



To member companies of the  
Norwegian Natural Perils Pool

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Circular 12/15

## **NEW TERMS FOR SETTLEMENT THROUGH THE POOL AND UNDERWRITING GUIDELINES FOR NATURAL PERILS FROM 1 JANUARY 2016**

We refer to Circular 7/15.

The board of the Norwegian Natural Perils Pool has approved the following to apply from 1 January 2016:

- new Terms for Settlement through the Natural Perils Pool (previously Common Terms and conditions for all insurance cover against natural damage).
- new underwriting guidelines for natural perils insurance

As previously announced, the new Terms for Settlement mean that the existing common terms and conditions for all insurance contracts cover against natural damage will be superseded by the new Terms for Settlement through the Natural Perils Pool. The Common Terms and Conditions will no longer apply as an independent set of insurance terms. The new Terms for Settlement will regulate only what companies can settle through the Pool and will no longer serve as minimum terms.

Companies are expected to adjust as necessary to the new Terms of Settlement and draw up their own natural perils terms. From 1 January 2016, a company's own natural perils terms will regulate settlement with the policyholder. Note that the terms the company applies for the settlement of natural perils claims may not be more favourable than the company's terms for the settlement of claims for fire damage to the damaged object.

Where the Natural Perils Insurance Act specifies more extensive cover or a different calculation of indemnity compared to the company's terms, the Act has precedence.

The following applies in the transition from the old to the new terms:

- The Terms for Settlement through the Natural Perils Pool apply to the settlement of claims for losses occurring from 1 January 2016 onwards
- Claims for losses occurring before 1 January 2016 are to be settled in accordance with the Common Terms and Conditions of 1 January 2012

The new Terms for Settlement through the Natural Perils Pool to apply from 1 January 2016 are enclosed. The new Underwriting Guidelines can be found at [www.naturskade.no](http://www.naturskade.no). In the event of any discrepancy between the Norwegian and English versions of these documents, the Norwegian originals have precedence. These can also be found on our website.

If you have any questions about the changes from 1 January 2016, please contact [pool@fno.no](mailto:pool@fno.no).

Yours faithfully  
Norwegian Natural Perils Pool

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