Interim Prudential Sourcebook

Insurers

Volume One Rules

THE INTERIM PRUDENTIAL SOURCEBOOK FOR INSURERS INSTRUMENT 2001

INTRODUCTION

- 1 The FSA makes the rules and guidance in this instrument on 21 June 2001.
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- This instrument will come into force at the beginning of the day on which section 19 of the *Act* (the general prohibition) comes into force.
- This instrument is to be interpreted in accordance with, and applies subject to, the general provisions contained in the General Provisions Instrument 2001.
- 5 This instrument may be cited as the Interim Prudential Sourcebook for Insurers Instrument 2001.
- This instrument, excluding the provisions in this Introduction, may be cited as the Interim Prudential Sourcebook for Insurers.

By Order of the Board

21 June 2001

INTERIM PRUDENTIAL SOURCEBOOK FOR INSURERS GUIDANCE

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1 Chapter 1: Application Rule

APPLICATION

Insurers

1.1 An insurer must comply with IPRU (INS) unless it is -



- (a) a friendly society¹; or
- (b) an *EEA insurer* or an *EEA pure reinsurer* qualifying for authorisation under Schedules 3 or 4 to the *Act*.

The Society of Lloyd's

1.2 No provisions of *IPRU (INS)* apply to the *Society* of Lloyd's, or *members* of the *Society* of Lloyd's except rules 9.37 and 9.38, and Part VII of Chapter 9.



^{1.} A non-directive friendly society must comply with IPRU(FSOC); a directive friendly society must comply with GENPRU and INSPRU; with Chapters 1, 2 and 3, 4 (rules 4.20 to 4.23 only), 5 (rule 5.1A only) 7, 8 and Appendix 3 of IPRU(FSOC). Rule 5.1A of IPRU(FSOC) effectively applies most of Chapter 9 of IPRU(INS) to directive friendly societies, notwithstanding IPRU(INS) 1.1(a)

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PART I: IDENTIFICATION AND APPLICATION OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Allocations to policy holders

Allocation of established surplus

3.3 (1) Where -



- (a) there is an 'established surplus' in which *policy holders* of any category are eligible to participate, where the effecting of those *policies* by the *insurer* constituted the carrying on of *long-term insurance business*; and
- (b) an amount has been allocated to *policy holders* of that category in respect of a previously 'established surplus' in which *policy holders* of that category were eligible to participate,

an *insurer* must not by virtue of *INSPRU* 1.5.27R transfer or otherwise apply assets representing any part of the surplus mentioned in (a) unless the insurer has –

- (i) allocated to *policy holders* of that category in respect of that surplus an amount not less than the 'relevant minimum', or
- (ii) complied with the requirements of (3) and made to those policy holders any allocation of which notice is given under (3)(a).
- (2) Subject to (6) and (7), the *relevant minimum* is the amount represented by the formula –

$$\frac{b\times c}{a}-\frac{c}{200}$$

where -

- a is the last previously 'established surplus' in respect of which an amount was allocated to *policy holders* of the category in question;
- b is the amount so allocated; and
- c is the surplus referred to in (1)(a).

Requirements where less than the relevant minimum is to be allocated

- (3) The requirements referred to in (1)(ii) are that the insurer -
 - (a) at least 14 days before publication has given the FCA written notice stating that it proposes to make no allocation or an allocation of an amount (specifying it) which is smaller than the 'relevant minimum', and a copy of the statement that it proposes to publish in accordance with (b); and

(b) has published a statement in the London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes and in two national newspapers explaining the allocation it proposes to make to *policy holders* and the reasons for it,

and that a period of not less than 56 days has elapsed since the date, or the last date, on which the *insurer* has published the statement mentioned in (b) as required by that paragraph.

(4) In this rule, established surplus means an excess of assets representing the whole or a particular part of the *long-term insurance fund* or *funds* over the liabilities, or a particular part of the liabilities, of the *insurer* attributable to that business as shown by an *actuarial investigation*.

Amounts to be treated as allocated to policy holders

- (5) For the purposes of this rule, an amount is allocated to policy holders if, and only if –
 - (a) bonus payments are made to them; or
 - (b) reversionary bonuses are declared in their favour or a reduction is made in the premiums payable by them,

and the amount of the allocation is, in a case within (a), the amount of the payments and, in a case within (b), the amount of the liabilities assumed by the insurer in consequence of the declaration or reduction.

Bonus payments in anticipation of established surplus

(6) For the purposes of this rule, the amount of any bonus payments made in anticipation of an 'established surplus' is treated as an amount allocated in respect of the next 'established surplus' in respect of which an amount is allocated to eligible *policy holders* generally; and for the purposes of (2) the amount of any surplus in respect of which such an allocation is made is treated as increased by the amount of any such payments.

Unappropriated surplus carried forward

(7) (1) does not authorise the application for purposes other than those mentioned in *INSPRU* 1.5.30R of assets representing any part of the surplus mentioned in (1)(a) which the *insurer* has decided to carry forward unappropriated; and for the purposes of (2) the amount of any surplus is treated as reduced by any part of it which the *insurer* has decided to carry forward unappropriated.

Eligibility to participate in an established surplus

(8) For the purposes of (1), *policy holders* are taken to be eligible to participate in an 'established surplus' in any case where they would be eligible to participate in a later 'established surplus' representing it if it were carried forward unappropriated.

Restriction on transactions with connected persons

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Arrangements to avoid unfairness between separate insurance funds

3.5 (1) An insurer which carries on long-term in



- (1) An insurer which carries on long-term insurance business in the UK must have adequate arrangements for securing that transactions affecting assets of the insurer (other than transactions outside its control) do not operate unfairly between the long-term insurance fund or funds and the other assets of the insurer or, in a case where the insurer has more than one 'identified fund', between those funds.
- (2) In this rule, <u>identified fund</u> means assets representing the *insurer's* receipts from a particular part of its *long-term insurance business* which can be identified as such by virtue of accounting or other records maintained by the *insurer*.

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An *insurer* which has its head office outside the United Kingdom (other than a *pure reinsurer* which has a Treaty right under Schedule 4 to the *Act*, or a *Swiss general insurer*) must appoint and maintain the appointment of a chief executive (who alone or jointly with one or more others, is responsible for the conduct of its business through an establishment in the United Kingdom).

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Information about the capacity transfer market

9.62 (1) The Society must give the FCA a report as at the end of each calendar quarter in which any capacity is transferred.

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- (2) The report referred to in (1) must reach the *FCA* within one month of the end of the relevant calendar quarter and must include information on:
 - (a) the total capacity in *syndicates* transferred during the quarter, analysed by *syndicate* and method of transfer;
 - (b) the number, and nature, of all investigations by the *Society* into conduct in the *capacity transfer market* undertaken or continued during the quarter; and
 - (c) the number, and nature, of all complaints received during the quarter about the operation of the *capacity transfer market*.

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Number	Description	Nature of business
1	Accident and health	Classes 1 and 2.
2	Motor	Class 1 (to the extent that the relevant risks are risks of the person insured sustaining injury, or dying, as the result of travelling as a passenger) and classes 3, 7 and 10.
3	Marine and transport	Class 1 (to the said extent) and classes 4, 6, 7 and 12.
4	Aviation	Class 1 (to the said extent) and classes 5, 7 and 11.
5	Fire and other damage to property	Classes 8 and 9.
6	Liability	Classes 10, 11, 12 and 13.
7	Credit and suretyship	Classes 14 and 15.
8	General	All classes.

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