business Days of the Official Sample being taken.
- c. Official Samples must be taken by an entity designated in this Chapter 12 as an Official Sampler.

#### 12.23 Weights and Grades/Quality Assessments

All weights taken, and/or grade/quality assessment samples taken for testing pursuant to this Rule, must be weighed and/or taken before the canola leaves the control and ownership of the Delivery Certificate Holder.

a. Weights

Shipping weights shall apply in the following order of priority;

- (1) first weight taken by an Official Sampler;
- (2) shippers' affidavit. The respective weight scale ticket(s) must be made available upon request.
- b. Grades/Quality Assessments

Grades/quality assessments shall apply in the following order of priority;

- (1) first Official Sample taken by an Official Sampler prior to unload;
- (2) shippers' affidavit.
- c. Evidence of Weighing or Inspection

Any party alleging a weight or grade under this Rule must provide written supporting evidence from the entity conducting the weighing or inspection.

# 12.24 Dispute on Grade/Quality Assessments

- a. In the event of a dispute on grade/quality assessment, an Official Sample shall be taken by an Official Sampler prior to unload.
- b. If an Official Sample has already been taken by either or both parties to the contract, the grade/quality assessment designated to the Official Sample first taken, in accordance with the priorities stated in the Rules, shall be final.

- c. The unsuccessful party to the dispute shall be responsible for the costs of sampling, storage, and/or demurrage which must be paid forthwith.
- d. If it is deemed that there is a deficiency on the grade/quality assessment, ownership of the canola shall revert to the Warrant Issuer. All reasonable costs incurred by the Delivery Certificate Holder, including, but not limited to, loading, transportation, disposal and replacement of the shipment shall be the responsibility of the Warrant Issuer and shall be paid forthwith.

# 12.25 Over-Shipments and Under-Shipments

- a. All over-shipments shall be considered as cash grain contracts and shall be settled through negotiation between the Delivery Certificate Holder and Warrant Issuer;
- b. All under-shipments of not more than ten percent of the quantity accepted, to a maximum of nine (9) tonnes, shall be considered as cash grain contracts and shall be settled through negotiation between the Delivery Certificate Holder and Warrant Issuer;
- c. By mutual agreement of the two parties, under-shipments greater than ten percent of the quantity accepted, or greater than nine (9) tonnes, may be cash settled.

# 12.26 Extension to Shipping Time Without Penalty

- a. Provided that all parties to the shipment agree, the shipping time may be extended and/or shipment may be made from a location different from the location(s) nominated and accepted without penalty or submission to arbitration when:
  - (1) a condition of Force Majeure exists;
  - (2) transportation is not clean and load ready;
  - (3) inspection services are not available (if applicable);
  - (4) inclement weather prevents loading; or
  - railcar shipping is delayed through no fault of either the Warrant Issuer or the Delivery Certificate Holder;

These extensions to shipping time do not include any issues related to canola which does not meet grade requirements.

- b. It is the obligation of the parties to a shipment to advise the Exchange that one of the above conditions exist. In the event that not all of the parties to a shipment agree that one of the above noted conditions exists, the party alleging the condition shall, within one (1) Business Day, send a letter to the Chief Operating Officer of the Exchange advising of the shipment at issue, its position as to why the condition applies, and providing a full account as to its rationale for taking such position. The written notice may be served on the Chief Operating Officer by courier or hand delivered to Attention: Chief Operating Officer or by e-mail transmission to ICE-CanolaDeliveries@theice.com.
- c. The Chief Operating Officer, or his designate, shall review the letter and may seek such further and other particulars as he deems necessary to determine whether or not the condition applies. The Chief Operating Officer, or his designate shall, within one (1) Business Day of receipt of the initial letter provide, to all parties to the shipment, his written determination (the "Determination") as to whether or not the condition applies.

- d. In the event that a party to the shipment does not agree with the Determination, that party shall have two (2) Business Days following receipt of notice of the Determination to bring the matter to Arbitration before a panel of the Canola Committee in accordance with the Rules.
- e. The decision of the Canola Committee panel with regard to whether or not a condition exists shall be final.

#### 12.27 Default Rules

#### a. **Definitions**

The following terms have the indicated meanings:

"Delivery Default" means

- (1) in the case of a Clearing Member with a short position in a canola futures contract on the Last Trading Day, the failure to (a) submit a Tender Notice by the applicable deadline under the Rules, (b) present or cause to be presented a Warrant in respect thereof that is accepted by the Exchange, and/or (c) provide or cause to be provided Initial Indemnification to the Exchange (less the value of any anticipated credit), in each case as and when required under Rule 12.11; and
- (ii) in the case of a Clearing Member with a long position in a canola futures contract that has been matched for delivery under Rule 12.11, failure to pay the Delivery Day Value as and when required under such Rule.
- "Exchange Default Costs" means the costs and expenses incurred by the Exchange relating to a Delivery Default or Shipment Default, including all staff time, legal fees, arbitration costs and expenses.
- "Pre-Shipment Default" means a Shipment Default that occurs with respect to a Warrant Issuer or Delivery Certificate Holder (i) after the issuance of a Warrant or Delivery Certificate (and making of payment therefor) under the Rules, as applicable, and (ii) prior to the time the Delivery Certificate Holder has notified the Exchange that it is calling for shipment and has been matched up with the Warrant Issuer under the Rules.
- "Post-Shipment Default" means a Shipment Default that occurs after a Delivery Certificate Holder has notified the Exchange that it is calling for shipment and has been matched up by the Exchange with a Warrant Issuer pursuant to the Rules.

