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REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

**IMPLEMENTATION OF INTER-GROUP CONTINGENT TRADES FOR FUTURES AND
OPTIONS ON FUTURES**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE PROCEDURES APPLICABLE TO THE EXECUTION OF
CROSS TRANSACTIONS AND THE EXECUTION OF PRE-ARRANGED
TRANSACTIONS**

AND

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW PROCEDURES APPLICABLE TO THE EXECUTION OF
INTER-GROUP CONTINGENT TRADES INVOLVING FUTURES AND OPTIONS ON
FUTURES CONTRACTS**

The Rules and Policies Committee of Bourse de Montréal Inc. (the “**Bourse**”) has approved the new *Procedures Applicable to the Execution of Inter-Group Contingent Trades Involving Futures and Options on Futures Contracts* (the “**New Procedure**”) and the amendments to the *Procedures Applicable to the Execution of Cross Transactions and the Execution of Pre-Arranged Transactions* (“**Cross Procedures**”) of the Bourse in order to allow the execution of Inter-Group Contingent Trade for the benefit of the Bourse’s interest rates futures contracts and options on futures that cannot be combined into strategies and executed through the Bourse’s Inter-Group Strategy facility.

Comments on the proposed amendments must be submitted within 30 days following the date of publication of this notice, at the latest on **November 5, 2012**. Please submit your comments to:

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Appendices

For your information, you will find in appendices an analysis of the proposed amendments as well as the New Procedures and the amended Cross Procedures. The implementation date of the proposed amendments will be determined by the Bourse, in accordance with the self-certification process as determined by the *Derivatives Act* (R.S.Q., chapter I-14.01).

Process for Changes to the Rules

The Bourse is authorized to carry on business as an exchange and is recognized as a self-regulatory organization (SRO) by the Autorité. The Board of Directors of the Bourse has delegated to the Rules and Policies Committee of the Bourse its powers to approve and amend the Rules and Procedures. The Rules of the Bourse are submitted to the Autorité in accordance to the self-certification process as determined by the *Derivatives Act* (R.S.Q., chapter I-14.01).

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I. INTRODUCTION

Bourse de Montréal inc. (the “**Bourse**”) intends to implement the Inter-Group Contingent Trade (“**IGCT**”) facility for the benefit of the Bourse’s interest rates futures and options on futures contracts (“**Futures Markets**”) that cannot be combined into strategies and executed through the Bourse’s Inter-Group Strategy (“**IGS**”) facility. The proposed implementation of IGCT would be accomplished by allowing Approved Participants (“**AP**”) to contact the Bourse’s Market Operations Department (“**MOD**”) with their contingent trade orders whereupon the Bourse’s market supervisors will contact Qualifying Market Participants (“**QMP**”) and allow them to participate in the contingent trade.

In order to implement IGCT on the Futures Markets, the Bourse hereby proposes to introduce the new Procedures Applicable to the Execution of Inter-Group Contingent Trades Involving Futures and Options on Futures Contracts (the “**New Procedure**”), and to amend the Procedures Applicable to the Execution of Cross Transactions and the Execution of Prearranged Transactions (“**Cross Procedures**”).

In addition, the Bourse proposes some minor housekeeping changes to the Cross Procedures in the interests of clarity and precision.

Definitions

Contingent Trade: A transaction involving the simultaneous execution of two or more legs, where the execution and the price of each leg depends on the execution and price of the other leg(s).

Leg or Legging: A risk-oriented method of establishing a strategy trade. The trader trades into each contract (or “leg”) of the position individually. The risk materializes from the fact that the trader may not be able to enter into all of the legs of the strategy at the desired prices or price differentials between contracts. This risk is referred to as “execution risk” or more specifically “leg risk”.

Strategy trade: A transaction implemented by combining one or more derivative instrument positions.

Intra-Group Strategy: A strategy comprised of instruments from the same instrument group i.e. (BAXU11 BAXZ11 Spread)

Inter-Group Strategy: A strategy comprised of instruments from different groups i.e. (CGFU11 CGBU11 Spread)

Qualifying Market Participant: An AP or a market participant with direct market access and who is the registered holder of a SAM ID showing a maximum bid/ask market and a minimum posted quantity per side.

