

Market Update

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Flooding in Germany



Continuing rainfall in parts of Central Europe and states in the South and to the East of Germany, have caused the worst flooding of this century causing even more damage than the previous catastrophic floods of 2002.

Some of the worst flooding has been around the Danube river, which starts in Germany and passes through Austria, Slovakia and Hungary. Large stretches of the Rhine, Main and Neckar rivers have been closed to ship traffic.

The German cities of Passau and Rosenheim and the Bavarian county of Miesbach and the Berchtesgadener Land as well as the cities of Zwickau and Chemnitz have declared a state of emergency with motorways and rail lines closed. Many areas had to be evacuated. Electricity supplies have been shut down as a precaution.

The German army has sent 1,760 soldiers to assist local authorities and volunteers in placing sandbags and evacuating residents by boat.

High water levels are also affecting wide areas of Austria and Switzerland with the emergency services working round the clock to provide assistance which is particularly difficult in areas affected by landslides. The border town Ettenau has been evacuated because the river Salzach burst its banks.

In the Czech Republic there is a threat of the river Moldau flooding the old town in the city of Prague.

In view of the influx of claims relating to the catastrophe, Crawford has mobilised its experienced adjusters to provide disaster response for those affected by flooding across Germany and its adjacent neighbouring counties once the waters abate.

Crawford has significant adjusting expertise working across most of the affected areas.

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