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OSFI releases Revised Draft Guideline B-9, *Earthquake Exposure Sound Practices,* and related draft revisions to the MCT

OTTAWA – August 15, 2012 – The Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (OSFI) today released for public comment a revised draft Guideline on Earthquake Exposure Sound Practices and related draft capital changes to the Minimum Capital Test (MCT) Guideline for the property and casualty insurance industry.

The <u>draft revisions</u> to Guideline B-9 include refinements in the areas of measuring risk and capitalizing against earthquakes (including quality of data and model risk). OSFI first began discussing the revisions with the industry in 2010. The related capital changes propose updating certain sections currently contained in Guideline B-9 and moving them into the MCT Guideline for ease of reference.

OSFI has been consulting extensively with the industry on these revisions to ensure they remain modern and effective. The changes proposed today reflect this work, as well as developments in international standards and best practices.

The comment period for the revised draft guideline and changes to the Minimum Capital Test closes September 30. Final versions are expected to be issued before the end of the year.

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