II. DETAILED ANALYSIS

A. Rationale

The Bourse currently offers APs the ability to create, expose to the market and trade User Defined IGS on Futures, via the Bourse's SOLA™ trading engine. However, this facility only permits the creation and trading of inter-group strategies whose nominal underlying and tick values are identical and for which the ratios of the legs comprising the strategies are 99 contracts or less. It is not possible for APs to use User Defined IGS to create and trade strategies from different instrument groups for which underlying and tick values are not identical and for which leg ratios exceed the 99 contract maximum.

In the Bourse's current trading environment, participants must "leg" strategies that cannot be executed using User Defined IGS, often relying on the legging functionality of their trading software applications. Legging functionalities typically work by buying or selling contracts as they align with the price differentials defined by the trader. Legging these strategies, whether manually or with a legging functionality, exposes participants to the execution risk of not being able to execute the strategy at the desired price differential, or within a desired time frame.

In order to minimize execution risk for participants, the Bourse wishes to introduce an IGCT facility that will permit APs to create, expose to the market and trade **only** those inter-group strategies that cannot be created on the Bourse's SOLA™ trading engine. These inter-group strategies will be relayed to market supervisors of the MOD with the total number of contracts, the instruments that constitute the strategy and the price differential of the strategy. Market supervisors in the MOD will telephone QMPs meeting the quoting requirements established by the Bourse and present the details of the strategy to QMPs quoting on all legs of the strategy. In the event that no single QMP is quoting on all legs of the strategy, the MOD will contact QMPs quoting on the least liquid leg of the strategy to ascertain whether they would like to participate in the strategy. The least liquid leg of the strategy for the purpose of IGCT is defined as the leg with the least open interest.

The introduction of IGCT will address the following risks and limitations. It will offer APs the ability to create inter-group strategies (1) not offered via the existing IGS facility (2) comprised of a maximum of four different instruments from different product groups and (3), expose them to QMPs meeting the quoting requirements on all legs of the strategy

or on the least liquid leg of the strategy in the event that no single QMP is quoting on all legs comprised in the strategy.

The implementation of IGCT will offer several important benefits to market participants:

1. With the implementation of an IGCT facility, APs will be able to create customized strategies that are adapted to their trading and risk management needs.
2. The proposed implementation will permit execution of inter-group strategies involving futures and options on futures contracts that the Bourse is currently not able to offer APs via its IGS facility.
3. The use of the IGCT facility will permit the execution of strategies with limited execution risk compared to executing each leg individually.
4. The inter-group strategy will be exposed to QMPs quoting on the least liquid leg of the strategy thereby providing accessibility, transparency and liquidity for inter-group strategies.
5. Liquidity on the less liquid products of the Bourse will be further enhanced by QMPs' incentive to quote on these products in order to have an opportunity to participate in the strategy.

B. Benchmarking

The Bourse is currently the only exchange offering the execution of strategies via its MOD, as described below.

Regulatory and Procedural Benchmarking:

Exchange	Execution by Market Supervisors	Procedure
<p>Bourse de Montréal Inc.</p>	<p>Multi-Leg Strategies on Equity, ETF, Index, and Currency options are executed by Market Supervisors of the Bourse's Market Operations Department</p>	<p>Procedures applicable to the Execution of Cross Transactions and the Execution of Pre- Arranged Transactions</p> <p>http://www.m-x.ca/f_en/cross_prearran_procedure_en.pdf</p> <p>Procedures Applicable to the Execution of Strategies Involving Options</p> <p>http://www.m-x.ca/f_en/options_strat_procedure_en.pdf</p>

III. PROPOSED REGULATORY AMENDMENTS

A. The New Procedure

The Bourse hereby proposes to introduce New Procedures to provide for and facilitate the process of executing IGCT.

The Bourse proposes that the New Procedures specify that IGCT may be submitted by APs to the Bourse and be executed by the Bourse's MOD provided that they cannot be executed via the Bourse's IGS functionality.

Under the proposed New Procedures, IGCT that conform to these acceptance criteria would be presented to all QMPs meeting the quoting requirements on all legs of the strategy. In the event that no single QMP meets the quoting requirements on all legs of the strategy, the MOD will contact QMPs meeting the quoting requirements on the least liquid leg of the strategy.

