

INFORMATION REQUIRED

GENERAL NOTES

- (1) All parts of this form are to be completed.
- (2) All copies of original documents shall be certified by the chief executive as being true and correct copies of the originals.
- (3) All documents shall be produced either in the Chinese language or English language. Where documents are required to be translated, the chief executive of the company shall certify that to the best of his knowledge and belief the person making the translation is competent to translate the documents into the Chinese/English language. The person making the translation shall state his qualifications and certify that the translation is a true and correct translation of the original.
- (4) If insufficient space is provided in this form, please give details on a separate sheet.
- (5) Unless otherwise indicated, all references to sections or schedules are sections of or schedules to the Ordinance.
- (6) Please specify, as applicable, the currency used.
- (7) Please complete the Checklist at the Appendix.
- (8) **IMPORTANT:**
 - (a) An application should not be made until **all** the information required is available. In this connection, it is advisable to hold preliminary meetings with the Insurance Authority before submitting the formal application.
 - (b) The company should not commence to carry on any insurance business in or from Hong Kong, or make any press announcement, until its application has been approved. Any failure to observe this requirement will constitute an offence under the Ordinance and may prejudice the application.
 - (c) The Insurance Authority is a public body specified in Schedule 1 to the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance (Chapter 201, Laws of Hong Kong) (“POBO”). The offer of an advantage to any member, officer or staff of the Insurance Authority with a view to influencing the approval of any application submitted to the Insurance Authority (e.g. application for authorization to carry on insurance business in or from Hong Kong) is an offence under the POBO. Any act of offering of an advantage by a prospective applicant or an applicant to the Insurance Authority, or by any of its directors, officers, employees or agents, will result in the application being immediately terminated. Prospective applicants and applicants shall inform its directors, officers, employees and agents who are connected with the application that the offering of advantages, as defined in the POBO, is not permitted.

8. Name, address and qualifications of the auditors of the company.

9. Name, address and qualifications of the appointed actuary of the company if the company applies for reinsurance of long term business.

10. Names and addresses of the company's main insurance brokers.

11. In the case of a non-Hong Kong company, the name of the person who is or will be employed by the company and is responsible for the conduct of the whole of the insurance business proposed to be carried on by the company within Hong Kong. Attach the Form A prescribed in Schedule 2 which shall be completed for such person.

12. Names of the directors, including alternate directors, and controllers as within the meaning of section 9 of the Ordinance of the company. Attach the appropriate Forms A and B prescribed in the Schedule 2 which shall be completed for each such individual or body corporate.

13. Particulars of any business interests (beneficial or otherwise) in Hong Kong related to any of the directors or controllers of the company which exist or which are proposed to exist.

PART II - EXISTING AUTHORIZATIONS

14. In the case of a non-Hong Kong company, a certificate from the supervisory authority of the company's place of incorporation evidencing the classes of insurance business for which the company is authorized in its country of incorporation.

15. Full list of **other countries** in which the company carries on insurance business and the classes of business carried on in each country. If the classes of business do not correspond with the classification set out in Schedule 1, the equivalent or nearest Hong Kong classification must be given.

country

classes of insurance business

16. Whether any application for authorization has been refused, any authorization revoked, or any requirements imposed as a condition for being permitted to continue to carry on insurance business, by any supervisory authority, and if so, give particulars.

PART III - BUSINESS PLAN

17. The sources of business (for example: direct from ceding companies, through insurance brokers, in-house from group companies) and the approximate percentage expected from each source.

18. The particulars of the marketing activities which the company proposes to carry out in Hong Kong.

19. The nature of the commitments which the company proposes to take on in Hong Kong (including establishment of its own office (in the case of a non-Hong Kong company, its own branch office) as its place of business in Hong Kong, and give particulars of the office infrastructure) and staff establishment¹.

20. In the case of a non-Hong Kong company, what arrangements would be made with regard to the keeping of books of account and other records in respect of the Hong Kong operations, and to what extent, the company considers that it is able to meet the accounting requirements and valuation rules under the Ordinance.

