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1.14	The paragraph states "National competent authorities should ensure that insurance and reinsurance undertakings and groups take the appropriate steps to". Whilst the application of these guidelines will be clear for most entities it is not clear how they would apply to third country branches of non EEA Reinsurers.	
	As a UK branch of an Indian insurance company, General Insurance Corporation of India ('GIC') would welcome clarity on how the guidelines (and the wider Solvency II Directive) are expected to apply to third country branches. To date we still have no clarity on how Article 174 applies and TCBs have received conflicting messages from the regulator.	

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	GIC is a large, international reinsurer wholly owned by the Government of India and regulated by the Insurance Regulatory & Development Authority (IRDA), the Indian insurance regulator. IRDA is a member of the IAIS. The global premium income of the Company for the year ending 31st March 2013 was £1.76 billion, and its assets are approximately valued at £ 7.43 billion. GIC UK Branch is however a small EU based establishment, accounting for around 2.6% of the global premium income of GIC	
	To apply full SII requirements (and the guidelines) to the level of GIC would, in our opinion, be disproportionate and we would welcome clarity on this matter.	
	We recommend the guidelines (and the full SII requirements when implemented) should apply at the level of the EEA branch only. The guidelines (and the full SII requirements when implemented) should not apply in full to the entire entity. It is our opinion that only the qualitative aspects of Pillar II should apply to the entire entity (systems & controls governance, internal audit, actuarial function, compliance function, fit & proper requirements etc.).	
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