Quoting requirements for QMPs are based on the minimum quoting (size and spread) requirements for market makers on interest rate futures contracts. This will both respect the markets that are posted by market makers, and provide an incentive for additional participants to post larger and tighter markets.

Under the proposed New Procedures, counterparties to IGCT must be willing to trade all parts inherent to the transaction (all futures and options on futures legs) but they will not be obligated to trade the entire quantity.

The proposed New Procedures include terms whereby if an AP intends to execute a cross or pre-arranged transaction on an IGCT, the QMPs will be permitted to participate on the transaction up to a total maximum of 50% of the quantity of the intended transaction.

B. Amendments to the Procedures Applicable to the Execution of Cross Transactions and the Execution of Prearranged Transactions

In addition to the proposed introduction of the New Procedures, the Bourse hereby proposes to amend the Procedures Applicable to the Execution of Cross Transactions and the Execution of Prearranged Transactions ("**Cross Procedures**") to allow for cross and pre-arranged transactions of Inter-Group Strategies on Futures Markets ("**Cross or Prearranged Strategy**").

For this purpose, the Bourse proposes to add a new paragraph 4) Cross or Prearranged Transactions with a 50% guaranteed minimum to the Cross Procedures. This new paragraph 4) outlines the acceptance criteria for Cross or Prearranged Strategies to be submitted by APs to the market supervisors of the MOD.

The new paragraph 4) of the Cross Procedures states that QMPs will be given the opportunity to participate on the Cross or Prearranged Strategies up to a total maximum of 50% of the quantity of the submitted transaction.

It will also provide for the AP submitting the Cross or Prearranged Strategy, to be permitted to execute the transaction for the remaining quantity (a minimum of 50% plus any quantity not taken of the 50% that had been offered to the QMP).

The Bourse also proposes to amend the Cross Procedure such that the heading on page 2 of the cross procedure “**EQUITY OPTIONS, INDEX OPTIONS AND CURRENCY OPTION CONTRACTS**” is deleted to reflect the fact that cross and pre-arranged transactions are permitted on multiple product classes, not only those indicated in the heading.

Finally, the Bourse also proposes to amend the Cross Procedures in order to provide clarification with regards to procedures applicable to cross and prearranged transactions on options strategies as well.

IV. OBJECTIVES AND CONSEQUENCES

The objective of the New Procedure and the proposed amendments to the Bourse’s Cross Procedures described herein is to allow the implementation of IGCT in the Futures Markets.

Following this implementation, the Bourse will allow APs to submit customized IGCT strategies to the Bourse, resulting in a reduction of strategy execution risk for the APs.

These procedures will also allow APs to execute cross and pre-arranged transactions on IGCT strategies.

Finally, the implementation of IGCT should improve the liquidity of the Bourse’s less liquid futures and options on futures contracts.

V. PUBLIC INTEREST

The proposed modifications will improve the quality of the Futures Markets by enhancing accessibility to IGCT, transparency and efficiency while improving liquidity on some of the Bourse’s less liquid futures products. Market accessibility, transparency and efficiency are key objectives of the Bourse, and the Bourse considers the proposed implementation of IGCT serves the public interest.

VI. PROCESS

The proposed modifications, including this analysis, were approved by the Bourse’s Rules and Policies Committee and will be submitted to the *Autorité des marchés financiers* in accordance with the self-certification process and to the Ontario Securities Commission for information.

VII. REFERENCES

Montréal Exchange Inc.

Procedures applicable to the Execution of Cross Transactions and the Execution of Pre-Arranged Transactions

http://www.m-x.ca/f_en/cross_prearran_procedure_en.pdf

Procedures Applicable to the Execution of Strategies Involving Options

http://www.m-x.ca/f_en/options_strat_procedure_en.pdf

VIII. ATTACHED DOCUMENTS

- Procedures Applicable to the Execution of Inter-Group Contingent Trades Involving Futures and Options on Futures Contracts;
- Procedures Applicable to the Execution of Cross Transactions and the Execution of Prearranged Transactions.

