

MARKET BULLETIN

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Title	Master Policies & Group Schemes – Update
Purpose	To remind the market of the planned review of master policies/group schemes, and of the end of the retainer with Drinker, Biddle & Reath LLP, and to announce a refresher training session on Lloyd's requirements.
Type	Event
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Deadline	As set out in the bulletin

On 30 November 2011, Lloyd's published [Market Bulletin Y4535](#) which outlined Lloyd's expectations regarding master/group policies written in and across all jurisdictions. The bulletin:

- Introduced new guidance on the writing of master/group policies worldwide to ensure compliance with Lloyd's delegated underwriting requirements, international licences and tax obligations.
- Introduced a change in process for master/group policies written in the U.S, effective 1 January 2012. This removed the need for managing agents to obtain the prior approval of Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP (D&L) for any U.S based master/group policies.

1. Review of master/group policies

On 31 January 2012, Lloyd's Delegated Authorities Team wrote to Compliance Officers at managing agents advising that Lloyd's will be conducting a review of master/group policies written, to ensure compliance with the new requirements. This review will now commence during Q4 2012. Prior to the review being undertaken, Lloyd's will provide managing agents with further details, including the scope of the review.

In conducting the review, the Delegated Authorities Team will wish to have a copy of the record of master/group policies written by each syndicate. It is a requirement that managing agents maintain a record of their master/group policies, as set out in Appendix 1 of Market Bulletin Y4535.

2. Lloyd's retainer with Drinker, Biddle & Reath LLP

In order to support managing agents placing U.S. master/group policies, Lloyd's maintained a limited retainer with D&L, and later with Drinker, Biddle & Reath LLP (DBR), during 2012 to enable managing agents to continue to access legal and compliance advice on their U.S. master/group policies.

Managing agents who are currently preparing new U.S. master/group policies are reminded that this retainer will expire on 31 December 2012. Should they wish to make use of this retainer managing agents should approach DBR before this date. From 1 January 2013 while managing agents are encouraged to seek appropriate legal advice where required either from DBR or another suitable firm this will be at the managing agent's own expense.

3. Refresher seminar on Lloyd's requirements for master/group policies

Following the review of master/group policies, Lloyd's proposes to host a refresher seminar for the market, covering Lloyd's requirements for master/group policies. The seminar will also address any themes or issues identified during the review.

This seminar will take place during Q1 2013 and depending on demand, Lloyd's hopes to offer alternative dates when the market can attend. Further information will be provided in due course.

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