Property catastrophe insurance







Commercial and individual lines (buildings and contents insurance)

Peril	Compulsory cover	Standard cover	Optional/ additional cover	Market penetration
Windstorm		\checkmark		NA
Hailstorm		\checkmark		NA
Lightning — direct hit		\checkmark		NA
Lightning — surge			\checkmark	NA
River flooding			\checkmark	NA
Overflow of stagnant waters			\checkmark	NA
Torrential rain			\checkmark	NA
Storm surge		\checkmark		NA
Earthquake			\checkmark	NA
Snow pressure			\checkmark	NA
Avalanche			\checkmark	NA
Frost			\checkmark	NA
Landslide			\checkmark	NA
Subsidence			\checkmark	NA
Collapsing sinkhole			\checkmark	NA
Volcanic eruption				
Meteor strike				
Tsunami				

Tariffs, deductibles and risk prevention	Insurance penetration for the few perils for which cover is standard is estimated at two- thirds for home/household and 85% for multi-apartment buildings. SMEs are mostly insured. There is no data on the insurance penetration for perils that fall outside standard coverage, but it is estimated to be significantly lower. Tariffs are set by individual insurance companies.		
Sales, underwriting and claims processes	The sales, underwriting and claims processes are handled by insurance companies.		
State intervention	In line with the Natural Disasters Act, the state provides coverage for damage caused by natural disasters to individual, commercial, local community or state property. State intervention is triggered when the estimated total direct damage exceeds 0.3 % of planned state budget income. Perils covered include earthquakes, floods, landslides, avalanches, subsidence and hail.		
	Obtaining state compensation is time consuming. Moreover, the budget has been reduced as a result of austerity measures. However, the fact that, if state intervention is triggered, there is only a small difference between the state compensation for insureds and non- insureds reduces the incentive for individuals to take out natcat insurance. This explains why the market penetration of natural hazards insurance is low in private lines.		