#### "Shipment Default" means

- (1) in the case of a Delivery Certificate Holder:
  - (i) being insolvent, making an assignment for the benefit of creditors, filing or being the subject of a voluntary or involuntary petition in bankruptcy or seeking liquidation, reorganization, arrangement, readjustment of its debts or any other relief under any bankruptcy, insolvency or similar law of any jurisdiction, or applying for or consenting to the appointment of a receiver, custodian, liquidator, conservator, trustee or similar official

for all or a substantial part of its property, or such an official being appointed for it, or any similar event:

- (ii) giving evidence of an intention to cease doing business;
- (iii) failing to comply with any of its obligations under the Rules or related procedures relating to receipt of canola other than those constituting a Delivery Default;
- (iv) failing to comply with the ruling of an arbitration panel; or
- (v) any other event that, in the judgment of the Exchange, materially impairs its ability to perform its obligations to the Exchange.

#### (2) in the case of a Warrant Issuer:

- (i) being insolvent, making an assignment for the benefit of creditors, filing or being the subject of a voluntary or involuntary petition in bankruptcy or seeking liquidation, reorganization, arrangement, readjustment of its debts or any other relief under any bankruptcy, insolvency or similar law of any jurisdiction, or applying for or consenting to the appointment of a receiver, custodian, liquidator, conservator, trustee or similar official for all or a substantial part of its property, or such an official being appointed for it, or any similar event:
- (ii) giving evidence of an intention to cease doing business;
- (iii) being unable or unwilling to renew its Merchant Participant status with the Exchange, as provided in the Rules;
- (iv) being unable or unwilling to continually meet the obligations of Merchant Participant status with the Exchange;
- (v) failing to maintain elevator registration(s) sufficient to support the Warrant obligations it has outstanding;
- (vi) failing to maintain stocks in store sufficient to meet its Warrant obligations;
- (vii) failing to post Additional Indemnification as required by the Rules;
- (viii) failing to comply with any of its obligations under the Rules or related procedures relating to shipment of canola other than those constituting a Delivery Default;
- (ix) failing to comply with the ruling of an arbitration panel; or
- (x) any other event that, in the judgment of the Exchange, materially impairs its ability to perform its obligations to the Exchange,

# b. **Delivery Default**

In the event of a Delivery Default by a Clearing Member holding a short position, the Exchange shall match the defaulting Clearing Member against one or more Clearing Members holding open long positions at the time of the default for purposes of exercising remedies under this Rule.

In the event of a Delivery Default by a Clearing Member holding a long position, the defaulting Clearing Member shall be deemed matched for purposes of exercising remedies under this Rule with the Clearing Member with which it was matched for purposes of payment of the Delivery Day Value under Rule 12.11.

In each such event, the non-defaulting matched Clearing Member shall determine its losses (which shall include any cost of buy-in or sale of the commodity, as applicable, or, in the absence of such buy-in or sale, the fair market value of the commodity), together with its costs and expenses, and provide the Exchange and the defaulting Clearing Member to which it has been matched, an accounting thereof. Clearing Members shall use their best efforts to limit the amount of any additional losses sustained as a result of the Delivery Default.

In the event of any dispute, disagreement or question as to such accounting, the Exchange shall refer the matter to the Canola Committee for a proceeding to determine the amount of damages, costs and expenses, and the amount, if any, owed to the Clearing Member(s) in connection with the default. Such proceeding shall be conducted in accordance with Rule 12.28. The Exchange shall have no liability to any Clearing Member with respect to a Delivery Default.

The non-defaulting matched Clearing Member may pursue any claims against the defaulting Clearing Member for the amount owed to it (whether determined using the amounts in its accounting or the amounts determined by a Canola Committee panel) by arbitration before the Canola Committee in accordance with Rule 12.28.

The occurrence of a Delivery Default shall be a violation of the Rules (in addition to constituting a default under the Clearing Organization Rules).

#### c. **Pre-Shipment Default**

In the event of a Pre-Shipment Default by a Warrant Issuer or Delivery Certificate Holder, the Exchange shall match the defaulter against one or more corresponding Delivery Certificate Holders or Warrant Issuers, respectively, on a FIFO basis (based on the oldest outstanding Delivery Certificate or Warrant, as applicable). Following such matching, the provisions of subparagraph d or e, as applicable, shall apply as though a Post Shipment Default had occurred.

# d. Post-Shipment Default by Warrant Issuer

In the event of a Post-Shipment Default by the Warrant Issuer, the matched Delivery Certificate Holder shall determine its losses (which shall include any cost of buy-in of the commodity not delivered or, in the absence of buy-in, the fair market value of the commodity not delivered) together with its costs and expenses, and provide the Exchange and the Warrant Issuer an accounting thereof. The Delivery Certificate Holder shall use its best efforts to limit the amount of any additional losses sustained as a result of the Shipment Default.

