

## Joint Standing Committee on Retail Investor Issues

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### Joint Standing Committee reports on product suitability consultation

**TORONTO** – On September 4, 2008 the Joint Standing Committee on Retail Investor Issues (JSC) posted a series of consultation questions to seek feedback on issues relating to the suitability of investment products for retail investors. The questions focused on what information investors want and need when making a decision to invest, as well as how they think investment products should be regulated.

The consultation is now complete, and the JSC has posted a summary report at [www.osc.gov.on.ca/jsc](http://www.osc.gov.on.ca/jsc). The consultation was the first in a series to obtain retail investor input and feedback to regulatory initiatives.

The Joint Standing Committee on Retail Investor Issues was formed by the Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada, Mutual Fund Dealers Association of Canada, Ombudsman for Banking Services and Investments, and the Ontario Securities Commission to focus on matters relating to retail investors, such as enhancing investor education, promoting greater transparency of investment products offered for sale to retail investors, and otherwise strengthening the effectiveness of retail investor protections.

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