

MARKET BULLETIN

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Title	Binding Authority UMR
Purpose	To introduce the requirement for all binding authority agreements and any insurance certificates and policies issued under them to include the UMR
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It is a requirement of all Lloyd's Managing Agents that they have in place effective systems and controls in relation to the underwriting of risk. This includes the ability to identify and track individual risks after inception.

It has become apparent that reliance has been placed upon policy numbers to identify specific risks. However, many policy numbers are generated on a random basis and do not necessarily provide accurate identification of a specific risk.

In light of this need for transparency all binding authority agreements and any policies and insurance certificates issued under them must show the Lloyd's Binding Authority Unique Market Reference ("UMR"), so that all market transactions can be accurately identified. This requirement is being introduced through the normal cycle of binder renewal and should be implemented on all binders and resulting business incepting 1st July 2012.

For the sake of clarity: the UMR definition states that all UMRs start with B, followed by the Lloyd's broker number and a series of characters, should not contain any spaces, hyphens, slashes or other punctuation; it should only contain the number characters 0 – 9 and the letters A – Z. Maximum length 17 characters.