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INSURANCE INNOVATION

UPDATE ON REGULATORY STATUS

PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION BILL (PPI BILL)

UPDATE	Information protection is an aspect of safeguarding a person's right to privacy. Since the Protection of Personal Information Bill is yet to be passed, the protection of personal information is governed in South Africa by the common law and Section 14 of the Constitution, which provides that everyone has the right to privacy. There is some South African legislation which recognises the principle of protecting personal information including the Promotion of Access to Information Act, the Electronic Communications and Transactions Act and the National Credit Act.
LEGAL STATUS / REGULATIONS	Despite earlier indications that deliberations on the PPI would resume in June 2011, the technical working committee established to deal with the Bill did not convene in June 2011. Ad Hoc Committee dealing with the Protection of Information Bill (PI Bill) had earlier aimed to finalise the PI Bill by the end of June 2011, but has since requested and received an extension to continue its deliberations until September 2011. Work on the PPI Bill is likely to be stalled until the PI Bill is finalised. The technical committee on the Protection of Personal Information Bill continued with deliberations on the Bill in Parliament during the second week of October. Submissions on the Bill were received from the Financial Services Board (FSB) and the Financial Intelligence Centre (FIC). Both parties expressed concern over various provisions in the Bill. No indication was provided as to when the technical committee will next meet.
DATE ASSENTED BY THE PRESIDENT	To be referred to the president for assent after being passed by Parliament.
EFFECTIVE DATES	To be determined after the Bill has been assented to by the President.