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1.3	MetLife is a keen proponent of the Single Market and related attempts to harmonise legislation across Europe. We therefore agree with EIOPA that it is vital for joint and consistent preparatory actions to be taken at a European level to maximize the benefits of a harmonized approach.	
1.4	The Guidelines are meant to help NCAs and undertakings to prepare for Solvency II. EIOPA suggests that the Guidelines should be applied in a manner that is both proportionate and practical and allows for some flexibility. We would endorse this. MetLife is restructuring its European operations in such a way that most of our subsidiaries will become branches of MetLife Europe Limited. This restructuring is expected to be complete prior to the effective date of Solvency II. Given that regulatory requirements differ for subsidiaries and branches, we would ask that NCAs are mindful of EIOPA's flexible approach to the Guidelines and consider the structure of our operations as they will be upon full implementation of Solvency II.	
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1.6	The Guidelines are to be put in place « from 1st Janaury 2014 » - with the key word being FROM and that the purpose of the Guidelines are to encourage demonstrable progress during 2014 and 2015 toward capability of full compliance on effective dat – assumed to be 01/01/2016. We would stress that entities are allowed to demonstrate progress throughout the preparatory phase.	
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