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## HOW TO USE THIS SUPPLEMENT

This is the First Supplement to the Third Edition of *The Law of Reinsurance*, and has been compiled according to the structure of the main work. At the beginning of this Supplement, the main table of contents from the main work has been included. Where a heading in this table of contents has been marked with the symbol ■, this indicates that there is relevant information in the Supplement to which you should refer. Headings that have been introduced in this Supplement are indicated by the symbol □. Within each chapter, updating information is referenced to the relevant section in the main work. New sections which have been introduced in this Supplement have been identified as, e.g. 1–30A. Likewise new footnotes which have been introduced in this Supplement have been identified as, e.g. 8A. This enables references contained within these sections to be identified in the tables included in this Supplement.

## PREFACE

After over 100 years of the Marine Insurance Act 1906, the Law Commission and Airmic (Association of Insurance and Risk Managers in Industry and Commerce) hope that something good is coming for business insurance and for reinsurance. Given what the Mactavish group report of 2010 says, there has to be. The development in the 2 years since the third edition that will have the most long term effect on reinsurance is described in the updates to Chapter 6 below, particularly section 6–008. The Law Commission have succeeded in getting the Consumer Insurance (Disclosure and Representations) Act 2012 passed. In June of 2012 they published their proposals in relation to disclosure and representations for business insurance and reinsurance. If the proposals develop into law as the proposals in relation to consumer insurance have done, there will be changes to the law set out in ss.17–20 of the Marine Insurance Act 1906 and to the remedies for breach of the obligations there imposed. Airmic has already set out on that route.

What may also prove to have long term significance for companies in England is the new structure for regulating and supervising the financial services industry (and therefore reinsurance companies) discussed in Chapter 15.

For insurance brokers, insurance intermediaries in the language of Europe, the proposal for Insurance Mediation Directive 2, released on July 3, 2012, could result in significant changes to their business practices, requiring as it would far greater disclosure of remuneration (see the additions to Chapter 9).

We have seen significant legislative enactments in Bermuda since the third edition was published, particularly in the commercial or non-captive sector, and as a result the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA) has concluded in its preliminary Solvency II equivalence assessment of Bermuda that Bermuda's legislative regime for commercial general insurers (starting from Class 3A upwards) generally meets the criteria for Solvency II equivalence. We have also witnessed, as part of Bermuda's move towards Solvency II equivalence, a complete overhaul of the licensing regime for long-term insurers. There is always a price to be paid for progress and the veritable raft of new legislation implemented since the publication of the third edition has, alas, required us to dispense with the table in Chapter 15 summarising our Bermuda insurance regulatory regime in a mere two pages.

The last 2 years have not been as studded with major reinsurance cases as the previous decade but there are some that one needs to be aware of to be up to date with the law, particularly *Beazley v Travelers* and *PT Buana Samundra Pratama v Maritime Mutual Insurance Association* in Chapter 3, *Ted Baker v Axa* and *Axa v National Westminster Bank* in Chapter 4, *Swindon v Quinn*, *Durham v BAI (Run-Off)* and *Beazley* again in Chapter 5, *Synergy v CGU* in Chapter 6, *Teal v Berkeley* in Chapter 7, *Gilbey v JLT* in Chapter 9, *Youngs v Aviva* in Chapter 10, *Crema v*

*Cenkos* in Chapter 10, *Stonebridge v Ontario Mutual* and *Sulamerica v Enesa* in Chapter 13, *New Cap Re* in Chapters 16 and 17 and *Provident v FSA* in Chapter 18.

The ubiquity of arbitration clauses in the Bermuda market has continued to keep reinsurance disputes out of sight of the judiciary. However, Bermuda Courts have provided guidance on the winding-up of segregated account companies (*CAI Master Fund*, Chapter 16), and addressed the “vexed question” of the scope of their winding-up jurisdiction (*Kingate*) and their powers to assist foreign liquidators at common law (*Founding Partners*, Chapter 17).

With reference to Chapter 13, Section 13–025 we apologise for admitting the existence of the House of Lords ruling only a dozen years after it was issued, we appreciate the indulgence shown to us for not berating us about such an omission and we are thankful that the House of Lords upheld the decision of the first instance judge and the Court of Appeal.

We take this opportunity to provide readers with an errata list for the third edition. We apologise for the glitches. Readers may notice that the errata sheet does not pick up all the errata; however we have concentrated on the ones that may mislead unless rectified. Those that can wait for the next edition have been noted and kept safe. We have done our best to state the law of England and Bermuda as at August 1, 2012.

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