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Insurance (Public Disclosure) Rules

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(Made by the Insurance Authority under section 129(1) of the Insurance Ordinance (Cap. 41))

1. Interpretation

(1) In these Rules—

applicable insurer (適用保險人) means an authorized insurer or Lloyd's;

disclosure statement (披露報表) means a statement of disclosure prepared in accordance with rule 5;

disclosure transitional period (披露過渡期) means the period between the commencement date and 30 June 2027;

eligible internet website (合資格互聯網網站) means—

(a) an applicable insurer's internet website; or

(b) if approved by the Authority, the internet website of an authorized insurer's group company, where the disclosure is identifiable in the website for the insurer;

first applicable financial year (首個適用財政年度) means—

(a) in relation to an applicable insurer (other than an applicable insurer under paragraph (b) or (c))—the applicable insurer's first financial year commencing on or after 1 January 2025;

(b) in relation to an authorized insurer approved by the Authority to use a transitional arrangement under rule 88 of the Insurance (Valuation and Capital) Rules (Cap. 41 sub. leg. R)—the first financial year ending after the expiry of the period during which the transitional arrangement is in effect; or

(c) in relation to an authorized insurer authorized after 1 July 2024—the financial year in which the insurer becomes an authorized insurer, or the authorized insurer's first financial year commencing on or after 1 January 2025, whichever is later;

group company (集團公司), in relation to an authorized insurer, means any company within the group consisting of the ultimate holding company, its subsidiaries and any other company or entity which is treated as part of the ultimate holding company's group according to the applicable accounting standards;

participating business (分紅業務) has the meaning given by section 21B(11) of the Ordinance.

(2) Unless otherwise defined in subrule (1), rule 2 of the Insurance (Valuation and Capital) Rules (Cap. 41 sub. leg. R) applies to the interpretation of these Rules as it applies to the interpretation of the Insurance (Valuation and Capital) Rules (Cap. 41 sub. leg. R).

2. Application

(1) Unless the context otherwise requires, subject to subrule (2), these Rules apply to applicable insurers, except—

(a) applicable insurers for which approval of a transitional arrangement under rule 88 of the Insurance (Valuation and Capital) Rules (Cap. 41 sub. leg. R) remains in effect;

(b) marine insurers;

(c) captive insurers; or

(d) special purpose insurers.

(2) If the Authority varies any requirement under these Rules in relation to an applicable insurer pursuant to section 21A(2) of the Ordinance, these Rules apply to that insurer with the requirements as so varied.

3. Timing and manner of disclosure

(1) An applicable insurer must make the disclosure of its audited financial statements required under rule 4 for each financial year starting from the first applicable financial year.

(2) An authorized insurer must make the disclosure required under rule 5 by a disclosure statement which is—

(a) either in the English language accompanied by a Chinese translation, or in the Chinese language accompanied by an English translation; and

(b) in the form of a standalone document using the format and standard disclosure templates specified by the Authority,

for each financial year starting from the first applicable financial year.

(3) An authorized insurer must ensure that when its disclosure statement is published, the disclosures are not false or misleading in any material respect.

(4) Subject to subrule (5), an applicable insurer must publish the disclosure required under subrules (1) and (2), as applicable, within the specified period after the end of a financial year to which the information relates, where such specified period is—

(a) 8 months in respect of a financial year ending within the disclosure transitional period; or

(b) 6 months in respect of a financial year ending after the disclosure transitional period.

(5) Without limiting section 21A(2) of the Ordinance, at the written request of an applicable insurer, the Authority may exercise its discretion to extend the specified period referred to in subrule (4) by a period not exceeding

3 months where circumstances warranting an extension of the specified period are shown by the applicable insurer.

(6) An applicable insurer must provide the Authority with the link to its audited financial statement and disclosure statement, as applicable on the eligible internet website within the specified period referred to in subrule (4), or if such period is extended pursuant to subrule (5), within the period so extended.