PROCEDURES APPLICABLE TO THE EXECUTION OF INTER-GROUP CONTINGENT TRADES INVOLVING FUTURES AND OPTIONS ON FUTURES CONTRACTS

1. OBJECTIVE

The objective of these procedures is to provide and facilitate the trading of Inter-Group Contingent Trades strategies (“**IGCT**” or, for the purpose of the present Procedures, “**strategy**”) involving Futures and Options on Futures Contracts that **cannot** be executed by Approved Participants (“**AP**”) via the Bourse de Montréal Inc. (the “**Bourse**”) Inter-Group Strategy (“**IGS**”) facility. In order to execute an IGCT, an AP must contact the Bourse’s Market Operations Department (“**MOD**”) at 1 888-693-6366 or 514 871-7871 for assistance in presenting an IGCT strategy to Qualifying Market Participants (“**QMP**”) and ensuring its manual execution in the Bourse’s trading system.

The Bourse will determine from time to time the strategy types that will be accepted as IGCT strategies.

2. DESCRIPTION

For the purpose of the present Procedures, a QMP is either another AP, or a market participant with Direct Market Access (“**DMA**”) and who is the registered holder of a SAM ID showing a maximum bid/ask market and a minimum posted quantity per side (“**Quoting Requirements**”) as specified from time to time by the Bourse on at least one futures or options on futures contract leg comprised in the strategies. The QMP criteria as established by the Bourse will be published via circular.

For the purpose of the present Procedures, the least liquid leg (“**Least Liquid Leg**”) is the leg of a strategy with the least open interest.

Execution by MOD

If an IGCT cannot be created and broadcast using the Bourse’s IGS facility because the strategy type is not accepted by Bourse’s trading engine, the AP may submit a strategy order using the following procedure:

- A) The AP must contact the MOD by telephone and indicate its IGCT strategy. The information provided to MOD must include the futures and/or options on futures contracts involved, the price and the total quantity of the order. The AP must have received and time-registered their order prior to communicating with MOD.

- B) The MOD will initially contact QMPs meeting Quoting Requirements on all futures and/or options on futures contract legs comprised in the strategy. In the event that no single QMP meets Quoting Requirements on all legs comprised in the strategy, the MOD will contact QMP(s) meeting Quoting Requirements on the Least Liquid Leg of the strategy. The MOD will respect the following procedure:

- (i) For strategies involving fewer than 50 contracts per leg, QMPs will be contacted individually, with priority given to the QMP who was first to quote (FIFO) on the futures and/or options on futures leg(s).
- (ii) For strategies involving between 50 and 99 contracts per leg, QMPs will be contacted by groups of two, with priority given to the QMPs who were the first to quote (FIFO) on the futures and/or options on futures leg(s).
- (iii) For strategies involving 100 contracts or more per leg, all QMPs will be contacted.

In the event that a strategy is comprised of more than two legs, the MOD will take into account the Least Liquid Leg to determine which QMPs will be contacted. QMPs will be contacted and shown the strategy as submitted by the AP. If the Qualifying QMP(s) accepts the prices provided by the MOD, the transaction will be entered and broadcast to the marketplace via the Bourse's website and market data feed.

C) The QMPs may provide responding bids, offers and quantities:

- (i) If QMPs choose to participate on the strategy, they must be willing to trade all parts inherent to the transaction (all futures and/or options on futures legs) but they will not be obligated to trade the entire quantity.
- (ii) If a particular QMP is not available within 15 seconds of the market supervisor of the MOD initiating the telephone call, no additional attempts to contact him will be made. The QMP should provide an answer to the MOD within approximately 30 seconds of the strategy description given by the MOD. Allowance will be made for a longer response time in the case of a particularly complex strategy. If all attempts to contact a QMP fail, the order will be rejected and the AP who originally initiated the strategy order will be contacted and informed of this.

D) In some situations where the strategy cannot be executed, the MOD may inform the AP of the best corresponding bid/offer as well as the corresponding quantities obtained from QMP. Once the details of the transaction are negotiated and confirmed, information on the transaction will be entered into the Bourse's trading system by the MOD and broadcast to the marketplace via the Bourse's website and market data feed. The strategy trade and the leg prices and volumes will be disseminated via the Bourse's market data feed.

