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When Disaster Strikes, New Rules Apply

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As we head into the Atlantic hurricane season, and as we witness the devastation that recently occurred in Japan, it is important to note that, when disasters strike, it is important for public adjusters to be familiar with and comply with any emergency rules and regulations of a particular area in the wake of the natural disaster.

For instance, States like Florida and California, as well as others, have special rules in place (fee caps, etc.) for a declared catastrophe. Foreign countries also have rules and regulations that vary a great deal regarding public adjusters.

If you travel to an area that has been struck by a natural disaster such as a hurricane, tornado or earthquake, or if you are called by a property or business owner in such a jurisdiction, it is imperative that you fully understand and follow any applicable rules for handling loss events under such circumstances.