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**SUBJECT:** AUSTRALIA: STATE OF VICTORIA –  
METROPOLITAN FIRE SERVICE LEVY  
**SUBJECT AREA(S):** Sectionalised Insurance Policy/Certificate for Jewellers  
Block business  
**ATTACHMENTS:**  
**ACTION POINTS:** **Underwriters and Brokers to note**  
**DEADLINE:** **With immediate effect, for those syndicates not  
already in compliance**

The purpose of this bulletin is to advise the Market that any jewellers block insurances covering risks in the State of Victoria, must identify fire and extraneous perils separately.

In accordance with the Metropolitan Fire Brigades (Contributions) Regulations 1999, the Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board of Victoria ('the Board') has reminded Lloyd's underwriters that they must identify separately the exposure relative to fire and extraneous perils on the insurance documentation, to enable the Fire Service Levy to be applied as appropriate. This will normally be information captured by the Australian intermediary or coverholder. Where there is no Australian intermediary in the chain then the Lloyd's broker will need to ensure that such insurances are set out in separate sections on the insurance documentation. This information will then need to be included on the slip presented to Xchanging for reporting purposes.

The Board has advised that from 1 July 2005, where the insurance documentation is not showing separate sections the Fire Service Levy will be based on 100% of the gross premium and not 10%, as presently applied.

Please note, that Lloyd's Australia Limited has already notified all Australian coverholders of this requirement.

### Further Information

The Metropolitan Fire Brigades (Contributions) Regulations 1999 can be obtained using the following link:

[http://www.mfb.org.au/asset/pdf/Sec%2040%20PAK\\_Regs.pdf](http://www.mfb.org.au/asset/pdf/Sec%2040%20PAK_Regs.pdf)

Further information on the application of the Victorian Metropolitan Fire Service Levy can be obtained using the following link:

<http://www.mfb.org.au/default.asp?casid=450>

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This bulletin has been sent to active underwriters and the Compliance Officers of Lloyd's brokers and managing agents and for information, to the LMBC, LMA and LMUA.

The information contained in this market bulletin is provided in order to support managing agents in meeting their commitment *'to protect Lloyd's licences and authorisations to conduct insurance business in the UK and overseas'*. The information will also help underwriters decide, prior to binding, how a risk can be underwritten in compliance with Lloyd's trading rights in the country concerned.

More detailed information on Lloyd's trading rights may be found on <http://www.lloyds.com> under the section headed "Lloyd's trading status". Just select the appropriate country and this will take you to the Quick Reference Guide for the country selected. More detailed information may then be obtained by selecting 'Manual' from the menu on the left hand side of the screen (a Manual may not, however, be available for all territories). You will be asked to input a user name and password, please contact the Market Services Desk (see above contact details) for this information.

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