3. **CROSS OR PREARRANGED TRANSACTIONS WITH A 50% GUARANTEED MINIMUM**

A cross or a prearranged transaction including a strategy ("**Cross or Prearranged Strategy**"), subject to the Terms of the *Procedures Applicable to the Execution of Cross Transactions and the execution of Prearranged Transactions* ("**Cross Procedures**"), may be submitted to MOD by an AP. The AP may submit a Cross or Prearranged Strategy if it meets the minimum quantity threshold of 100 contracts on the strategy leg with the least volume (the "**Minimum Requirements**"). The AP submitting a Cross or Prearranged Strategy meeting the Minimum Requirements will benefit from a 50% guaranteed minimum fill on its transaction. The AP may submit a Cross or Prearranged Strategy meeting the Minimum Requirements using the following procedure:

A) The AP must communicate its Cross or Prearranged Strategy to the MOD by telephone. The information provided must include the futures and/or options on futures contracts involved, the price, the total quantity of the order and the side(s) of the transaction on which the Approved Participant is required to give priority. APs must have received and time-registered their order prior to communicating with the MOD.

- B) The MOD will contact QMPs meeting Quoting Requirements for all futures and/or options on futures contract legs comprised in the strategy. The MOD will respect the following procedure:
- (i) For strategies where the contracts quantity net of the 50% guaranteed minimum is less than 100 contracts, QMPs will be contacted by groups of two, with priority given to the QMP who was first to quote (FIFO) on the futures and/or options on futures leg(s).
 - (ii) For strategies where the contracts quantity net of the 50% guaranteed minimum is 100 contracts or more, all QMPs will be contacted.

Where the present Procedures do not provide for more specific terms applicable to Cross and Prearranged Strategies described herein, the general terms provided for in the Cross Procedures, shall apply to Cross and Prearranged Strategies.

QMPs will be permitted to participate on the Cross or Prearranged Strategy up to a total maximum of 50% of the quantity of the Cross or Prearranged Strategy communicated to MOD by the Approved Participant.

The AP submitting the Cross or Prearranged Strategy will be permitted to execute the transaction for the remaining quantity (a minimum of 50% plus any quantity not taken of the 50% that had been offered to the QMP).



PROCEDURES APPLICABLE TO THE EXECUTION OF CROSS TRANSACTIONS AND THE EXECUTION OF PREARRANGED TRANSACTIONS

In accordance with the provisions of article 6380 of the Rules of Bourse de Montréal Inc. (the “**Bourse**”) regarding the execution of cross transactions and prearranged transactions, the following are the eligible products, the prescribed exposure time delays between the input of two orders and the minimum quantity thresholds.

ELIGIBLE PRODUCTS	PRESCRIBED TIME DELAY	MINIMUM QUANTITY THRESHOLD
Three-Month Canadian Bankers’ Acceptance Futures Contracts (BAX):		
1 st four quarterly months – not including serial months	5 seconds	No threshold
Remaining expiry months and strategies	15 seconds	No threshold
Thirty-Day Overnight “Repo” Rate Futures Contracts (ONX):		
Front month	5 seconds	No threshold
Remaining expiry months and strategies	15 seconds	No threshold
Overnight Index Swap (OIS):		
Front month	5 seconds	No threshold
Remaining expiry months and strategies	15 seconds	No threshold
Government of Canada Bond Futures Contracts:		
All expiry months and strategies	5 seconds	No threshold
Futures Contracts on S&P/TSX Indices:		
All expiry months	0 second	≥ 100 contracts
All expiry months and strategies	5 seconds	< 100 contracts
Futures Contracts on Canada Carbon Dioxide Equivalent (CO₂e) Units:		
All expiry months and strategies	5 seconds	No threshold
Futures Contracts on Canadian Crude Oil:		
All expiry months and strategies	5 seconds	No threshold
Options on Three-Month Canadian Bankers’ Acceptance Futures Contracts:		
All expiry months and strategies	0 second	≥ 250 contracts
All expiry months and strategies	5 seconds	< 250 contracts
Options on Ten-Year Government of Canada Bond Futures Contracts (OGB):		
All expiry months and strategies	0 second	≥ 250 contracts
All expiry months and strategies	5 seconds	< 250 contracts

Equity, ETF and Currency Options:

All expiry months	0 second	≥ 100 contracts
All expiry months	5 seconds	< 100 contracts

Index Options:

All expiry months	0 second	≥ 50 contracts
All expiry months	5 seconds	< 50 contracts

Canadian Share Futures Contracts:

All expiry months and strategies	0 seconds	≥ 100 contracts
All expiry months and strategies	5 seconds	< 100 contracts

Futures and Options on Futures Inter-Group Strategies

All strategies	5 seconds	No threshold
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Chronological priority of orders must be respected with regards to the posting of the originating order first, when executing a cross or prearranged transaction.