In the event of any dispute, disagreement or question as to such accounting, the Exchange shall refer the matter to the Canola Committee for a proceeding to determine the amount of damages, costs and expenses, and the amount, if any, owed to each of the Delivery Certificate Holder and the Warrant Issuer in connection with the default. Such proceeding shall be conducted in accordance with Rule 12.28.

The Exchange will determine the available funds it holds from indemnification paid by the defaulting Warrant Issuer (including the amount of any Delivery Day Value credited pursuant to Rule 12.11) pertaining to the Warrants at issue (the "Warrant Issuer Default Funds"). The Exchange shall apply the Warrant Issuer Default Funds to the loss amount owed to the Delivery Certificate Holder determined using the amounts in its accounting (if there is no dispute with respect thereto) or, in the event the matter has been referred to the Canola Committee, the amounts determined by the panel appointed under Rule 12.28. In the event the Exchange does not have sufficient Warrant Issuer Default Funds to cover the amounts owed to the Delivery Certificate Holder, the Delivery Certificate Holder may independently pursue a claim for the balance from the Warrant Issuer in such manner as it may elect. The Exchange shall have no further liability to the Delivery Certificate Holder in respect of the default.

The Exchange may apply any remaining Warrant Issuer Default Funds to Exchange Default Costs. In the event Warrant Issuer Default Funds do not cover the Exchange Default Costs, the Exchange may pursue a claim for the balance from the Warrant Issuer in such manner as it may elect.

Provided there are any remaining Warrant Issuer Default Funds after payment of all amounts owed to the Delivery Certificate Holder and the Exchange, the balance will be provided to the defaulting Warrant Issuer, provided it executes a form of release as required by the Exchange.

#### e. Post-Shipment Default by Delivery Certificate Holder

In the event of a Post-Shipment Default by the Delivery Certificate Holder, the matched Warrant Issuer may elect to sell out the canola covered by the relevant Warrants or determine the fair market value thereof, and in either case shall determine its costs and expenses in connection with the default. The Warrant Issuer shall use its best efforts to limit the amount of any additional losses sustained as a result of the Shipment Default.

The Warrant Issuer shall be entitled to the Delivery Day Value with respect to the defaulted shipment (including the amount thereof credited to indemnification under Rule 12.11), together with its costs and expenses in connection with the default (the "Warrant Issuer Entitlement"), to be retained or paid as set forth in this subsection.

The Warrant Issuer shall provide the Exchange and the Delivery Certificate Holder an accounting of the Warrant Issuer Entitlement and the proceeds of sale or fair market value, as determined above.

In the event of any dispute, disagreement or question with respect to such accounting, the Exchange shall refer the matter to the Canola Committee for a proceeding to determine the amount of damages, costs and expenses, and the amount, if any, owed to each of the Delivery Certificate Holder and the Warrant Issuer in connection with the default. Such proceeding shall be conducted in accordance with Rule 12.28.

Payments in settlement of the obligations of the defaulting Delivery Certificate Holder and the Warrant Issuer will be made pursuant to (1) or (2) below (based on the amounts in the Warrant Issuer's accounting (if there is no dispute with respect thereto) or, in the event the matter has been referred to arbitration, the amounts determined by the panel appointed under Rule 12.28.

(1) If the Warrant Issuer has sold the canola, it shall retain from the proceeds thereof an amount equal to the Warrant Issuer Entitlement, and pay the remainder of such proceeds ("Excess Sale Proceeds") to the Exchange. If the sale proceeds are not sufficient to pay the Warrant Issuer Entitlement, the Exchange will pay the Warrant Issuer the difference from

the amount of the Delivery Day Value then credited to indemnification for the defaulted shipment (but not to exceed the amount of such indemnification). In the event such indemnification is not sufficient to cover the amounts owed to the Warrant Issuer, the Warrant Issuer may independently pursue a claim for the balance from the Delivery Certificate Holder in such manner as it may elect. The Exchange shall have no further liability to the Warrant Issuer as a result of the default.

The Exchange may apply any Excess Sale Proceeds, together with any Delivery Day Value in respect of the defaulted shipment not applied pursuant to the preceding paragraph ("Available Proceeds"), to Exchange Default Costs. In the event such amounts do not cover the Exchange Default Costs, the Exchange may pursue a claim for the balance from the Delivery Certificate Holder in such manner as it may elect.

Provided there are any remaining Available Proceeds after payment of all amounts owed to the Warrant Issuer and the Exchange, the balance will be provided to the defaulting Delivery Certificate Holder, provided it executes a form of release as required by the Exchange.

(2) If the Warrant Issuer has not sold the canola but has determined the market value thereof, the Exchange shall determine an amount equal to (i) the market value of the canola minus (ii) the Warrant Issuer Entitlement. If such amount is positive, the Warrant Issuer shall pay such amount to the Exchange ("Excess FMV"). If such amount is negative, the Exchange will pay the absolute value of such amount to the Warrant Issuer from the amount of the Delivery Day Value then credited to indemnification for the defaulted shipment (but not to exceed the amount of such indemnification). In the event such indemnification is not sufficient to cover the amounts owed to the Warrant Issuer, the Warrant Issuer may independently pursue a claim for the balance from the Delivery Certificate Holder in such manner as it may elect. The Exchange shall have no further liability to the Warrant Issuer as a result of the default.

