

# MARKET BULLETIN

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<b>Title</b>	Transfers of Underwriting Capacity - Capacity Market Rules for 2011
<b>Purpose</b>	Rules and guidance relating to capacity auctions and bilateral transactions in capacity and capacity offers
<b>Type</b>	Scheduled
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<b>Related links</b>	<a href="http://www.lloyds.com/The-Market/Business-Timetable/Capacity-Auctions/Rules-and-guides">http://www.lloyds.com/The-Market/Business-Timetable/Capacity-Auctions/Rules-and-guides</a>

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## Summary

The rules and guidance for the 2011 capacity transfer season have now been finalised and can be viewed at the above link. There have been a number of amendments made to the Bilateral Arrangements Rules and these are summarised below.

### Changes to the Bilateral Arrangements Rules

The Lloyd's Capacity Transfer Panel met on 1 March 2011 and, following a consultation process with a number of Lloyd's market stakeholders, agreed several changes to the rules relating to bilateral arrangements and which can be summarised as follows:

- a. entering into a bilateral arrangement will not in itself be considered as Relevant Information;
- b. if an aligned member of a managing agent enters into a bilateral arrangement for capacity on its own syndicate which is submitted in auction three then that syndicate will be automatically added into the fourth auction; and
- c. no bilateral arrangements can be undertaken in the fourth auction by any auction participant.

### **Auction Dates for 2011**

The auction dates for 2011 are:

Auction 1	13 & 14 September
Auction 2	20 & 21 September
Auction 3	4 & 5 October
Auction 4	9 & 10 November

### **Disclosure Notification**

Managing agents are reminded that Auction Rule 20(4) imposes an obligation on managing agents to ensure that any Relevant Information which comes into their possession shall be disclosed promptly to the members of their respective syndicate(s) with a copy of any such disclosure promptly provided to the Lloyd's Auction Office. The Lloyd's Auction Office will accept disclosures up to noon on the penultimate working day before an auction starts and will arrange for all disclosures to be posted to the designated area on the lloyds.com website within three hours of receipt.

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