(7) An authorized insurer must establish and maintain an archive of all of its disclosure statements in accordance with subrule (2), and promptly make a physical or electronic copy of any such disclosures available for inspection by the general public upon request.

(8) An applicable insurer must establish and maintain on its eligible internet website an archive of the audited financial statements and disclosure statements referred to in subrule (1) and (2), as applicable, covering at least either—

(a) all financial years from the first applicable financial year to the latest financial year; or

(b) the latest 5 financial years,

whichever is shorter.

4. Financial Statements to be disclosed annually

An applicable insurer must disclose the audited financial statements which are required to be submitted to the Authority under rule 3 of the Insurance (Submission of Statements, Reports and Information) Rules (Cap. 41 sub. leg. S) for each financial year within the reporting period set out in rule 3(1).

5. Information to be disclosed annually

(1) An authorized insurer must prepare a disclosure statement containing the disclosure required under this rule for each financial year within the reporting period set out in rule 3(2).

(2) An authorized insurer must make the disclosure in accordance with the valuation and capital requirements that apply to the insurer under the Insurance (Valuation and Capital) Rules (Cap. 41 sub. leg. R), or if any such requirements are varied or relaxed pursuant to section 10(3) or 130(1) of the Ordinance, under the requirements so varied or relaxed.

(3) In its disclosure statement, an authorized insurer must disclose—

(a) information about its company profile, including—

(i) the name of the authorized insurer;

(ii) the nature of its business, and places of business operations; and

(iii) a description of its corporate structure;

(b) information about its corporate governance framework;

(c) the following quantitative and qualitative information about its financial position as at the latest financial year end, and (except where the disclosure statement relates to the first applicable financial year) as at the prior financial year end—

(i) the authorized insurer's balance sheet with the components specified under subrule (5), separately identified for long term insurance business, participating business and general insurance business (if applicable); and

(ii) (except where the disclosure statement relates to the first applicable financial year) any explanation of a material change in balance sheet items referred to in subparagraph (i) as compared to the prior financial year end;

(d) qualitative information about its investments, accompanied by any related quantitative information, including—

(i) assumptions and methods used for valuation of investments; and

(ii) (except where the disclosure statement relates to the first applicable financial year) any explanation of a material change in the assumptions and methods referred to in subparagraph (i) as compared to the prior financial year;

(e) quantitative and qualitative information about its insurance liabilities as at the latest financial year end, and (except where the disclosure statement relates to the first applicable financial year) as at its prior financial year end, including—

(i) the insurance liabilities (gross of reinsurance), reinsurance assets and reinsurance liabilities for the authorized insurer's long term business, with the components specified under subrule (5), separately identified for each long term business fund category (if applicable);

(ii) the insurance liabilities (both gross and net of reinsurance) for the authorized insurer's general business, with the components specified under subrule (5), separately identified for each line of business specified under subrule (5) (if applicable);

(iii) a description of the assumptions used in the valuation of insurance liabilities and the method used to derive these assumptions (including the rationale for the authorized insurer's choice of discount rate); and

(iv) (except where the disclosure statement relates to the first applicable financial year) any explanation of a material change in the assumptions and method referred to in subparagraph (iii) as compared to the prior financial year end;

(f) quantitative and qualitative information about its financial performance for the latest financial year, and (except where the disclosure statement relates to the first applicable financial year) the prior financial year, including—

(i) a breakdown of the components of performance analysis specified under subrule (5) for long term business, participating business and general business (if applicable); and

(ii) (except where the disclosure statement relates to the first applicable financial year) any explanation of a material change in the components of performance analysis referred to in subparagraph (i) as compared to the prior financial year;

(g) quantitative and qualitative information about its pricing adequacy for general business (if applicable) for the latest financial year, and (except where the disclosure statement relates to the first applicable financial year) the prior financial year, including—

(i) a breakdown of the components of pricing adequacy specified under subrule (5) for each line of business specified under subrule (5) (if applicable); and