The Exchange may apply any Excess FMV, together with any Delivery Day Value in respect of the defaulted shipment not applied pursuant to the preceding paragraph ("Available Proceeds"), to Exchange Default Costs. In the event such amounts do not cover the Exchange Default Costs, the Exchange may pursue a claim for the balance from the Delivery Certificate Holder in such manner as it may elect.

Provided there are any remaining Available Proceeds after payment of all amounts owed to the Warrant Issuer and the Exchange, the balance will be provided to the defaulting Delivery Certificate Holder, provided it executes a form of release as required by the Exchange.

# 12.28 Canola Committee; Arbitration.

- (a) The Canola Committee shall be an Exchange Committee and shall consist of at least seven (7) and not more than twenty-one (21) individuals who are actively engaged, or employed by a firm that is actively engaged, in trading canola. The Board shall endeavor to appoint representatives from diverse interests within the canola community, such as industry representatives, FCMs, asset managers and traders. The Chairman of the Board shall be an *ex officio* member without a right to vote. Each member of the Canola Committee shall serve for a one-year term, or until their successor has been appointed.
- (b) The Committee shall have and may exercise the power or authority of recommending to the Board any modifications to the contractual terms and conditions and advising the Board with respect to Canola Futures and Options Contracts.

- (c) (i) Any dispute or other matter relating to a Shipment Default or a Delivery Default arising under a canola contract shall be settled by arbitration before a panel of three (3) disinterested members of the Canola Committee (the "Panel") who shall be appointed by the Chairman of the committee. A written notice setting forth the basis of the dispute shall be delivered to the Warrant Issuer and the Exchange's General Counsel within ten (10) Business Days of the relevant party becoming aware of the dispute or matte.
- (ii) A Panel shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Canola Committee as soon as practicable after receipt of the written notice. The Panel shall establish the date, time and place for a hearing; the procedures to be followed in any hearing shall be those specified in Chapter 20 of the Rules regarding arbitrations generally except that (i) the dispute may be decided on the papers, supporting documents, affidavits and other materials submitted to the Exchange in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 20.03(a)(ix), if all of the parties agree to such procedure, and *provided further*, that notwithstanding such agreement, the Chairman of the Canola Committee or his designee, in his sole discretion, may require that a hearing be held.
- (iii) The Panel shall render its award in writing adjudging which, if any, party is in default, declaring the applicable settlement price or fair market value, awarding the amount of money, if any, to be paid by the party in default, and granting any further remedy or relief which it deems just and equitable, which may include the award of money in an amount which exceeds the amounts to be paid pursuant to other provisions of the Rules. The award of the Panel shall be final and binding upon each of the parties to the arbitration, and judgment upon such award may be entered by any court having jurisdiction. In addition, any award, if not complied with within the time specified in the award, shall be enforceable by disciplinary proceedings pursuant to the Rules.
- (v) The parties to the arbitration shall pay each individual appointed to the Panel at the rate of \$500 per day. In each such matter, the Exchange shall determine the amount of time for which the Panel is compensated and the Panel shall determine the proportion in which such compensation shall be paid by each of the parties.

# PART C – ELEVATORS, WARRANTS, HANDLING AGREEMENTS, AUDITS AND ELEVATOR OPERATORS

#### 12.29 Elevators to be Registered

(a) Only elevators registered as "for delivery" are eligible for the purposes of making delivery, including issuing Warrants, and/or shipping against any Canola Futures Contract.

In order to apply to register an elevator the elevator owner, operator or lessee shall:

- (1) be a Merchant Participant or be an Elevator Operator licensed by the Exchange; and
- (2) in the case of a lessee of an elevator, provide a properly executed statutory declaration in such form as may be determined from time to time by the Exchange.
- (b) To be registered, an elevator must be located in one of the designated delivery regions and:
  - (i) be connected by railroad tracks with one or more railway lines, rated to carry not less than 263,000 lbs. (car and contents), appropriate to its location and purpose;
  - (ii) be equipped with facilities for receiving commodities by truck and for shipping commodities by truck and by rail;
  - (iii) shall have the capability for spotting a minimum of ten (10) hopper cars (full car spot) if registering elevators against the canola futures contract;
  - (iv) be furnished with suitable improvements and appliances for convenient and expeditious receiving, handling and shipping of commodities in bulk; and
  - (v) be licensed by the Canadian Grain Commission, as a terminal, transfer, primary or process elevator; and
  - (vi) be registered as a Food Facility with the United States Food and Drug Administration.

Amended by the Board December 11, 2019; effective April 28, 2020 [¶¶ (a) and (b)].