21. In the case of a company applying for reinsurance of long term business, advise whether the company would make separation of assets and liabilities attributable to its long term business under section 22 of the Ordinance. If not, give reasons why it would not make such separation.

22. A brief summary of the material retrocession arrangements in respect of each class of insurance business to be written in or from Hong Kong including the company's maximum

¹ The company is expected to have an office in Hong Kong with a professional management and staff establishment appropriate to the nature and scale of its operations, and its own senior management team with a minimum of 7 professional staff, comprising a locally-based chief executive and team heads to oversee the key functions of the company.
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retention per risk or event after all retrocession, the limit of retrocession, the names of the principal retrocessionaires and their respective participating percentages under each treaty.

23. In the case of a non-Hong Kong company, a list of investments which the company expects to represent the insurance funds and the relevant amount or the required margin of solvency pertaining to the insurance business written in or from Hong Kong and the estimated proportion which will be represented by each type of investment, together with a description of the company's investment policy in relation to the Hong Kong Branch.

24. In the case of a company incorporated in Hong Kong,
- (a) a list of investments which the company expects to represent its capital, surpluses and insurance funds; and the estimated proportion which will be represented by each type of investment, together with a description of the company's investment policy; and

 - (b) a description of the company's dividend policy.
25. (a) In respect of reinsurance of general business, a description of the company's claims reserving policy, including arrangements for setting up reserves, frequency of reviewing, and measures and methodologies used to ensure their adequacy. In case of a non-Hong Kong company, the claims reserving policy to be stated is in respect of the business of its Hong Kong Branch.
- (b) In respect of reinsurance of long term business, a description of the technical bases that the appointed actuary proposes to employ for each class of business. In case of a non-Hong Kong company, the technical bases to be stated are in respect of the business of its Hong Kong Branch.
26. In the case of a company incorporated in Hong Kong, provide financial projections, representing a "realistic estimate", for each of the first **three** financial years following authorization in respect of its **global** operations. The financial projections should include:-
- (a) **If the company applies for reinsurance of general business only**
 - (i) a projected revenue account, which should include the following items for **each class of business** or for proportional treaty reinsurance and non-proportional treaty reinsurance if a breakdown by class is not applicable:-

- premiums receivable both gross and net of retrocession;
 - adjustments of unearned premiums;
 - commissions payable and receivable;
 - management expenses;
 - claims incurred both gross and net of retrocession, including claims incurred but not reported; and
 - underwriting profit or loss;
- (ii) a projected profit and loss account; and
- (iii) a projected balance sheet, specifying the type of assets or investments (e.g. land and buildings, listed shares, listed securities, premiums debtors, claims recoverable, etc.) and their respective book values along side the values as determined under the Insurance (General Business) (Valuation) Rules. The projected balance sheet should also disclose the liabilities relating to business underwritten, such as outstanding claims (both gross and net of retrocession); unearned premiums reserves; other insurance funds; and other creditors.

(b) If the company applies for reinsurance of long term business only

- (i) a projected volume of new business, showing for **each type of contract**, the total premium income both gross and net of retrocession;
- (ii) a projected in-force business portfolio, showing for **each type of contract**:-
- the total premium income both gross and net of retrocession;
 - the amount of net liability (determined in accordance with the Insurance (Determination of Long Term Liabilities) Rules); and
 - the required margin of solvency (determined in accordance with the Insurance (Margin of Solvency) Rules);
- (iii) a projected revenue account, showing for **each class of business**:-
- the premiums receivable both gross and net of retrocession;
 - the investment income;
 - the commissions receivable;
 - the claims payable;
 - the expenses payable, showing separately the commissions payable and other expenses;
 - the amount of funds brought forward and carried forward; and
 - the amount transferred to/from the profit and loss account;
- (iv) a projected profit and loss account; and
- (v) a projected balance sheet.

(c) **If the company applies for reinsurance of both general business and long term business**

- projections as required under items (a) and (b) described above. (A combined profit and loss account and a combined balance sheet are acceptable provided that the assets and liabilities representing the general business fund and the long term business fund are distinctly identified.)

The assumptions made in the financial projections and the rationale behind the use of those assumptions should be given. The accounting policies and bases adopted in the projections should also be provided.

