## MALTA FINANCIAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

## **Note for Information**

Amendments to Insurance Intermediaries Rule 1 of 2007 - Own Funds of Persons Enrolled in the Agents List, Managers List or Brokers List Carrying out Insurance Intermediaries Activities

The MFSA is amending Insurance Intermediaries Rule 1 of 2007 – 'Own Funds of Persons Enrolled in the Agents List, Managers List or Brokers List Carrying out Insurance Intermediaries Activities' [hereunder referred to as 'the Rule'] to:

- 1. allow corporate insurance intermediaries to include capital contributions as one of the components making up their Own Funds. Capital contributions will be permitted if they satisfy the minimum criteria set out in article 8 of the Rule. Where such capital contributions are not used to cover the required level of own funds of the enrolled company, the Rule allows, subject to the prior approval of the MFSA, the distribution of capital contributions back to the contributor. As a consequence of the above, paragraph (c) of article 8 of the Rule has been renumbered as paragraph (d) and a paragraph (c) has been inserted; and
- 2. clarify the definition of the term "annual gross premiums receivable". For this purpose, the term "premiums receivable in the preceding year" found in paragraph (2) of article 5 of the Rule, has been replaced by a new term "premiums receivable during the financial year in question" which is defined in paragraph (3) of article 5 as "the last financial year to end before the date on which the latest audited financial statements of the enrolled company or the latest income statements of the enrolled individual are required to be submitted to the Authority ("MFSA") under article 24 of the Act (Insurance Intermediaries Act)".

The amended Insurance Intermediaries Rule has been uploaded on the MFSA website.

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