

Interim Measures System of Governance

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Overview

- Guidelines are largely consistent with previous draft consultations
 - Some ambiguity of wording in places but overall seem sensible
- Some requirements already effectively in place in Ireland
 - e.g. fitness & probity
- Proposed effective date of 1 January 2014
- Will apply to all undertakings
 - No thresholds
- Focus of this presentation is on preparatory work that needs to be done and practical issues that might arise



“57 channels and there’s nothing on ...”

- 57 guidelines in total covering
 - General governance requirements
 - Fit & proper
 - Risk management
 - Prudent person principle
 - Own funds requirements
 - Internal controls
 - Internal audit function
 - Actuarial function
 - Outsourcing
 - Group governance

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General Requirements

- CBI corporate governance code covers a lot of this ground
- Range of written policies that must be put in place
- Four functions that must be in place:

**Risk
Management
Function**

**Actuarial
Function**

**Internal
Control
Function**

**Internal
Audit**

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General Requirements

- Board decisions must be documented including how information from the risk management system has been taken into account
 - Board minutes will need to evidence this
- Written policies should also address obligations of business units to inform RMF, IAF, ICF and AF of any facts relevant for performance of their duties
 - Educational process with business units

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Fit & Proper

- Existing CBI F&P largely address requirements
- Must be “*appropriate diversity of qualifications, knowledge and relevant experience*” among Board members and key persons
- Board “*collectively possess at least qualification, experience and knowledge about*
 - *Insurance and financial markets*
 - *Business strategy and business model*
 - *System of governance*
 - *Financial and actuarial analysis*
 - *Regulatory framework and requirements*”
- Written policies & procedures required

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Risk management

- Irish companies already on this journey
- Risk Management Function required if not already in place
- Risk management policy will need to be defined covering at least:
 - Underwriting and reserving
 - Operational
 - Reinsurance and other risk mitigation techniques
 - ALM
 - Investment
 - Liquidity risk

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'Prudent Person' Principle

- Need to develop key risk indicators consistent with risk management policy and business strategy
- Two points of note:
 - Undertakings cannot rely solely on information from rating agencies, financial institutions and asset managers
 - In making investment decisions, must consider the risk that will be borne; not sufficient to say that risk is covered by a capital charge

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Own Funds, Internal Control, Internal Audit

- Work will be required to develop:
 - A capital management policy
 - A medium-term capital management plan
- Internal Controls: Particular focus on promoting a compliance culture
- Internal Audit: Independence of function must be assured

Actuarial Function

- An Actuarial Function must be established
 - An 'actuarial function' may already exist but current responsibilities and activities will be different to the guidelines in places
 - Responsibilities cover TPs, data, experience analysis, aspects of underwriting & reinsurance, internal model input
- SI and SII calculations will be required in interim phase
 - Actuarial Function will need to calculate SII Technical Provisions
 - Will feed into pillar 3 reporting
 - Need to starting moving towards industrialisation of SII models
 - Parallel running will place additional demand on actuarial resources

Outsourcing

- Area of focus already for CBI
- Companies will need to put outsourcing policy in place
- Additional responsibilities at group level for intra-group outsourcing

In Conclusion

- Significant preparatory work to be done
- Much of it in the space of documenting policies
- Practical issues to be ironed out
- Moving from best endeavours towards full SII implementation
- Parallel SI and SII environment may place strain on resources