

CASE STUDY

Transactional Review

Independent Audit to **Strengthen Accuracy** of
Risk Written Bordereaux Reporting

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“The transactional audit provided valuable insight into the reliability of the bordereaux data we receive. The detailed review strengthened our confidence in the information used for underwriting and renewal decisions and highlighted clear opportunities for improvement.”

Global Reinsurance Carrier

Client: Global Reinsurance Carrier



The Challenge

A global reinsurance carrier operating across US and international assumed reinsurance programs relied on cedant-submitted risk written bordereaux to support underwriting decisions, program renewals, and downstream reporting.

However, validating the accuracy and completeness of this data presented ongoing challenges. Bordereaux were often submitted at an aggregated level with limited supporting documentation; reducing transparency over how premiums, limits, and attachment points were calculated. Additional complexity arose from multi-currency reporting, broker placement percentages, facultative inuring arrangements, and adjustable premiums linked to exposure changes.

The client required independent assurance that critical risk data was accurate, complete, and reliable, and that discrepancies could be identified and addressed in a structured and practical way.



Up to 100 risks tested per engagement

Detailed transactional audit approach



Multi-program audit scope

Worldwide assumed reinsurance programs



Data accuracy and completeness assessed

Premiums, limits, and attachments reviewed



Actionable recommendations delivered

Improving bordereaux reliability

Our Approach

We were engaged to conduct large-scale transactional audits across multiple assumed reinsurance programmes, focusing on the accuracy and completeness of cedant-submitted risk written bordereaux.

Working collaboratively with the client, we identified representative samples of risks across targeted programs. We engaged with brokers and cedants to explain the purpose and requirements of the audit, ensuring clarity and cooperation throughout the process.

File-level testing was supported by detailed review of underlying documentation, including policy declaration pages, facultative certificates, premium adjustment calculations and supporting schedules. Following completion of the reviews, we developed structured query schedules to document variances, highlight missing information, and support resolution with cedants.

The Results

The transactional audits provided the client with improved transparency and greater confidence in the quality of bordereaux data used for underwriting and renewal decision-making.

We identified instances where premiums reported on risk written bordereaux differed materially from underlying documentation, as well as gaps in reported limits and attachment points. By normalizing figures to a full 100 percent basis, we supported clearer reconciliation back to original policy terms.

In one recent audit, a review of fewer than 100 bordereaux entries identified that over one fifth of the risks reviewed contained significant premium discrepancies, with reported premiums misstated by more than ten percent. These findings enabled targeted recommendations to improve reporting accuracy and reduce the risk of downstream decisions based on incomplete or inaccurate data.

NEXT STEPS

Following completion of the audit, the findings were used to inform ongoing engagement with cedants and brokers, supporting improvements in bordereaux production and documentation standards.

We continue to support the client by using transactional audit insights to strengthen reinsurance controls, improve data reliability, and enhance confidence in downstream reporting and decision-making.



Get in Touch

Given market-wide challenges in validating the accuracy and completeness of cedant-submitted bordereaux, independent transactional audits provide an effective way to strengthen data quality and reporting confidence.

If you would like to explore how transactional review can deliver ongoing, actionable insight while supporting stronger reinsurance controls, please get in touch.

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