Market Bulletin



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SUBJECT: RESERVES AND NET ASSETS FOR LATF

BUSINESS AS AT 31 MARCH 2003

SUBJECT AREA(S):

ATTACHMENTS: Form 1 and form 2

ACTION POINTS: Managing agents to complete the attached forms

and fund deficits where applicable

DEADLINE: Thursday 24 April 2003

Managing agents are asked to complete the attached LATF forms for the quarter ending 31 March 2003 to enable Lloyd's to:

- (i) complete an aggregate LATF filing with the New York Insurance Department (NYID);
- (ii) monitor the overall LATF solvency position; and
- (iii) identify syndicates with solvency deficits and record the manner in which those deficits will be funded.

31 March 2003 Return

The format is the same as that used previously i.e. Form 1, "Estimate of total LATF net reserves and net assets" and Form 2, the managing agent's statement.

As the date by which the LATF syndicate profit dollars are required to be remitted to the MSU as part of the Distribution process is **19 April** i.e. after the reporting period for this return, Form 1 will be reporting a position at 31 March including this profit.

Please make an additional adjustment to the Form 1 figures, by not only reporting the LATF dollars to be distributed at Line 14b but also deducting from Line 17 the profit figure, thus reporting the position at 31 March without any profit distribution implication. This also assumes that the funds due to be remitted to the MSU are included in Line 1, 4a and 5a, as appropriate, of Form 1. This will therefore allow for the appropriate reporting on Form 2 of any NYID deficit that may consequently be reported on line 17.

Assets

Managing agents will be aware that Lloyd's is required to maintain **admissible** assets in the LATF which are at least equal to their liabilities. In order to assess the LATF position of each syndicate/agency group, we require details of all assets relating to the LATF business as at 31 March 2003.

Form 1 includes an analysis of those syndicate assets which are admissible for NYID purposes and other assets. The assets admissible for inclusion in the LATF return to NYID are:

- (i) cash and investments held by Citibank capital and accrued income;
- (ii) LOC collateral accounts (held by Citibank but separate from current accounts);
- (iii) Illinois deposits (**only** to the extent that they relate to pre 1 August 1995 business **and restricted** to net Illinois liabilities included in the LATF reserves); and
- (iv) brokers balances LCA (net of credit balances).

Net reserves for LATF business (line 11)

Managing agents are requested to provide their best estimates of the reserves, net of reinsurance, for US dollar LATF business only, as at 31 March 2003. There is no need for these reserves estimates to be audited. They must however be prepared on the same basis as (or not materially different to) the net reserves which were included in the December 2002 Schedule P - LATF filings and Form SR16 of the 2002 Syndicate Return.

LATF solvency position on an NYID basis

Line 17 of Form 1 shows the syndicate LATF solvency position on an NYID basis. Agents are reminded that any deficit (i.e. as shown on line 17 of the form) must be funded **before 30 June 2003.** Details of the requirement to fund the LATF and of the remedial action that may be taken in respect of default, are contained in the market bulletin (reference Y683) dated 11 September 1997 with further information contained in the market bulletin dated 17 November 1997 (reference Y734).

Before dollar profits can be transferred from members' LATF's, a comparison will be made

between the aggregate LATF profits to be transferred and the market's overall LATF position as at 31 March 2003. If the market has an overall LATF deficit, then it is likely that the profit distribution from the members' LATF will be restricted.

Completion of forms

Please complete electronic versions of the forms in the attached appendix in respect of each of the syndicates that you manage, in accordance with the enclosed instructions. Any queries should be addressed to Vicki Riley on extension 6317 or myself on extension 5490.

Completed forms must be e-mailed to Vicki Riley, Market Reporting, wicki.l.riley@lloyds.com, by no later than 4:00pm on Thursday 24 April 2003. These e-mails should be sent by a Director or the Compliance Officer, who should include reference to the office they hold in their e-mail. This tight deadline is inevitable as Lloyd's is required to send an LATF return to NYID in New York to arrive within 45 days of the quarter end. Thank you in anticipation for your assistance with this exercise.

This bulletin is being sent to the compliance officer of all managing agents for action and to all recognised accountants for information.