The [Approved market](#) Participant must ensure that all existing orders in the central order book, regardless of the type of orders, which are at limit prices better than or equal to the cross or prearranged transaction price are executed before completing such transaction.

~~EQUITY OPTIONS, INDEX OPTIONS AND CURRENCY OPTIONS CONTRACTS~~

Cross transactions and prearranged transactions can only be executed in accordance with one of the following procedures:

~~1) Procedure for eligible products with a prescribed time delay for a quantity smaller than the eligible quantity threshold~~

~~An [Approved A-market](#) Participant wishing to execute a cross or a prearranged transaction must enter the order into the trading system for the total intended transaction quantity. The participant must then respect a delay equal to the prescribed time delay before executing an offsetting transaction on the residual quantity.~~

The **residual quantity** is the portion of the original quantity remaining after orders entered in the book with limit prices better than or equal to the intended transaction price have been filled. If no orders have been executed, the residual quantity is equal to the original intended transaction quantity.

~~2) Procedure for eligible products without a prescribed time delay for a quantity equal to or greater than the [minimum eligible](#) quantity threshold~~

~~If an [Approved A-market](#) Participant has a cross or prearranged order between the bid and ask:~~

- ~~the participant can use a specific system function to enter a zero-second cross; or~~
- ~~the participant can enter one side of the order and immediately trade against it if he wishes that the trade be executed directly on the market (with the possibility of execution risk).~~

Note: The bundling of orders to meet the admissible minimum quantity threshold is not permitted.

3) Equity Option, ETF Option, Index Option & Currency Option Transactions with a 50% Guaranteed Minimum

A) Cross Transaction

If an ~~Approved~~ ~~market~~ Participant wishes to execute a cross ~~or a prearranged~~ transaction on an options strategy, he must contact a market ~~supervisor~~ ~~official~~ and provide details of the intended transaction: total quantity, price, side(s) of the transaction on which the Approved Participant is required to give priority.

B) Prearranged Transaction

If Approved Participants intend to execute a prearranged transaction on an options strategy, each Approved Participant must contact a market supervisor and provide details of the intended transaction: total quantity, price, side(s) of the transaction, and must also identify the Approved Participant(s) that agreed to submit the opposing order during prenegotiation discussions.

Market makers will be permitted to participate on the transaction up to a total maximum of 50% of the quantity of the intended transaction.

The ~~Approved~~ ~~market~~ Participant will be permitted to execute the transaction for the remaining quantity (a minimum of 50% plus any quantity not taken of the 50% that had been offered to the market makers.)

4) Futures and Options on Futures Contracts Inter-Group Contingent Trades Strategies with a 50% Guaranteed Minimum

If an Approved Participant wishes to execute a cross or a prearranged transaction including an Inter-Group Contingent Trade strategy involving Futures and Options on Futures Contracts, he must submit the transaction to a market supervisor in accordance with the terms of the *Procedures Applicable to the Execution of Inter-Group Contingent Trades Strategies Involving Futures and Options on Futures Contracts* ("IGCT Procedures").

Qualifying Market Participants will be permitted, in accordance with the terms of the IGCT Procedures, to participate on the transaction up to a total maximum of 50% of the quantity of the transaction communicated to the market supervisor by the Approved Participant.

The Approved Participant submitting the transaction will be permitted to execute the transaction for the remaining quantity (a minimum of 50% plus any quantity not taken of the 50% that had been offered to the Qualifying Market Participants.

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Eligible products, their respective minimum quantity thresholds and time delays will be modified from time to time in order to take into account the evolution of the trading environment and operational practices of the Bourse. A circular will be issued by the Bourse every time a modification or revision is made to either one of these criteria.