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NOTICE

Hard Copy Submission of 2018 Year-End Capital and Solvency Returns

Section 6(2) of the Insurance (Prudential Standards) Rules¹ requires all Bermuda Groups and commercial insurers (i.e., Classes C, D, E, 3A, 3B and 4) to file a hard copy of the Statutory Financial Return (SFR) and Capital and Solvency Return (CSR). However, for the 2018 year-end and beyond, they will not need to file a hard copy, *if* they submit using the functionality embedded within the Authority's Bermuda Solvency Capital Return (BSCR) model. The Authority *strongly encourages* insurers to submit all future returns through the macro submission functionality embedded within the BSCR model since this is the most secure and convenient way to file the CSR. If you wish to test the submission functionality of the BSCR models, please contact the Authority via RiskAnalytics@bma.bm.

Should insurers avail themselves of this option, they must ensure that the electronic submission is complete (i.e., includes all disclosures that would have been submitted in hard copy such as the Auditor's Report) and received by the Authority by the filing deadline. Attachments should be in a searchable format (i.e., Word, Excel, or PDF with text recognised). Documents previously required to be submitted with 'wet signatures' including the CSR Declaration, Financial Condition Report and Declaration of Compliance, must be scanned and attached to the BSCR model in the 'Attachments' tab. Record-keeping requirements pursuant to Section 17 of the Insurance Act 1978 and Section 6(4) of the Insurance (Prudential Standards) Rules remain unchanged.

Bermuda Groups and insurers that file a CSR in a format other than the BSCR model must continue to file hard copies. Bermuda Groups and insurers that choose to submit the BSCR via e-mail must continue to file a hard copy as well. The Authority retains the right to impose late filing penalties on insurers that do not file by the filing deadline regardless of the method of submission.

You are reminded that the Authority re-published the 2018 year-end, BSCR models for Groups, Class 4, Class 3B, Class 3A, Class E, Class D and Class C insurers in January 2019. The latest versions of all models can be found in the link below:

<http://www.bma.bm/document-centre/reporting-forms-and-guidelines/SitePages/Insurance.aspx>

If you have any questions about the above, kindly send them to RiskAnalytics@bma.bm.

¹ "Insurance Prudential Standards Rules" refers to: Insurance (Prudential Standards) (Insurance Group Solvency Requirement) Rules 2011; Insurance (Prudential Standards) (Class 4 and Class 3B Solvency Requirement) Rules 2008; Insurance (Prudential Standards) (Class 3A Solvency Requirement) Rules 2011); Insurance (Prudential Standards) (Class C, Class D and Class E Solvency Requirement) Rules 2011.