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Quantitative Impact Study 5

The Committee of European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Supervisors ("CEIOPS") has during the past few months been preparing for the 5th Quantitative Impact Study ("QIS5"). As with the previous QIS exercises, this study will measure the impact of the Solvency II Level 2 implementing measures on the insurance market.

CEIOPS has now completed the draft of the QIS 5 technical specifications. This has met the previously targeted deadline to enable the Commission to publish final technical specifications by end of June 2010. The final technical specifications will be published following consultation.

As had been published by CEIOPS in a press release issued on the 28 January 2010, the QIS5 exercise is expected to run between August and mid-November 2010. Solo results will need to be submitted to national supervisors by end of October 2010 while the deadline for group results is mid-November 2010. The insurance industry should therefore be receiving the QIS5 spreadsheets that need to be completed by August 2010.

As already stated in the guidance paper entitled "The Use and Approval of Internal Models for Regulatory Capital Purposes in Insurance" issued on 3 December 2009, the MFSA expects all undertakings to participate in QIS5.

All documents related to QIS5 that are expected to be released by CEIOPS can be accessed through the following link <http://www.ceiops.eu/content/view/732/340/>.

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