(Note: In considering the application, financial projections up to a point where the operations can be demonstrated to be self-supporting may be required.)

27. In the case of a non-Hong Kong company,

- (a) provide financial projections, representing a “realistic estimate”, for each of the first **three** financial years following authorization in respect of the operation of its **Hong Kong Branch**. The information to be provided in the financial projections would be the same as those set out in items (a), (b) and (c) of paragraph 26 above; and
- (b) provide financial projections for each of the first **three** financial years following authorization in respect of the company’s **global** operations. The financial projections should include a projected revenue account, a projected profit and loss account and a projected balance sheet. (If the company has been carrying on reinsurance business and has submitted copies of its audited financial statements for the three financial years immediately preceding the application under paragraph 33 below, and in the case of a company applying for reinsurance of long term business, has also submitted a copy of the latest actuarial valuation report under paragraph 37 below, no financial projections are required. In such circumstances, a description of the company’s business plan in respect of its global operations, including the expected growth in the next three years, will suffice.)

The assumptions made in the financial projections and the rationale behind the use of those assumptions should be given. The accounting policies and bases adopted in the projections should also be provided.

(Note: In considering the application, financial projections up to a point where the operations can be demonstrated to be self-supporting may be required.)

28. In the case of a company applying for reinsurance of long term business, the financial projections under paragraphs 26 and 27 above should be accompanied by a certificate by the appointed actuary stating that:-

- (a) he considers the financing of the company to be adequate to cover both mathematical reserves and the required margin of solvency during the first three financial years following authorization; and
- (b) he agrees with the information provided under the financial projections.

PART IV - OTHER INFORMATION, ACCOUNTS, AGREEMENTS, REINSURANCE TREATIES, CERTIFICATES AND REPORTS

29. The rationale for the company to carry on reinsurance business in or from Hong Kong. Whether such rationale is substantiated by viable market feasibility study. Attach a copy of the market feasibility study report, if any.
30. In the case of a non-Hong Kong company:-
- (a) a brief description of its existing worldwide operations; and
 - (b) the up-to-date rating and ranking in respect of the financial position of the company and the name of the credit rating agency concerned.
31. A description of the internal controls proposed to be implemented to secure the proper functioning of the company, including policies, procedures and controls in relation to anti-money laundering (“AML”) and counter-financing of terrorism (“CFT”).
32. In the case of a company applying for reinsurance of long term business, a description of the arrangements to ensure that the appointed actuary has direct access to the board of directors of the company, and has access to all relevant information to enable him to carry out his duties.
33. Copies of the audited financial statements (including revenue account, profit and loss account and balance sheet) of the company for each of the last three financial years or, if the company has not been in business for three financial years, for each of the financial years for which it has been in business.
34. If not already given in the notes to the accounts submitted under paragraph 33 above, a summary of the significant accounting policies adopted or to be adopted by the company.

35. If the company is subject to any statutory valuation rules/regulations in respect of its assets in its country of incorporation, copies of the valuation rules/regulations concerned.
36. An auditors' certificate in respect of the issued and paid-up share capital of the company. (This certificate is not necessary if the present paid-up share capital is evidenced in the latest audited accounts already submitted.)
37. In the case of a company applying for reinsurance of long term business, a copy of the latest actuarial valuation report.
38. With reference to paragraph 22 above, attach copies of retrocession treaties or the proposals for such treaties if applicable. In addition, if it is a non-Hong Kong company, furnish a brief summary of the material retrocession arrangements in respect of the company's worldwide business including the company's maximum retention per risk or event after all retrocession, the limit of retrocession, the names of the principal retrocessionaires and the respective percentages underwritten by them.
39. Copies or drafts of any agreements which the company will have with persons (other than employees of the company) who will manage the business of the company in Hong Kong.
40. Copies of any report or investigation in respect of the company produced within the last three years by any supervisory authority or governmental agency.
41. Copies of the latest accounts of any corporate controller of the company (within the meaning of Section 9 of the Ordinance) and of any intermediate holding company.
42. A copy of the corporate chart of the group of which the company is a member, showing the respective percentages of shareholdings, if applicable.

