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DIRECTIVE**
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ATTACHMENTS: None
ACTION POINTS: **Underwriters and brokers of Motor business to note**
DEADLINE: **With immediate effect**

1. Introduction

Switzerland has unilaterally adopted rules equivalent to those set out under the European Union ("EU") Fourth Motor Directive ("4MD"). These rules were passed by the Swiss Federal Parliament on 4 October 2002 and came into force on 1 February 2003.

The Swiss Road Transport Law (SVG) has therefore been subsequently amended to allow for reciprocity between Switzerland and EEA member states. To date, eleven EEA member states have reached reciprocity agreements with Switzerland. These countries are Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden and Norway. It is expected that, in due course, all twenty-eight present and future EEA member states (which include the ten EU accession states) will sign reciprocity agreements with Switzerland.

2. Implications

Claims involving either Swiss victims of road traffic accidents in an EEA member state or involving Swiss-registered vehicles must now be treated in accordance with the provisions of the EU Fourth Motor Directive.

Claims may need to be handled by the Claims Representative appointed by each syndicate in the relevant EEA member state, or by the centrally appointed Lloyd's Claims Representative.

3. Further information

Market Bulletins Y2897 of 28 October 2002, Y2972 of 15 January 2003, Y2975 of 20 January 2003 and Y3278 of 31 March 2004 explain the implications of the EU 4th Motor Directive in detail, including the appointment, role and responsibilities of Claims Representatives.

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