(ii) (except where the disclosure statement relates to the first applicable financial year) any explanation of a material change in the components of pricing adequacy referred to in subparagraph (i) as compared to the prior financial year;

(h) quantitative and qualitative information about its capital adequacy as at the latest financial year end, and (except where the disclosure statement relates to the first applicable financial year) as at its prior financial year end, including—

(i) the authorized insurer's prescribed capital amount and its components as specified under subrule (5);

(ii) the authorized insurer's capital base and its components as specified under subrule (5);

(iii) the ratio of the authorized insurer's capital base to its prescribed capital amount; and

(iv) (except where the disclosure statement relates to the first applicable financial year) any explanation of material change in the items described in subparagraph (i), (ii) or (iii) as compared to the prior financial year end;

(i) qualitative information about its risk management, including—

(i) a description of the authorized insurer's risk appetite and risk governance framework;

(ii) a description of the authorized insurer's insurance risk management; and

(iii) a description of the authorized insurer's investment risk management; and

(j) a statement made by a controller (within the meaning of section 13A(12) of the Ordinance) or a director of the authorized insurer, as to whether—

(i) the controller or director is satisfied with the completeness, accuracy and consistency of the information disclosed in the disclosure statement;

(ii) the information in the disclosure statement is prepared in accordance with these Rules and the Insurance (Valuation and Capital) Rules (Cap. 41 sub. leg. R) (subject to any variation or relaxation applied);

(iii) the information in the disclosure statement can be reconciled with the relevant specified annual forms, on each of which an auditor's report is provided, of the authorized insurer's annual returns as submitted under rule 4(1) of the Insurance (Submission of Statements, Reports and Information) Rules (Cap. 41 sub. leg. S); and

(iv) the authorized insurer has complied with the capital requirements that apply to the insurer during the financial year to which the disclosure statement relates.

(4) The prescribed capital amount under subrule (3)(h)(i) refers to the prescribed capital amount determined before

applying any reduction in the risk capital amount for market risk under a transitional arrangement approved under rule 88(2) of the Insurance (Valuation and Capital) Rules (Cap. 41 sub. leg. R).

(5) Pursuant to rule 3(2)(b), the Authority may specify—

(a) the components of the balance sheet under subrule (3)(c)(i);

(b) the components of insurance liabilities for long term business under subrule (3)(e)(i);

(c) the components of insurance liabilities for general business under subrule (3)(e)(ii);

(d) the specified lines of insurance business for insurance liabilities for general business under subrule (3)(e)(ii);

(e) the components of performance analysis under subrule (3)(f)(i);

(f) the components of pricing adequacy for general business under subrule (3)(g)(i);

(g) the specified lines of insurance business for pricing adequacy for general business under subrule (3)(g)(i);

(h) the components of the prescribed capital amount under subrule (3)(h)(i); and

(i) the components of the capital base under subrule (3)(h)(ii).

Stephen YIU Kin-wah
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Explanatory Note

These Rules set out detailed requirements on disclosure by applicable insurers to whom the Rules apply to the general public of information relating to the insurer's state of affairs, including what must be disclosed and how and when the disclosure must be made.

2. Rule 1 defines the terms and expressions used in the Rules.

3. Rule 2 provides that these Rules apply to all applicable insurers, except those for which an approved transitional arrangement under rule 88 of the Insurance (Valuation and Capital) Rules (Cap. 41 sub. leg. R) is in effect, and marine insurers, captive insurers and special purpose insurers.

4. Rule 3 sets out the timing and manner of disclosures.

5. Rule 4 requires an applicable insurer (including authorized insurers and Lloyd's) to disclose its audited financial statements for each financial year.

6. Rule 5 requires an authorized insurer to prepare a disclosure statement for each financial year covering prescribed information, including the insurer's company profile, corporate governance framework, financial position, investments, insurance liabilities, financial performance, pricing adequacy, capital adequacy and risk management, with explanations of any material changes and a statement by the insurer's controller or director.