

2.2.3 Ontario Instrument 31-512 Relief in respect of Client Focused Reforms Relationship Disclosure Information Provisions of National Instrument 31-103 Registration Requirements, Exemptions and Ongoing Registrant Obligations

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The Ontario Securities Commission, considering that to do so would not be prejudicial to the public interest, orders that effective on December 31, 2020 Ontario Instrument 31-512 entitled “Relief in respect of Client Focused Reforms Relationship Disclosure Information Provisions of National Instrument 31-103 *Registration Requirements, Exemptions and Ongoing Registrant Obligations*” is made, to provide relief to registrants from certain requirements otherwise contained in Part 14 of National Instrument 31-103 *Registration Requirements, Exemptions and Ongoing Registrant Obligations*.

April 15, 2020

“Grant Vingoe”
Acting Chair

“Tim Moseley”
Vice-Chair

Authority under which the order is made:

Act and section: *Securities Act*, subsection 143.11(2)

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Definitions

1. Corresponding terms defined in any of the following have the same meaning in this Instrument:
 - a. the *Securities Act* (Ontario) (**OSA**),
 - b. National Instrument 14-101 *Definitions*
 - c. National Instrument 31-103 *Registration Requirements, Exemptions and Ongoing Registrant Obligations* (**NI 31-103**)

Exemptive relief

2. On October 3, 2019, the Canadian Securities Administrators (the **CSA**) adopted amendments to NI 31-103 to implement reforms to enhance the client-registrant relationship (the **Client Focused Reforms**) which affect all registrants. At the time, the CSA provided for a phased transition period, with reforms relating to conflicts of interest and relationship disclosure information provisions taking effect on December 31, 2020, and the remaining reforms taking effect on December 31, 2021.
3. The CSA is actively consulting with numerous industry stakeholders through the Client Focused Reforms Implementation Committee. Through them, the CSA has been informed of operational challenges associated with changes that registrants will be required to make to their relationship disclosure information pursuant to the Client Focused Reforms.
4. Under subsection 143.11(2) of the OSA, if the Ontario Securities Commission (the **Commission**) considers that it would not be prejudicial to the public interest to do so, the Commission may, on application by an interested person or company or on its own initiative, make an order exempting a class of persons or companies, trades, intended trades, or securities from any requirement of Ontario securities law on such terms or conditions as may be set out in the order, effective for a period of no longer than 18 months after the day on which it comes into force unless extended pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 143.11(3) of the OSA.

Order

5. Consequently, this order provides for the exemption for a registrant from compliance with the amendments to Part 14 of NI 31-103 that the registrant was required to implement as of December 31, 2020 pursuant to paragraph 35(1)(b) of the amending instrument published on October 3, 2019.
6. This order for a registrant is conditional on the registrant complying with those provisions of Part 14 of NI 31-103 that were otherwise subject to amendment on December 31, 2020 as they read on December 30, 2020.

Effective date and term

7. This order comes into effect on December 31, 2020 and expires on December 31, 2021.