# 12.30 Requirements for Elevator Registration

(a) In order to register elevators and maintain such registrations, a Merchant Participant and an Elevator Operator, as applicable, shall comply with the requirements specified in this Rule. Failure to comply with the requirements of this Rule and the provisions set out in the elevator application may result in deregistration. The effective date for registration of any elevator shall be the Business Day following the date of approval of the application by the Exchange, *provided, however*, that if either the date of approval or the following Business Day are within a delivery month, then the effective date shall be the first Business Day of the month following the approval. Registration shall be applicable for delivery against Canola Futures Contracts with open interest. Registration requires that the Merchant Participant or Elevator Operator, as applicable:

- (1) complete the form of Elevator Application specified by the Exchange and have same accepted by the Exchange;
- (2) provide such information as the Exchange may require concerning the state of the facility, its operation, management of the business or any other information requested;
- if a Merchant Participant, provide and maintain indemnification to the Exchange in such form and amount as may be required from time to time;
- (4) where applicable, provide and have on file with the Exchange Registered Handling Agreements;
- provide to the Exchange a report at such times and in such form as may be required by the Exchange on:
  - (i) all outstanding elevator receipts and commodity receipts provided under the Canada Grain Act, by deliverable commodity and grade and location;
  - (ii) all shipments provided under the Canada Grain Act by deliverable commodity and grade and location;
  - (iii) all stocks in store by deliverable commodity and grade and location;
  - (iv) shipments made pursuant to Exchange contracts;
  - (v) cash bid and offer information; and
  - (vi) any operational information requested by the Exchange;
- (6) make the elevators available immediately upon request by the Exchange, or an agent of the Exchange, for an inspection or review which may include an audit of the elevators;
- (7) keep all required insurance in good standing; and
- (8) provide any other information to the Exchange which may be requested from time to time.
- (b) The Exchange shall, in its sole discretion, determine acceptance of an application for registration of an elevator. The fact that a company is a Merchant Participant or licensed as an Elevator Operator does not result in automatic registration of any or all of its elevators.
- (c) Merchant Participants and Elevator Operators with registered elevators shall furnish complete and accurate reports to the Exchange regarding:
  - (1) stock information, as required, as filed with, and on the date submitted to the Canadian Grain Commission; enter into Delivery System weekly
  - (2) daily cash bids, as requested by the Exchange, by noon the following day; and
  - (3) interim stock information if requested by the Exchange.
- (d) Extracts or consolidations from information required pursuant to this Rule may be published by the Exchange. Merchant Participants eligible to issue Warrants shall provide

the Exchange with a properly executed Corporate Authorizing Resolution (in the form specified by the Exchange) listing all persons authorized to sign Warrants.

Amended by the Board December 11, 2019; effective April 28, 2020 [ $\P\P$  (c)(1)].

# **12.31** Continuity of Operations

All Merchant Participants and Elevator Operators with registered elevators must provide the Exchange with written notice no less than sixty (60) days prior to cessation of registration of an elevator and/or change in ownership of an elevator. A request to cease elevator registration(s) sooner than sixty (60) days, may be submitted to the Exchange in writing and shall be determined by the Exchange in its sole discretion.

#### 12.32 Acceptance of Elevators for Registration

No elevator shall be eligible to be registered if its location, accessibility, tariffs or other qualifications depart from the uniformity to the extent that its documents tendered in satisfaction of futures contracts: (1)will unduly affect the value of futures contracts, or (2) impair futures trading on the Exchange.

Amended by the Board December 11, 2019; effective April 28, 2020.

# 12.33 Change in Elevator Information

Any change to the information required in the registration information provided to the Exchange shall promptly be reported to the Exchange, including, but not limited to, the following information: the station number, the lease expiry date (if applicable), the category of elevator (primary, process, terminal), rail line information, track capacity (weight), storage capacity, car spots (full car, day car).

#### 12.34 Registered Handling Agreements

- (a) Merchant Participants may enter into Handling Agreements with other Merchant Participants and/or Elevator Operators which have elevators registered for delivery. The Handling Agreement may not contravene any provision of the Exchange Rules or Bylaws. Both parties to such a Handling Agreement shall jointly file a "Request to Register Handling Agreement" in the form specified by the Exchange. Warrants cannot be issued until such time as the Exchange has provided notice in writing to both parties that the Handling Agreement has been registered.
- (b) A Handling Agreement may be terminated upon both parties providing ninety (90) days written notice to the Exchange, unless the proposed termination date falls on a date between the First Notice Day through the end of a delivery month, in which case the date of termination of the Handling Agreement will be the first Business Day after the said delivery month.
- (c) Parties to Handling Agreements may enter into any ancillary agreements they deem necessary to give effect to their requirements provided that such ancillary agreements may not contradict or deviate in any way whatsoever from the provisions of the Rules.

# Amended by the Board December 11, 2019; effective April 28, 2020 [¶ (a)].

# 12.35 Entities Eligible to Issue Warrants

Warrants may be issued for all Canola Futures Contracts by Merchant Participants that have elevators registered under the provisions of these Rules and/or that have Registered Handling Agreements on file at the Exchange.

#### 12.36 Limitation on Warrants Issued/Handling Agreements Registered

- (a) No Merchant Participant shall issue Warrants in amounts that, in aggregate with all Warrants it has issued, exceeds:
  - (1) ten (10) times the Load Out Capacity for each of its elevators registered for delivery; plus
  - (2) ten (10) times the Load Out Capacity for that portion of the elevator or elevators in respect of which it has Registered Handling Agreements.
- (b) No Elevator Operator shall enter into Handling Agreements which, in total, exceed ten (10) times its Load Out Capacity for all of its elevators registered for delivery.

Amended by the Board December 11, 2020; effective April 28, 2020 [¶¶ (a)(1) and (b)].

#### 12.37 Misrepresentations on Warrants – Penalties Attached

A misrepresentation on a Warrant affects the integrity of the delivery processes of the Exchange. Any misrepresentation is subject to a penalty to be imposed by the Business Conduct Committee of up to ten percent (10%) of the value of such Warrants issued, based on current market value of the underlying commodity, with the minimum penalty being \$100,000.

