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**TO: REINSURANCE COMPANIES
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REINSURANCE BROKERS
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INSURANCE AGENTS**

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EFFECTIVE DATE: MARCH 1, 2020**

**SUBJECT: REQUIREMENT FOR HOSTING OF DATA IN PRIMARY AND
SECONDARY DATA CENTERS LOCATED IN THE UNITED
REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA**

1. BACKGROUND

The Authority has noted an increase of automation in collecting, processing and storing insurance business data by insurance registrants. The automation is intended to increase efficiency in insurance business it is for that reason the Authority continues to encourage increased automation in insurance business. While taking cognizance of that, the Authority remain conscious of the fact that the Authority has powers to inspect the registrants as mandated under section 142(1) of the Insurance Act No. 10 of 2009 (Cap 394) for the purposes of effective regulation and supervision. In exercise of those powers, the Authority may require access to registrants' data centers. It has been noted that some of the registrants' data are maintained in primary or secondary or both data centers located outside the United Republic of

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Tanzania. This may hinder the Authority from accessing the data for jurisdictional or any other reason while exercising its mandated function of supervision and regulation of insurance sector.

2. AUTHORITY

According to section 6(2)(d) and (e) of the Insurance Act No. 10 of 2009, the Authority is mandated with the function of effecting supervision and monitoring of insurance registrants as well as formulating the standards in the conduct of the business of insurance. This Circular is therefore, issued by the Commissioner of Insurance by virtue of the powers to formulate and enforce standards in the conduct of the business of insurance conferred upon him under section 11(b) of the Insurance Act No. 10 of 2009.

3.0 CIRCULAR DIRECTIVES

All reinsurance companies, insurance companies, reinsurance brokers and agents are hereby directed to host and maintain their primary and secondary data in data centers located within the United Republic of Tanzania **by June 30, 2020**. Thus, any such insurance registrants found in contravention of this circular shall be subjected to stringent regulatory and legal measures including consistent with the provisions of the Insurance Act No. 10 of 2009 (Cap 394) and other prevailing laws in the United Republic of Tanzania.



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