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### **Commission issues Blanket Order 81-504**

**Halifax** - The Nova Scotia Securities Commission (the Commission) has issued Blanket Order No. 81-504 which provides blanket exemption in Nova Scotia to certain mutual funds, distributors and dealers from a requirement in Part 12 of National Instrument 81-102 Investment Funds (NI 81-102).

Due to amendments to the CPA Canada Handbook, an audit report prepared in the form prescribed by NI 81-102 and dated on or after June 30, 2017 will not comply with the Handbook's amended requirements for an assurance report. The Commission has granted a blanket exemption to certain mutual funds, distributors and dealers from the requirement in Part 12 of NI 81-102 to file an audit report in a prescribed format. The exemption is conditional on, among other things, the entity filing an accompanying assurance report in accordance with the Handbook which expresses an unmodified opinion that the assurance report is based on work conducted in accordance with the Handbook.

To view the blanket order, visit the Instruments, Rules, Policies, Blanket Orders & Notices of the NSSC website at

<http://nssc.novascotia.ca/securities-law-policy/rules/81-504-exemption-prescribed-form-mutual-fund-audit-reports-ni-81-102-bo-81-504>.

The Nova Scotia Securities Commission is the provincial government agency responsible for regulating trading in securities in the province.

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