



LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE  
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COMMISSIONER

**Advisory Letter 2014-02**

**TO: ALL DOMESTIC INSURERS AND FOREIGN OR ALIEN REINSURERS**  
**FROM: JAMES J. DONELON, COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE**  
**RE: ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTIFICATION AS A REINSURER – QUALIFIED JURISDICTIONS**  
**DATE: MAY 21, 2014**

The purpose of Advisory Letter 2014-02 is to publish in accordance with La. R.S. 22:651(E)(3) a list of qualified jurisdictions from which reinsurers may apply for certification for the purpose of reducing required reinsurance collateral. Pursuant to La. R.S. 22:651(E), the Commissioner of Insurance (Commissioner) must allow credit for reinsurance to a domestic ceding insurer when the assuming insurer is certified by the Commissioner as a reinsurer in this state. Prior to certification, a reinsurer must meet certain requirements.

One of the prerequisites for certification is that the reinsurer must be domiciled and licensed to transact insurance or reinsurance in a qualified jurisdiction as determined by the Commissioner pursuant to La. R.S. 22:651(E)(3). Pursuant to La. R.S. 22:651(E)(3)(c) the Commissioner shall recognize as qualified jurisdictions all United States jurisdictions that meet the requirements for accreditation under the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) financial standards and accreditation program. Additionally, La. R.S. 22:651(E)(3)(b) requires that the Commissioner consider the list of qualified jurisdictions published by the NAIC through the NAIC committee process which list was developed to evaluate the reinsurance supervisory systems of non-U.S. jurisdictions for reinsurance collateral reduction purposes.

Therefore, in accordance with La. R.S. 22:651(E)(3)(b) and La. R.S. 22:651(E)(3)(c), the following jurisdictions are qualified jurisdictions for purposes of evaluating reinsurers for certification pursuant to La. R.S. 22:651(E):

- All United States jurisdictions that meet the requirement for accreditation under the NAIC Financial Standards and Accreditation Program.
- Bermuda           Bermuda Monetary Authority (BMA)
- Germany           Federal Financial Supervisory Authority (BaFin)
- Switzerland       Financial Market Supervisory Authority (FINMA), and

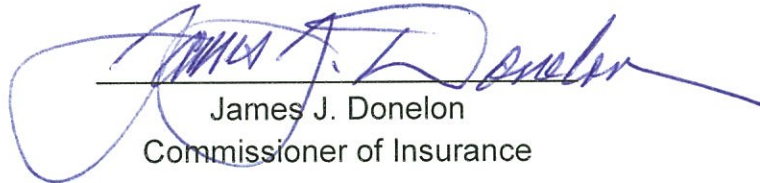
- United Kingdom Prudential Regulation Authority of the Bank of England (PRA)

Any jurisdiction approved by the NAIC and included in the NAIC List of Qualified Jurisdictions subsequent to the issuance of Advisory Letter 2014-02, shall be deemed a qualified jurisdiction for purposes of La. R.S. 22:651(E)(3) unless the Commissioner determines that the jurisdiction is not qualified pursuant to applicable provisions of the Louisiana Insurance Code or regulations promulgated by the Louisiana Department of Insurance.

A list of the U.S. jurisdictions that meet the requirements of the NAIC accreditation program and are currently accredited is available on the NAIC Financial Regulation Standards and Accreditation (F) Committee web page at [www.naic.org/committees\\_f\\_accredited\\_states.htm](http://www.naic.org/committees_f_accredited_states.htm). The most current NAIC List of Qualified Jurisdictions is available on the NAIC website at [www.naic.org/documents/committees\\_e\\_reinsurance\\_qualified\\_jurisdictions\\_list.pdf](http://www.naic.org/documents/committees_e_reinsurance_qualified_jurisdictions_list.pdf).

Questions should be directed to the Louisiana Department of Insurance, Office of Financial Solvency, at (225) 219-3929.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 2014.



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