



ASIC

Australian Securities & Investments Commission

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Dear Sir/Madam (AFS licensee)

Collection of data from Australian financial services licensees about intermediated insurance business and business placed with unauthorised foreign insurers

On 14 December 2009, regulations were put in place which introduced a new reporting regime for Australian financial services (AFS) licensees who deal in general insurance products. The Australian Securities and Investments Commission's (ASIC) records indicate that your AFS licence contains this authorisation. Under the reporting regime, general insurance intermediaries are required to provide aggregate data on all insurance contracts with Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) authorised general insurers, Lloyd's underwriters and unauthorised foreign insurers (UFIs). Additional information is required where the insurance product is placed with a UFI.

Part 7.6B of the *Corporations Regulations 2001 (Cth)* (Corporations Regulations) requires most AFS licensees authorised to deal in general insurance products to complete and lodge Form 701 with APRA. ASIC has appointed APRA as our agent for the purposes of this reporting regime.

APRA will be responsible for most of the day-to-day administration of this regime. ASIC will oversee and regularly liaise with APRA on how the reporting requirements are administered. ASIC will also be responsible for issuing any late fees in accordance with the requirements of the *Corporations (Fees) Act 2001 (Cth)* and taking any action against licensees that have not complied with the reporting requirements.

Form 701 will be required to be lodged every 6 months. The reporting periods are from 1 January to 30 June and 1 July to 31 December each year. However, the first reporting period is from 1 May 2010 to 30 June 2010. After the end of a reporting period, licensees will have 20 business days to lodge Form 701 with APRA. For the first reporting period, the time has been extended to 40 business days, i.e. all data must be submitted to APRA by 26 August 2010.

APRA will collect the Form 701 data on behalf of ASIC. APRA's primary method of data collection is via software called D2A, which APRA provides for free.

APRA will be writing to you separately with detailed information on D2A and Form 701 completion and submission. A copy of Form 701 and the form instruction guide are available on APRA's website at: <http://www.apra.gov.au/statistics/Lodging>Returns-GI-Intermediaries.cfm>.

A link to the current D2A user guide is also available on the same webpage.

Should you have any initial queries relating to the lodgement of the form or the D2A system, please email UFI_collections@apra.gov.au for further information. For all other inquiries please contact ASIC's Infoline on 1300 300 630.

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