Leslie Redmond

Estimate of LATF Net Reserves and Net Assets 31 March 2003

Instructions for completion of forms

1. General

- 1.1 Returns must be submitted in hard copy only.
- 1.2 An estimate of LATF net reserves is required for:
 - (i) business incepting before 1 August 1995 for all syndicate years which wrote US dollar denominated business after 31 December 1992 for non-life business including that business which is now reinsured into the 1996 (or later) year of account; and
 - (ii) all open syndicate years for life syndicates.
- 1.3 The estimate of LATF net reserves and net assets is to be completed in **whole \$US**.
- 1.4 The **Managing Agent's statement** (Form 2) must be completed and returned with the estimate of LATF net reserves and net assets form (Form 1)
- 1.5 The forms must be e-mailed to Vicki Riley, e-mail address: <u>vicki.l.riley@lloyds.com</u> **by no later than 4:00pm on Thursday 24 April 2003,** by a Director of the Compliance Officer of the agency.
- 1.6 Any queries on the forms should be addressed to Vicki Riley on extension 6317 or myself on extension 5490.

2. Form 1 - Estimate of LATF Net Reserves and Net Assets

Relevant years of account

- 2.1 Please provide an estimate of the net reserves **as at 31 March 2003** in respect of all LATF business.
- 2.2 For non-life syndicates this will be:
 - (i) the reserves and net assets for 1993 to 2000 years of account which are in runoff; and
 - (ii) the LATF reserves reinsured into the 2001 and later years of account as appropriate together with the relevant net assets.

2.3 For life syndicates, the total of assets and reserves relating to the 2003 and prior years of account are required where applicable (ie where the syndicate has transacted US \$ denominated business).

Line 3a - LCA balances

- 2.4 For this quarterly return the figure to be included here is the net of LCA debtors and creditors. If that net figure is a creditor it should still be included at Line 3a as a negative balance (see also para 2.12).
- 2.5 It should also be noted that a reconciliation is required between the book value recorded at line 3a and the figure provided by LCA as at the quarter end (lines 18 to 20). This will facilitate the reconciliation of individual syndicate's own figures to global figures produced by LCA. No specific detail is required in this reconciliation, just the overall total of reconciling items which should be reported at line 19.

Line 4a - Citibank current account

2.6 A reconciliation is also required for this figure on the same basis as that for LCA balances noted above (see lines 21 to 23).

<u>Line 4c - Illinois deposit</u>

2.7 Only that proportion of the deposit which supports pre 1 August 1995 Illinois liabilities is admissible. If this figure is not known at the syndicate level then a value of **not more than 15%** of the fund should be included in Form 2 as this is the proportion of the total funds supporting pre 1 August 1995 liabilities. The balance of the Illinois deposit should be included in line 4e, "Other assets - other".

Line 5a - Accrued income

- 2.8 This line should include accrued income and interest on all cash deposits and investments held by Citibank.
- 2.9 <u>Lines 7 to 12 Results information</u>

Lines 7, 8, 9 and 12 were used in Form SR17(LATF) on the same basis as in Form SR12 of the 2001 Syndicate Return. For the purposes of the quarterly return however, the requirement for the figures determined as at 31 March 2003 is simply to report the balance due to (or from) members on line 10.

Line 11 - Reserves

- 2.10 Please calculate the reserves in accordance with the market bulletin: '31 December 2001 Solvency Test: Eligible Assets and Valuation of Liabilities Rules' (market bulletin reference Y2653 dated 21 November 2001).
- 2.11 Please note that these reserves as calculated at 31 March 2003 must be prepared on

the same basis (or not materially different to) the net reserves which were included in the December 2002 Schedule P - LATF filings and Form SR16 of the 2002 Syndicate Return.

<u>Line 14a - Creditors LCA balances</u>

2.12 This line has been included for the year end reporting when Lloyd's provides LCA balances on a gross basis. In this way the LATF balance sheet in the syndicate return is prepared on a comparable basis with form SR17a. However, for the purposes of the quarterly return, only net LCA balances are provided, this line has therefore been blanked out. If a syndicate has an overall creditor LCA balance this should be reported at line 3a as a negative entry.

