

MARKET BULLETIN

From	Director, Worldwide Markets (extn 6677)
Date	16 November 2005
Reference	Y3674
Subject	Mississippi: Hurricane Katrina. Bulletin issued by the Mississippi Insurance Department
Subject areas	Personal and commercial residential property insurance from the US state of Mississippi affected by Hurricane Katrina
Attachments	None
Action points	Managing agents and Lloyd's brokers to note and comply with the provisions of the Insurance Bulletin
Deadlines	These requirements apply immediately

Purpose of bulletin

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform the market of the provisions of the Mississippi Department of Insurance Bulletin 2005-13 which is now in force. The Insurance Bulletin applies to personal and commercial residential property insurance policies covering structures in Mississippi damaged as the result of Hurricane Katrina, for which a damage claim has been filed and a loss is payable or has been paid, if repairs attributable to such damage have not been completed.

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[The Insurance Bulletin can be found via this link.](#) The Bulletin is addressed to all insurance companies and eligible non-admitted insurers/surplus lines insurers doing business in Mississippi.

The Bulletin states that:

“Extension of Coverage - Pursuant to this Bulletin, no insurance company shall cancel or non-renew a personal or commercial residential property insurance policy covering a

dwelling or residential property located in this state which has been damaged as a result of Hurricane Katrina, for a period of sixty (60) days after the dwelling or residential property has been repaired”.

The following key points from the Bulletin should be noted:

- Definition of repaired. The Bulletin states that a structure is deemed to be “repaired” when substantially completed and the structure has been repaired to the extent the structure is insurable by another authorised insurer which is writing policies in this state.
- Additional term not required. The Bulletin states that a non-renewal prohibited pursuant to the Bulletin shall not require renewal for an additional term. The Mississippi Insurance Department has advised that the existing coverage should be extended and that the premium may be prorated for the required period.
- Exceptions to the extension of coverage. The Bulletin states that an insurance company may cancel or non-renew prior to the repair of the dwelling or residential property in the specified circumstances outlined in the Bulletin (Section III, A to E)

Managing agents should ensure that they, and the coverholders acting on their behalf, comply with this requirement.

Further information

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