# 12.38 Warrant Obligations Remain the Responsibility of the Issuer of the Warrant

Notwithstanding anything else in these Rules, all responsibilities and obligations relating to a Warrant are and remains that of the Warrant Issuer. For the avoidance of doubt, the fact that a Merchant Participant has a Registered Handling Agreement with another Person on file at the Exchange, has stored product with another Person, has nominated shipping points out of the elevators of another Person and/or has commenced shipping out of the elevators of another Person, does not in any way affect that the ultimate responsibility for fulfilment of all Warrant obligations is and remains that of the Merchant Participant that issued the Warrant(s).

# 12.39 Elevator Operators to Be Approved; Duty of Supervision

(a) Elevator Operators shall apply for registration with the Exchange, and shall execute such agreements as the Exchange may prescribe from time to time, and provide such information as the Exchange may request, in accordance with the Exchange's application forms and procedures. The Exchange may deny an application for registration if any of the requirements specified in the preceding sentence have not been satisfied, and/or if the Exchange determines that, based on the information disclosed in the application, registration would not be in the best interests of the Exchange, *provided*, *however*, that prior to denying the application, the

Exchange shall provide the applicant with (i) written notice setting forth its intention to deny the application and the grounds for denial and (ii) an opportunity to be heard by the Board to present evidence as to why the application should be granted. A request to be heard by the Board shall be furnished in writing to the Exchange General Counsel within two (2) Business Days following issuance of the notice of intention to deny the application. The evidence to be considered by the Board shall be presented by written submission in accordance with procedures specified by the Board, and the decision rendered by the Board shall be final.

(b) All Elevator Operators shall adopt written policies and procedures to be followed by their directors, officers, employees, representatives and agents who are involved in or engage in business activities related to the Exchange, that are adequate, taking into account the nature, scope and complexity of their business, to ensure compliance with the Rules and applicable law.

Amended by the Board June 21, 2023; effective July 31, 2023 [ $\P$  (a)].

#### 12.40 Audit of Registered Elevators and Stocks

Merchant Participants and Elevator Operators with elevators registered for delivery must cooperate fully and permit all their registered facilities to be audited by the Exchange or its agent. A representative from the Firm may be present during the audit. The Firm and all employees will cooperate fully with the Exchange and/or its agent in the conduct of the audit.

Failure to comply with an audit in accordance with these Rules endangers the integrity of the delivery process. Such failure is a violation which is subject to a hearing before the Business Conduct Committee. If there is any dispute on grade and the audited Firm is not satisfied with the grade determinations of the audit, the Firm can, at its cost, have the Canadian Grain Commission conduct a grade inspection. The inspection done by the Canadian Grain Commission shall be in writing and shall be determinative.

At the conclusion of a hearing into the findings of an audit, the panel of the Business Conduct Committee hearing the matter may address the issue of the auditor's costs and may require that the audited Firm pay part or all of the costs of the audit.

Amended by the Board December 11, 2019; effective April 28, 2020.

#### **PART D - CANOLA OPTIONS**

# Rule 12.41. Unit of Trading

The unit of trading shall be the Option to buy, in the case of a Call, or the Option to sell, in the case of a Put, one (1) Canola Futures Contract.

#### Rule 12.42. Trading Months

Trading in Canola Options shall be conducted in contract months as shown below:

(a) - Regular Options:

An Option based on the January future that will expire in the previous December;

An Option based on the March future that will expire in the previous February;

An Option based on the May future that will expire in the previous April;

An Option based on the July future that will expire in the previous June;

An Option based on the November future that will expire in the previous October.

(b) - Serial Options:

An Option based on the March future that will expire in the previous January;

An Option based on the May future that will expire in the previous March;

An Option based on the July future that will expire in the previous May;

An Option based on the November future that will expire in the previous July;

An Option based on the November future that will expire in the previous August;

An Option based on the November future that will expire in the previous September;

An option based on the January future that will expire in the previous November.

The number of Regular and Serial Options Contract months listed at any time shall be as determined by the Exchange.

#### Rule 12.43. Premium Quotations

Premiums shall be quoted in cents and hundredths of a Canadian cent per ton. The minimum fluctuation in Premiums shall be \$0.10 per ton. Trading in Canola Options shall not be subject to price limits.

# Rule 12.44. Last Trading Day

- (a) For all Options contracts other than the Option on the January future that expires in the previous December, the Last Trading Day shall be the last Friday which precedes the last Business Day of the calendar month preceding the named Option Month by at least two Business Days. In the event that such Friday is not a Business Day, the Last Trading Day shall be the Business Day preceding such Friday.
- (b) For the Option on the January future that expires in the previous December the Last Trading Day shall be the third Friday of December. In the event that such Friday is not a Business Day, the Last Trading Day shall be the Business Day preceding such Friday.

