

MARKET BULLETIN

From	Director, Worldwide Markets (extn 6677)
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Subject	Mississippi: Availability of Hurricane Katrina Special Mediation Program to parties in litigation
Subject areas	Mississippi Emergency Regulation No. 2006-4: Availability of mediation program to parties in litigation
Attachments	Emergency Regulation No. 2006-4
Action points	Managing agents to note requirements and ensure compliance
Deadlines	

Purpose of bulletin

To notify the market of an expansion of the Mississippi Hurricane Katrina Special Mediation Program ("Mediation Program") as set forth in Mississippi Emergency Regulation No. 2006-04

The Mediation Program

The Mississippi Department of Insurance ("the Department") put in place an emergency regulation setting up a mediation program for Mississippi victims of Hurricane Katrina. The regulation became effective 20 December, 2005. Key points of the program and a copy of the regulation were covered under Lloyd's market bulletin Y3715, dated 23 December, 2005.

The Mediation Program was established on a permanent basis under the amended Regulation 2005-2 with effect from May 6, 2006.

Emergency Regulation No. 2006-4

Emergency Regulation No. 2006-4 ("Regulation 2006-4") can be found at [Emergency Regulation No. 2006-4](#)

Regulation No. 2006-4 makes the Mediation Program available to parties in litigation. Prior to Regulation No. 2006-4, the Mediation Program was available to all first party claimants prior to commencing litigation. It should be noted that:

- Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary, the Mediation Program is available for any parties ordered to participate in the Mediation Program by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- In the case of parties participating in the Mediation Program by court order, the provisions of the amended Regulation No. 2005-2 will be followed unless the respective court directs otherwise with regard to mediation for those parties.
- Regulation No. 2006-4 applies only to mediation involving parties to litigation arising from a disputed Hurricane Katrina claim. Otherwise, the provisions of amended Regulation No. 2005-2 shall remain in full force and effect.

Further information

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