3. Form 2 - Managing agent's statement

- 3.1 This form should be signed by a director or the compliance officer.
- 3.2 Where Form 1 indicates that the syndicate has an NYID based solvency surplus then the phrase "together with the table below indicating how the deficit will be funded" and the following word "have" should be deleted. Where Form 1 indicates a deficit then only the word "has" should be deleted and the deficit funding table should be completed.
- 3.3 In completing the deficit funding table that element of the deficit that is to be funded by a transfer from the LDTF should be reported at line 1 of the table together with the actual/proposed date of the transfer. An actual date will show a date in the table prior to the sign off date, a proposed date will show a date in the table later than that of the sign off. Either way a date must be included: it will not be sufficient to state "to be arranged" or anything similar. Lines 2 and 3 should be used to identify other sources of deficit funding. The amount on the total line must be at least equal to the deficit at line 17 on Form 1.

FORM 1

ESTIMATE OF LATF NET RESERVES AND NET ASSETS AS AT 31 MARCH 2003

SYNDICATE NO:

BALANCE SHEET		US\$
Financial investments	* 1	
Deposits with ceding undertakings	2	
Debtors - LCA balances (see also reconciliation note 4.1 below)	* 3a	0
Debtors - reinsurance accruals	3b	
Debtors - all other debtors (note 3)	3c	
Other assets - Citibank current account (see also reconciliation note 4.2 below)	* 4a	0
Other assets - LOC collateral account	* 4b	
Other assets - LATF element of Illinois deposit (restricted to 15% of the total deposit)	* 4c	
Other assets - cash	4d	
Other assets- other	4e	
Accrued income on NYID eligible assets (i.e. Citibank cash and investments)	* 5a	
Prepayments and accrued income on non NYID eligible assets	5b	
Total assets (lines 1 to 5)	6	0
Profit/(loss) for the closing year	7	
Calendar year result on run-off years	8	
Undistributed surplus/(uncalled losses) on run-off years	9	
Balance on open years including run-off years of account	10	
Insurance reserves	* 11	
Amounts retained to meet outstanding liabilities of run-off accounts	12	
Deposits received from reinsurers	13	
Creditors - LCA balances (see also reconciliation below)	* 14a	
Creditors - other (note 3)	14b	
Accruals and deferred income	15	
Total liabilities (lines 7 to 15) Must equal	line 6 16	0

NOTES

- 1. Please complete line 11 in accordance with the 'Valuation of Liabilities' rules as at 31 December 2001
- 2. * denotes assets which are eligible for NYID reporting purposes and the reserves to be deducted therefrom
- 3. Please include the balance on the "exchange or currency conversion" account in other debtors or creditors as appropriate.

4. Reconciliations:

4.1 LCA balances Book val qtr end i.e. Lines 3a-14a (Report Net on Line 3a)		18	0
	Reconciling items	19	
	Net balance per LCA statement	20	

4.2 Citibank current account: Book value at quarter end ie = line 4a		21	0
	Reconciling items	22	
	Balance per Citibank statement	23	

ESTIMATE OF LATF NET RESERVES AND NET ASSETS 31 March 2003

<u>Form 2 - N</u>	Anaging agent's statement				
Managing a	gent:				
Syndicate:					
together wit	at Form 1 (Estimate of LATF net h the table below indicating how ce with the instructions for comp	the deficit will be for	unded* has/have*	•	ed
Name:	_				
Position:			Date:		_
			(Director/Comp	oliance office	r)#
#The complete	d return must be e-mailed to Vicki Rile	y, Market Reporting (vic	ki.l.riley@lloyds.cor	n) by this office	or of the agency.
Where Form	1 indicates a deficit at line 17, p	please advise how th	at deficit will be	funded.	
	Source of funds		Amount \$	Date	
	LDTF				1
3					4
					_
					_
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Name of pe	rson to whom querieis on this f	form should be add	ressed		
Contact nam	ne:				
Telephone n	number:				

^{*}Please delete as appropriate and in accordance with paragraph 3.2 of the instructions