

General Insurance Supervisory Levy Imposition Amendment Act 2005

No. 15, 2005

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[Assented to 22 February 2005]

The Parliament of Australia enacts:

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the General Insurance Supervisory Levy Imposition Amendment Act 2005.

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2 Commencement

This Act commences on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

3 Schedule(s)

Each Act that is specified in a Schedule to this Act is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this Act has effect according to its terms.

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Schedule 1—Amendment of the General Insurance Supervisory Levy Imposition Act 1998

1 Section 6 (paragraph (a) of the definition of *statutory upper limit*)

Repeal the paragraph, substitute:

(a) in relation to the financial year commencing on 1 July 2005—\$1,500,000; or

2 Subsection 8(1)

Repeal the subsection, substitute:

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), the amount of levy payable by a general insurance company for a financial year is the sum of the restricted levy component and the unrestricted levy component for the financial year.
 - Note: For *restricted levy component*, see subsection (1A). For *unrestricted levy component*, see subsection (1B).
- (1A) The *restricted levy component* for the financial year is:
 - (a) unless paragraph (b) or (c) applies—the amount that, for the financial year, is the restricted levy percentage of the general insurance company's asset value; or
 - (b) if the amount worked out under paragraph (a) exceeds the maximum restricted levy amount for the financial year—the maximum restricted levy amount; or
 - (c) if the amount worked out under paragraph (a) is less than the minimum restricted levy amount for the financial year—the minimum restricted levy amount.
 - Note: The restricted levy percentage, maximum restricted levy amount, minimum restricted levy amount and the method of working out the general insurance company's asset value are as determined under subsection (3).
- (1B) The *unrestricted levy component* for the financial year is the amount that, for the financial year, is the unrestricted levy percentage of the general insurance company's asset value.

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3 Paragraphs 8(3)(a), (b) and (c)

Repeal the paragraphs, substitute:

- (a) the *maximum restricted levy amount* for each financial year; and
- (b) the *minimum restricted levy amount* for each financial year; and
- (c) the *restricted levy percentage* for each financial year; and
- (ca) the unrestricted levy percentage for each financial year; and

4 Subsection 8(4)

Omit "maximum levy amount", substitute "maximum restricted levy amount".

5 Subsection 9(1)

Repeal the subsection, substitute:

- (1) The indexation factor for a financial year is the number worked out by:
 - (a) dividing the index number for the March quarter immediately preceding that financial year by the index number for the March quarter immediately preceding that first-mentioned March quarter; and
 - (b) adding 0.030 to the number worked out under paragraph (a).

6 Subsection 9(3)

Omit "subsection (1)", substitute "paragraph (1)(a)".

7 Application and transitional

The amendments made by this Schedule apply in relation to levy payable for:

- (a) the financial year commencing on 1 July 2005; and
- (b) each succeeding financial year.

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Note: The unrestricted levy percentage is as determined under subsection (3).

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