

| Switzerland | Vermont | Nevada | Bermuda |
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| Federal Law on the Supervision of Private Insurance institutions of June 23, 1978, as amended. | Title 8 Vermont Statutes, Chapters 141 and 142; Captive Insurance Regulation 81-2; Captive Insurance Regulation 99-2; Captive Insurance Regulation C-2006-02 | Chapter 649C – Captive Insurers, as amended | Insurance Act 1978, as amended |
| Federal Office of Private Insurance | Vermont Department of Banking, Insurance, Securities and Health Care Administration | Division of Insurance, Nevada Department of Business & Industry | Bermuda Monetary Authority, a division of Registrar of Companies |
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| No | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| N/a | Included in main Statute | Included in main Statute | Segregated Accounts Company Act 2000, as amended |
| CHF3 million | \$250,000 | \$200,000 | \$120,000 |
| Risk based – minimum of CHF300,000 above minimum capital | No formal solvency requirements exists. The general benchmark is a minimum of \$1 of surplus for every \$5 of net written premium and premium and surplus sufficient to pay at least one full limit loss | No formal solvency requirements exists. The general benchmark is a minimum of \$1 of surplus for every \$5 of net written premium and premium and surplus sufficient to pay at least one full limit loss | For Licence Classes 1 and 2 (the majority of captives in Bermuda) whichever is the higher of the following: (1) 20% of Net Written Premiums on the first \$6,000,000 and 10% of Net Written Premiums in excess of \$6,000,000 or (2) 10% of loss reserves |
| Capital tax: 0.07% | No capital duty. Minimum premium tax: \$7,500 | No capital duty | Annual government fee: \$4,070 minimum. Graduated increase, based on assessable capital, to a maximum of \$31,120. |
| Annual insurance licence fee: CHF3,000 | Annual insurance licence fee: \$300 | Annual insurance licence fee: \$300 | Registration/annual business insurance fee: Upwards of \$971; subject to licence class of company |
| Registration/authorisation fees: CHF2,500 | Initial application fee:\$4,500 | Application fees: \$875 Incorporation fees: \$500 | Various application/registration fees: \$479 |
| | Periodic examinations. Single parent captives typically \$10,000–\$12,000 | Actuarial certification: \$10,000 | |
| Federal rate: 8.5%; Canton rate: 12.66% to 25.45%; Effective rate for captives: 10–12% | 35% | 35% | Exempt rate of o% |
| No | No | No | No |
| Pre application meeting with regulator; formal business plan submission; approval; company incorporation; approx 3–6 months | Pre application meeting with regulator; formal application submission; approval; company incorporation; approximately 30 days | Pre application meeting with regulator; formal business plan submission; approval; company incorporation; approx 2 months | Submission of business plan; approval; company incorporation; approx 30 days in total |
| 48 (estimated) | 839 licensed captives | 134 licensed captives; 123 active | 1253 (as at 30.11.08; Licence classes 1, 2 and 3); cell numbers not reported individually |
| Between 25 and 50 | Less than 10 | Less than 10 | More than 100 |
| German, French, Italian | English | English | English |
| Very developed; few captive managers represented; leading banking, legal and other services all available; highly skilled workforce locally reducing some of the staff turnover issues seen in offshore locations; international reinsurance centre | Very developed; all major captive managers represented; audit and legal services all available; local workforce capabilities reduce some of the staff turnover issues seen in offshore locations | Developing; most major captive managers represented; audit and legal services all available; local workforce capabilities reduce some of the staff turnover issues seen in offshore locations | Very developed; all major captive managers represented; very significant global insurers and reinsurers present; major audit firms present |
| GMT+1 | GMT-5 | GMT-8 | GMT-4 |
| None at present | Vermont Captive Insurance Association (VCIA) | Nevada Captive Insurance Association | Bermuda Insurance Managers Association (BIMA) |
| Aon, Marsh, Sogecore, Zurich Insurance | Aon, Artex, Beecher Carlson, Liberty Mutual Management, Marsh, USA Risk, SB&T Management, Strategic Risk Solutions, Wells Fargo Insurance Management, Willis | Aon, Keystate, Marsh, Sonora, USA Risk, Willis | Aon, Artex, Beecher Carlson, Liberty Mutual Management, Marsh, Quest, USA Risk, Willis |
| Yes – annual | Yes – annual | Yes – annual | Yes – annual |

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