Market Bulletin



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SUBJECT: US FEDERAL INCOME TAX: 2005 TAX PROCESS

SUBJECT AREA(S): US Federal Income Tax

ATTACHMENTS: Schedule of key dates for tax return

ACTION POINTS: To note dates

DEADLINE(S): As in schedule

This bulletin underlines the importance of the process for compiling the 2004 composite US Federal Income Tax return for Lloyd's members. A schedule of key dates for agents and members is given in the Annex.

Each year data is collected from a variety of sources, including managing agents, members' agents, investment managers and members, and forms the basis of the composite US Federal Income Tax return for Lloyd's members that underwrite US business. This data is then processed by Lloyd's Members Services Unit and LeBoeuf Lamb Greene and MacRae to produce US tax return data at member level. The compilation of the return that is filed with the US Internal Revenue Service is a complex process with many interacting and interdependent data streams. It is, therefore, essential that the data that is provided is timely and accurate, and in order to help ensure this quality we will this year be asking the Finance Director of each managing agency to sign the returns that are required from their agency.

We attach a schedule of key dates for agents and members so you know in advance when you will be asked for information and when it must be provided. It is important that we keep to these dates, not only to provide an effective and efficient service but also to allow us to draw up the amended processes that are expected to be needed in future years for the US tax returns. Specific bulletins and information requests for the required returns and information will, as usual, be made according to the attached schedule.

This bulletin is being sent to all managing agents, members' agents and direct corporate members. If you have any queries please contact:

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ANNEX

US FEDERAL INCOME TAX PROCESS: KEY DATES

Bulletin outlining process and key dates Letter to Members' Agents - Expenses		today 23-Feb-2005
Information to Managing Agents about SIS Bulletin to Managing Agents - LDTF Bulletin to Managing Agents - Riesco Bulletin to Managing Agents - SPTF EDF Forms sent to Individuals Bulletin to Managing Agents - SIS Returns from Members' Agents - Expenses Returns from Managing Agents - LDTF Returns from Managing Agents - Riesco	18-Mar-2005 31-Mar-2005 31-Mar-2005	04-Mar-2005 28-Feb-2005 28-Feb-2005 28-Feb-2005 17-Mar-2005 24-Mar-2005
Returns from Managing Agents - SPTF EDF forms returned from individuals	15-Apr-2005 29-Apr-2005	
Returns from Managing Agents - SIS EDF Forms sent to Corporates by	06-May-2005	13 May 2005
SIS review and checking Corporate EDFs returned [Expected LeBoeufs visit] Replay EDF data to individual members	15-Jul-2005	May-Jul-2005 11-22 Jul-2005 29 July 2005
Replay data to corporates (incl Est Tax, excl QS) [Expected LeBoeufs visit] Replay EDF data to Corporate Members Data to members with member level QS policies		15-Sep-2005 7-22 Sept 2005 30-Sep-2005 30-Sep-2005
Members provide figures for QS adjustments Replay QS adjustments to members	14-Oct-2005	31-Oct-2005
Last possible date for FIT and Illinois filings		15-Dec-2005

US FIT PAYMENT DATES

US FIT will be collected from syndicates on the following dates, with notice of the amounts being given 10 days in advance

2004 additional payment	14-Jan-2005
2005 1st instalment	14-Jun-2005
2005 2nd instalment &	14-Sep-2005
2004 additional payment (if needed)	14-Sep-2005
2004 final payment	14-Dec-2004