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**NOTE REGARDING THE UPDATING OF SYLLABUSES FOR MODULES A1,  
A2, F1, F2 AND F3.**

For some time, the Examining Committee has been conscious of the need to ensure that we are up to date as regards: (i) the content of the syllabus for each Module and (ii) the respective bibliographies and lists of supporting law cases.

During the latter half of 2019 a sub-committee comprising the undersigned, plus Andrew Slade, Robert Tomlinson and 4 newly qualified Fellows (Peter Fei, William Lai, George Margaritopoulos, Joseph Shead) was tasked with thinking about the detail of the proposed updating exercise. They duly deliberated and reported their recommendations. The Association is very grateful to the individuals concerned for their extremely valuable input.

Charlotte Warr of Sarnia Training was kind enough to review the draft versions of the amended syllabuses and again we express our thanks to Charlotte for her insights and thoughts.

**Associateship Level Examinations (A1, A2)**

An explanatory note was circulated to all Members and Subscribers on 11 December 2019. I include it as an Appendix below for the convenience of readers.

**Fellowship Level Examinations (F1,F2,F3)**

The **amended syllabuses** for these 3 Modules are now available on the AAA website: <https://www.average-adjusters.com/>. They are dated January 2020 but **they will not apply to the examinations scheduled for March 2020**. Examinations based on the amended syllabuses will be set as from **March 2021**. (The existing and amended syllabuses will be posted simultaneously on our website until the completion of the March 2020 examinations, after which the existing syllabuses will be withdrawn). The general changes, applicable to all 3 Modules, may be summarised as follows:

**A. Reorganisation of topics.**

The revised content of each syllabus is as follows:

- Module F1: General Average / Salvage / Carriage of Goods by Sea / Miscellaneous
- Module F2: Hull & Machinery / Loss of Hire / War Risks / Cargo / Miscellaneous

- Module F3: Collisions / Recoveries / Freight / Miscellaneous

It will be noted that the sections relating to Cargo and War Risks have been transferred from F3 to F2. As regards the Miscellaneous category, previously also forming part of F3, the various topics for study have been distributed over all three Modules. Each syllabus now contains a guide as to the approximate distribution of the marks per topic.

## **B. Updating of Law cases and Bibliographies**

The lists of law cases applicable to each section have been revised. A new feature is that a distinction is now made between those cases (appearing in bold print) where Candidates are required to be very familiar with the facts, decisions and judicial effects, and the remaining cases which need to be noted as being relevant but need not be studied in any great depth.

As regards the bibliographies, we are unable to do more than refer to the textbooks that we believe to be relevant and indicate the latest available editions of which we are aware. By way of generally available material, the AAA website contains under the "Resources" tab a variety of reports and opinions as follows:

1. Reports Published by the Association
2. Advisory Committee Opinions
3. Wise Words from the Chair
4. Articles published by Fellows and Friends
5. Legal Updates
6. Marine Insurance Documentation

(For instance, the 1972 AAA Report of the Special Committee on Deductibles is available under 1 above).

The website of the International Underwriting Association of London Limited (IUA) is available under the "Links" tab of the AAA site. Its on-line library contains the following array of clauses:

Marine Institute Clauses (208)	Joint Liability Clauses (21)
Joint Cargo Clauses (55)	Joint Rig Clauses (62)
Joint Excess of Loss Clauses (5)	Joint Specie Clauses (6)
Joint Hull Clauses (51)	Joint War Clauses (5)

We have confirmed with the IUA that, although these clauses are protected by copyright, they may be downloaded and used for private study by candidates intending to sit the AAA Examinations.

The French language not-for-profit organisation "Fortunes de Mer" maintains a very useful library of international marine clauses. For example, the hull clauses are available at: <http://www.fortunes-de-mer.com/mer/en/forms-clauses/hulls-conditions.html>

### **C. Further Information/Questions**

If you have any concerns or questions, please email them to: [admin@average-adjusters.com](mailto:admin@average-adjusters.com), marked for my attention. Unless we detect a heavy demand, we do not intend to set up any webinars in relation to the updating of these 3 Modules.

Keith J Martin, Chief Examiner of the AAA  
January 2020.

## **APPENDIX – NOTE CIRCULATED ON 11 DECEMBER 2019**

### **Revised Syllabuses for Modules A1 and A2**

The AAA is pleased to announce that the syllabuses for Modules A1 and A2 have been updated and may now be found on our website under the Examinations tab: <https://www.average-adjusters.com/>. Please note that the updated syllabuses for these Modules will be applicable to the examinations scheduled for October 2020 and subsequently thereafter, until further notice.

We can confirm that for Candidates planning to take either or both of these Modules in March 2020, there are no alterations to the existing published syllabuses, which will remain available on the website until the completion of the March 2020 examination session.

[Details followed of two webinars, held in December 2019, which were attended by a total of 2 participants. The recorded webinar commentary is available under the Examinations tab, mentioned above.]