

To member companies of the Norwegian Natural Perils Pool

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Rules on collection of premiums, reporting and settlement in case of co-insurance

In this circular, the management of the Pool would like to clarify the rules on reporting and settlement in the case of co-insurance agreements.

Reference should be made to section 5 of the Regulation on Instructions for the Norwegian Natural Perils Pool: "In the case of co-insurance the claim may be reported by the lead company only", and section 3.2 of the Underwriting Guidelines for Natural Perils Insurance: "In the case of contracts to which more than one company is party (co-insurance etc.), the lead insurer collects the natural perils premium and includes 100% of the sum insured in its equalisation basis for the Pool."

The lead insurer is the company that undertakes to "front" the co-insurance agreement. This need not necessarily be the company with the largest share. The following rules therefore apply in the case of co-insurance:

- 1. The lead insurer collects the whole of the natural perils premium for the co-insured risk.
- 2. The lead insurer reports the entire sum insured in its equalisation basis for the Pool.
- 3. The lead insurer reports and settles claims on behalf of the other co-insurers.

In other words, the Pool requires the lead insurer to be the contact with the Pool on behalf of all companies participating in the co-insurance arrangement. This applies to the reporting of sums insured, the collection of premiums, and the reporting and settlement of claims.

The companies' individual shares in the co-insurance arrangement must not be reported separately. The same applies to the reporting and settlement of claims.

Yours faithfully For the Norwegian Natural Perils Pool

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