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By Email Only

To: Chief Executives of All Authorized Insurers

Dear Sirs,

GL4: Guideline on “Fit and Proper” Criteria in relation to Authorized Insurers under the Insurance Ordinance (Cap. 41)

Pursuant to section 133 of the Insurance Ordinance (Cap. 41), the Insurance Authority (“IA”) has published a revised Guideline on “Fit and Proper” Criteria in relation to Authorized Insurers under the Insurance Ordinance (“GL4”). Enclosed please find a copy of the revised GL4 which is also available on the IA website (https://www.ia.org.hk/en/legislative_framework/guidelines.php).

The GL4 is revised in view of the enactment of the Insurance (Amendment) Ordinance 2023¹ (“Amendment Ordinance”). Comments from insurers have been considered during the revision process. Amendments to GL4 include, among other things, elaboration of the “fit and proper” criteria for majority shareholder controller, the qualification and experience requirement for certifying actuary in relation to general business, and the assessment of internal control and corporate governance structure for body corporates. The revised GL4 shall take effect together with the commencement of Part 2 of the Amendment Ordinance.

Should you have any questions in relation to the above, please contact your case officer or email us at enquiry@ia.org.hk.

Yours faithfully,

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¹ <https://www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/pdf/20232728/es12023272820.pdf>