43. (a) State, whether in any jurisdiction within the past five years -
- (i) a petition has been presented to the Courts for the winding up of the company, any other group company or a company which left the group shortly before getting into difficulty;
 - (ii) a receiver has been appointed in respect of any of the assets of the company, any other group company or a company which left the group shortly before getting into difficulty; or
 - (iii) the company, any other group company or a company which left the group shortly before getting into difficulty, has made any composition or arrangement with its creditors or any class of its creditors; and
- (b) if the answer to any of the above is "yes", give details of the present position regarding any such petition/receivership/composition/arrangement.
44. State whether there are other arrangements under which the solvency of the company may depend on that of a third party.
45. A copy of the Certificate of Incorporation of the company and, if it is a non-Hong Kong company and registered under Part 16 of the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622) of Hong Kong, a copy of the Certificate of Registration of Non-Hong Kong Company issued by the Registrar of Companies, Hong Kong.

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Appendix**CHECKLIST**

Name of Applicant (“the Company”) : [Insert the name of the reinsurer applying for authorization]

	“√” if done	Use by the Insurance Authority Only
1. Have the classes of insurance business applied for been stated in the application form?		
2. Have all the questions in the application form been answered?		
3. Have all the applicable documents listed in Appendix A been attached to the application?		
4. Has the application form been signed by 2 directors and the chief executive of the Company?		
5. Has the application form been dated and sealed (where applicable)?		

Appendix A

Documents submitted to the Insurance Authority

	“√” if submitted
Part I – The Company	
1. Certificate of Incorporation.	
2. Articles of Association (for company incorporated in Hong Kong).	
3. Form NN1 filed with the Companies Registry for registration under Part 16 of the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622) (for non-Hong Kong company)	
4. Certificate of Registration of Non-Hong Kong Company issued by the Registrar of Companies, Hong Kong (for non-Hong Kong company).	
5. Forms A and B, as appropriate, as prescribed in Schedule 2 to the Insurance Ordinance (“the Ordinance”), of the directors and controllers (within the meaning of section 9 of the Ordinance).	
Part II – Existing Authorizations	
6. Certificate from the supervisory authority of the applicant’s place of incorporation evidencing the classes of insurance business for which the applicant is authorized in its country of incorporation (for non-Hong Kong company).	
7. List of countries in which the Company carries on insurance business and the classes of business carried on in each country.	
Part III – Business Plan	
8. Organization chart showing the management and reporting lines of the Hong Kong operations ² , with professional qualifications and working experience of key personnel in Hong Kong.	
9. Three-year financial projections of the Company on realistic basis (assumptions and methodologies used in the projections should be clearly stated).	
10. Certificate by the appointed actuary on the financial projections (if applying for long term business).	

² The Company is expected to have its own senior management team for the Hong Kong operations with a minimum of 7 professional staff, comprising a locally-based chief executive and team heads to oversee the key functions of the Hong Kong operations.

	“√” if submitted
Part IV – Other Information, Accounts, Agreements, Reinsurance Treaties, Certificate and Reports	
11. Market feasibility study report, if any.	
12. Up-to-date rating and ranking report, if any.	
13. Audited financial statements for the last three financial years (if in operation overseas).	
14. Statutory valuation rule(s)/regulation(s) in the country of incorporation (for non-Hong Kong company which is subject to the statutory valuations in respect of its assets in its country of incorporation).	
15. Auditors’ certificate on issued and paid-up share capital (this is not necessary if the present paid-up share capital is evidenced in the latest audited accounts already submitted).	
16. Latest actuarial valuation report (if applying for long term business).	
17. Retrocession treaties or cover notes, if applicable.	
18. Agreement for management of business in Hong Kong, if applicable.	
19. Investigation report by supervisory authority or governmental agency, if any.	
20. Latest accounts of all corporate controllers (within the meaning of section 9 of the Ordinance) of the Company.	
21. Corporate chart of the group of which the Company is a member, with the respective percentages of shareholding.	
22. Policies, guidelines or manuals on internal control, underwriting, claims handling and reserving, reinsurance, investment and AML / CFT in Hong Kong.	