#### **Rule 12.45 Obligations of Option Purchasers**

- (a) The Purchaser which purchases a Canola Option shall cause such Option to be submitted by a Clearing Member to the Clearing Organization for clearance in accordance with the Rules of the Clearing Organization.
- (b) The Purchaser which clears a Canola Option shall pay in full the Premium to the Clearing Organization in accordance with the Rules of the Clearing Organization.
- (c) The Purchaser of a Canola Option shall, upon exercising such Option in accordance with the Rules, enter into an Underlying Futures Contract to buy (in the case of a Call) or to sell (in the case of a Put) Canola for delivery in the regular or serial Option Month's Underlying Futures Contract, at the Strike Price specified in such Option; provided, however, that any such contract entered into upon exercise shall be entered into for the account of the Person having purchased the Canola Option.

# Rule 12.46. Obligations of Option Grantors

- (a) The Grantor which grants a Canola Option shall cause such Option to be submitted by a Clearing Member to the Clearing Organization for clearance in accordance with the Rules of the Clearing Organization.
- (b) The Grantor which clears a Canola Option shall make such Margin deposits as the Clearing Organization may require.
- (c) The Grantor of a Canola Option shall, upon being assigned an Exercise Notice in accordance with the Rules of the Clearing Organization, enter into an Underlying Futures Contract to sell (in the case of a Call) or to buy (in the case of a Put) Canola for delivery in the regular or serial Option Month's Underlying Futures Contract, at the Strike Price specified in such Option; provided, however, that any such contract entered into upon assignment of an Exercise Notice shall be entered into for the account of the Person having granted the Canola Option.

# Rule 12.47. Effect of Clearance

Upon acceptance of a Canola Option by the Clearing Organization, the Clearing Organization shall be substituted as, and assume the position of, the Purchaser to the Clearing Member which is the Grantor and the position of the Grantor to the Clearing Member which is the Purchaser; and thereupon the Clearing Organization shall have all the rights and obligations with respect to such Option as the parties for which it is substituted.

#### Rule 12.48. Expiration of Canola Options

A Canola Option shall expire at 5:00 p.m. on the Last Trading Day; provided, however, that any such Option which is one (1) point or more in-the-money and remains unexercised after that time shall be automatically exercised by the Clearing Organization, unless, before 5:00 p.m. on the Last Trading Day, the Clearing Member gives the Clearing Organization written instructions that any such Option is to expire unexercised.

#### Rule 12.49. Strike Prices

- (a) Options on Canola Futures Contracts shall trade with Strike Prices in five Canadian dollars (\$5.00) per ton intervals.
  - (b) The number of Strike Prices listed for trading at any time shall be as determined by the Exchange.

#### **Rule 12.50 Notice of Exercise**

- (a) An Option may be exercised by the buyer on any Business Day that such Option is traded.
- (b) An Exercise Notice of any Option shall be in the form prescribed by the Clearing Organization and in accordance with Clearing Organization Rules for Puts and Calls. The Clearing Member who is representing the buyer shall present an Exercise Notice to the Clearing Organization by 5:00 p.m. on the day of exercise.
- (c) The Clearing Organization, based on Exercise Notices received from Clearing Members, shall allocate such exercised Options among Clearing Members having short Positions in such Options on a pro rata basis, make necessary entries on its books to convert the exercised Option into the Underlying Futures Contract and so notify the affected Clearing Member.

#### PART E OPTIONS ON CANOLA FUTURES SPREADS

#### Rule 12.51. Definitions

- (a) A Transaction involving Options to enter into Canola calendar Spread Futures Contracts on the Exchange shall be referred to as either a "Canola Spread Option" or "RSSO".
- (b) A Canola Put Spread Option represents an Option to assume a short Position in the first  $(1^{st})$  expiring Canola Futures Contract in the spread and a long Position in the second  $(2^{nd})$  expiring Canola Futures Contract in the spread traded on the Exchange. A Canola Call Spread Option represents an Option to assume a long Position in the first  $(1^{st})$  expiring Canola Futures Contract in the spread and a short Position in the second  $(2^{nd})$  expiring Canola Futures Contract in the spread traded on the Exchange.
- (c) For the purposes of this Chapter, unless otherwise noted herein, the following terms shall have the following meanings:
  - (i) the term "Spread Price" shall mean the mathematical result of subtracting the price of the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) delivery month of the Underlying Futures Contract in the RSSO from the price of the first (1<sup>st</sup>) delivery month of the Underlying Futures Contract in the RSSO; and
  - (ii) the term "Settlement Spread Price" shall mean the mathematical result of subtracting the Settlement Price of the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) delivery month of the Underlying Futures Contract in the RSSO from the Settlement Price of the first (1<sup>st</sup>) delivery month of the Underlying Futures Contract in the RSSO.

#### **Rule 12.52. Trading Months**

- (a) Except as the Board may otherwise prescribe, expiration months of the Underlying Futures Contract which are eligible for listing with respect to Canola Spread Options shall be: January, March, May, July and November.
- (b) Except as the Board may otherwise prescribe, Canola Spread Options shall be listed for trading as follows:

(i) **1 month series:** Each of the first six expiration months paired with its next successive expiration month.

# **Rule 12.53. Premium Quotations**

Premiums shall be quoted in cents and hundredths of a Canadian cent per ton. The minimum fluctuation in Premiums shall be \$0.10 per ton, Trading in Canola Options shall not be subject to price limits.

# Rule 12.54. Last Trading Day

The Last Trading Day for any RSSO series pair shall be the day as provided for in Canola Options Rule 12.44, as that day would apply to the first expiring delivery month in the pair.

