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SUBJECT: **GREECE, FRANCE AND SPAIN: TAX CHANGES**
ATTACHMENTS: None
ACTION POINTS: **Underwriters and brokers to note**
DEADLINE: **Effective immediately**

1. Introduction

1.1 This bulletin advises underwriters and brokers of:

- the abolition of the stamp duty payable upon claims payments in Greece;
- a reduction in the contribution to the Fund for the Relief of Victims of Terrorism in France; and
- the introduction of a new Consorcio charge in Spain.

2. Greece – stamp duty on claims

- 2.1 The Greek Government has abolished the stamp duty on claims, which no longer applies to claims payments made on or after 1 January 2003.
- 2.2 Stamp duty does, however, continue to be payable on Greek premiums at the rate of 2.4%, with the exception of policies for reinsurance, marine hull and liability and aviation hull and liability which are exempt.

3. France – Fund for the Relief of Victims of Terrorism

- 3.1 The charge made on insurance contracts covering property and loss of profits for the Fund for the Relief of Victims of Terrorism has been reduced from €4 to €3. The new charge of €3 applies to insurance contracts incepting on or after 1 January 2003.

4. Spain – Consorcio charge

- 4.1 A new Consorcio charge will be introduced later this year for contracts of insurance that cover miscellaneous financial loss. A further bulletin will be issued when we have more information about the new charge and the date of its introduction.

5. Readership and contact details

5.1 This bulletin is being sent to underwriters, Lloyd's brokers and recognised auditors.

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