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### **A.M. Best Publishes the Results of the Consultation Process for “Rating Reinsurance Pools”**

Effective 20 June 2013, The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) has published new guidelines, CRA III, which have introduced a variety of new disclosure / consultation requirements where new criteria reports are introduced, or where material changes are made to the existing methodology. These include notifying ESMA when a consultation is beginning regarding a new criteria report, publishing details of individual responses, and publishing any changes following that consultation.

A.M. Best has undertaken a consultation process regarding the new criteria report, Rating of Reinsurance Pools, consistent with existing practices. However, Rating Reinsurance Pools was released for public comment on 21 May 2013 which predates the implementation of CRA III and as such it is not possible to retrospectively comply with the new requirements. As such, A.M. Best is publishing the results of the consultation rather than publishing details of individual responses.

The proposed draft of the new criteria, Rating Reinsurance Pools, received only a small number of responses. The responses were general in nature and no changes have been made to the final version as a result of the consultation process.