# Rule 12.55. Obligations of RSSO Purchasers

- (a) The Purchaser which purchases a RSSO shall cause such RSSO to be submitted by a Clearing Member to the Clearing Organization for clearance in accordance with the Clearing Organization Rules.
- (b) The Purchaser which clears a RSSO shall pay in full the Premium to the Clearing Organization in accordance with the Clearing Organization Rules.
- (c) The Purchaser of a RSSO shall, upon exercising such RSSO in accordance with the Rules, enter into Underlying Futures Contracts to buy the first (1<sup>st</sup>) delivery month in the RSSO and sell the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) delivery month in the RSSO (in the case of a Call) or to enter into Underlying Futures Contracts to sell the first (1<sup>st</sup>) delivery month in the RSSO and buy the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) delivery month of the RSSO (in the case of a Put), at a Spread Price equal to the Strike Price specified in such RSSO; *provided, however*, that any such contracts entered into upon exercise shall be entered into the account of the Person having purchased the RSSO.
- (d) Futures contracts entered into by the Purchaser of a RSSO, as provided for in paragraph (c) herein, shall have prices assigned to those futures contracts in the following manner:
  - (i) The first (1st) delivery month futures contract shall be assigned the price equal to the Settlement Price for that month on the day of exercise, and
  - (ii) The second  $(2^{nd})$  delivery month futures contract shall be assigned the price that is the mathematical result of the first  $(1^{st})$  delivery month futures contract Settlement Price, as provided for in subparagraph (d)(i) herein, minus the Spread Price specified in such RSSO.

# Rule 12.56. Obligations of RSSO Grantors

(a) The Grantor which grants a RSSO shall cause such RSSO to be submitted by a Clearing Member to the Clearing Organization for clearance in accordance with the Clearing Organization Rules.

- (b) The Grantor of a RSSO shall make such Margin deposits as the Clearing Organization may require.
- (c) The Grantor of a RSSO shall, upon being assigned an Exercise Notice in accordance with the Clearing Organization Rules, enter into Underlying Futures Contracts to sell the first (1st) delivery month of the RSSO and buy the second (2nd) delivery month of a RSSO (in the case of a Call) or to enter into Underlying Futures Contracts to buy the first (1st) delivery month of the RSSO and sell the second (2nd) delivery month in the RSSO (in the case of a Put), at a Spread Price equal to the Strike Price specified in such RSSO; *provided, however*, that any such contracts entered into upon assignment of an Exercise Notice shall be entered into for the account of the Person having granted the RSSO.
- (d) Futures contracts entered into by the Grantor of a RSSO, as provided for in paragraph (c) herein, shall have prices assigned to those futures contracts in the following manner:
  - (i) The first (1<sup>st</sup>) delivery month futures contract shall be assigned the price equal to the Settlement Price for that month on the day of exercise; and
  - (ii) The second (2<sup>nd</sup>) delivery month futures contract shall be assigned the price that is the mathematical result of the first (1<sup>st</sup>) delivery month futures contract Settlement Price, as provided for in subparagraph (d)(i) herein, minus the Spread Price specified in such RSSO.

#### Rule 12.57. Effect of Clearance

Upon acceptance of a RSSO by the Clearing Organization, the Clearing Organization shall be substituted as, and assume the position of the Purchaser to the Clearing Member which is the Grantor and the position of the Grantor to the Clearing Member which is the Purchaser; and thereupon the Clearing Organization shall have all the rights and obligations with respect to such RSSO as the parties for which it is substituted.

#### Rule 12.58. Expiration of RSSOs

A RSSO shall expire at 5:00 pm on the Last Trading Day; provided, however, that any such RSSO which is one (1) point or more In-The-Money and remains unexercised after that time shall be automatically exercised by the Clearing Organization, unless, before 5:00 p.m. on the Last Trading Day, the Clearing Member gives the Clearing Organization written instructions that any such Option is to expire unexercised.

#### Rule 12.59. Strike Prices

- (a) Options on Canola Futures Contracts shall trade with Strike Prices in five Canadian dollars (\$5.00) per ton intervals.
  - (b) The number of Strike Prices listed for trading at any time shall be as determined by the Exchange.

#### Rule 12.60. Notice of Exercise

(a) An RSSO may be exercised by the buyer on any Business Day that such RSSO is traded.

- (b) An Exercise Notice of any RSSO shall be in the form prescribed by the Clearing Organization and in accordance with Clearing Organization Rules for Puts and Calls. The Clearing Member who is representing the buyer shall present an Exercise Notice to the Clearing Organization by 5:00 p.m. on the day of exercise.
- (c) The Clearing Organization, based on Exercise Notices received from Clearing Members, shall allocate such exercised RSSOs among Clearing Members having short Positions in such RSSOs on a pro rata basis, make necessary entries on its books to convert the exercised RSSO into the Underlying Futures Contract and so notify the affected Clearing Member.

#### CANOLA NON-PAR PRICE DIFFERENTIAL SCHEDULE

Non-Par Regions							
Time Period	Central East	Central West	Eastern	Western (excl. Peace River District of Alta.)	Peace River		
Effective November 1/18	NA	\$2.00/t Premium	\$2.00/t Discount	\$6.00/t Premium	\$2.00/t Premium		