

**Press release**  
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**EUROPEAN RISK MANAGERS COMMENT ON INSURANCE BLOCK EXEMPTION RULES**

The Federation of European Risk Management Associations (FERMA) has responded to revised European Commission proposals for competition rules applicable to agreements in the insurance sector, known as the insurance block exemption rules (BER). The current BER will expire on 31 March 2010.

FERMA's comments are in the attached document. Please contact Florence Bindelle or me (numbers below) if you have any questions.

FERMA is made up of 20 national risk management associations of 18 countries. It represents over 4,000 individual members and a wide range of business sectors from manufacturing to financial services, charities and health organisations, as well as local government organisations.

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