Amendments to the existing Supervisory Directives and Policy Papers for insurance companies as a result of the enactment of the Directive on Sound Business Operations (Richtlijn Integere Bedrijfsvoering).

On the enactment date of the Directive on Sound Business Operations, the existing Supervisory Directives and Policy Papers are amended as follows:

- Directive on anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism for insurance companies (Supervisory Directive II.7), which was still applicable to general (non-life) insurers, will be revoked;

- Directive on Managing Directors and members of the Supervisory Board (Supervisory Directive II.9): the sentence ‘A formal request together with the filled-out questionnaire should be send to the Bank.’ will be amended to ‘A formal request together with the filled-out questionnaire and requested documents should be send to the CBA. Reference is made to paragraph 2 of the Directive on Sound Business Operations for further information on the integrity and suitability assessment conducted by the CBA.’;

- Directive on Prospective (In-) Direct Shareholders – Natural Persons (Supervisory Directive II.10): the sentence ‘A formal request together with the filled-out form should be send to the Bank.’ will be amended to ‘A formal request together with the filled-out questionnaire and requested documents should be send to the CBA. Reference is made to paragraph 2 of the Directive on Sound Business Operations for further information on the integrity and suitability assessment conducted by the CBA.’;

- Directive on Prospective (In-) Direct Shareholders – Natural Persons (Supervisory Directive II.10): the sentence ‘According to section 1 of the SOSIB a qualifying holding implies a direct or indirect holding of more than 5% of the issued share capital of an insurer or the ability to exercise directly or indirectly more than 5% of the voting rights in an insurance company or the ability to exercise directly or indirectly a comparable degree of control in the insurance business.’ will be amended to ‘According to section 1 of the SOSIB a qualifying holding is defined as: a direct or indirect holding of more than ten percent of the issued share capital of an insurer or the ability to exercise directly or indirectly more than ten percent of the voting rights in an insurer or the ability to exercise directly or indirectly a comparable degree of control.’;

- Directive on the management and reporting of incidents (Supervisory Directive II.11) will be withdrawn;

- Policy Paper on Corporate Governance practices for Insurance companies (Policy Paper III.1; 3.1 Board responsibilities A. To ensure competent management on an ongoing basis): the sentence 'Integrity, technical skills, and experience should be key considerations in the selection process of senior-management’ will be amended to ‘Integrity and suitability should be key considerations in the selection process of senior-management. Reference is made to paragraph 2 of the Directive on Sound Business Operations for further information on the integrity and suitability assessment conducted by the CBA.’;

- Policy Paper on Corporate Governance practices for Insurance companies (Policy Paper III.1; 3.1 Board responsibilities B. To ensure appropriate plans and policies for the institution) a sentence will be added: ‘Reference is also made to paragraph 3 of the Directive on Sound Business Operations.’;
- Policy Paper on Corporate Governance practices for Insurance companies (Policy Paper III.1; 3.2 Supervisory director’s individual responsibilities C. exercise independent judgment): the sentence ‘Objective judgments are critical to the Board’s effectiveness.’ will be amended to ‘Objective judgement, with due observance of the articles 9 and 10 of the Directive on Sound Business Operations, is critical to the Board’s effectiveness.’;
- Policy Paper on Corporate Governance practices for Insurance companies (Policy Paper III.1; 3.2 Supervisory director’s individual responsibilities D. be loyal to the institution’s interests) a sentence will be added: ‘Reference is also made to articles 9 and 10 of the Directive on Sound Business Operations.’