

**Massachusetts Private Passenger Automobile
Statistical Plan
Part VII – Statistical Data Quality Program**

Section A - Statistical Data Quality Components

1. STATISTICAL SUBMISSIONS (continued)

e. Acceptable Shipments

For a shipment to be accepted by CAR, it must be received in processable condition as specified in the Accounting/Statistical Submission Reporting Instructions contained in the CAR Statistical Edit Package. In addition, the shipment must be in balance with its corresponding statistical and accounting summary control totals, and in statistically acceptable condition such that its statistical error content must be less than 15% of the shipment or less than 100 records. Note that the statistical error criteria will apply separately for premiums, paid losses, and outstanding losses, and on a subline basis. Additionally, for those companies affiliated with a group, statistical data must be reported at the individual company number level or the shipment will be considered incomplete and unacceptable.

A record is considered to be a statistical error record when it has one or more statistical errors. A record is considered to be a verification only error record when it has no statistical errors, but has one or more verification errors. Refer to CAR's Statistical Edit Package for a description of these errors. Verification errors are not included in the determination of error percentages or error record counts. The statistical error criteria will be waived for a particular shipment if the company confirms in writing to CAR that the shipment's error content exceeds the 15% tolerance because the submission contains offsets for previously reported error records, and consequently these offsets have caused the error percentage to exceed 15%.



Companies that have not reported complete and acceptable shipments to CAR by the shipment due date will be subject to Statistical Data Quality Penalties. Note that penalties are based on the receipt date at CAR of the last acceptable portion of the particular accounting month's shipment, and will therefore be the same if one portion of the shipment or the entire shipment is late or unacceptable. In addition, note that shipments received on weekends or holidays will be assigned the receipt date of the next CAR business day following the weekend or holiday. Refer to Section B – Statistical Data Quality Penalties of the Statistical Data Quality Program for specific penalty information.

f. Limits In Excess (LEX) Records

Any record with an extremely high exposure, premium dollar amount, or loss dollar amount (according to the chart below) will be identified for CAR Staff to review. Note that for the premium dollar tolerances, bodily injury and property damage premium amounts are checked separately for liability records and collision and other than collision premium amounts are checked separately for physical damage records. Also, note that Commuter Discount records are excluded from the relevant exposure checks.

LEX Tolerance Levels	
Field	Tolerance
Exposure	-120 to +120 exposures
Premium Dollar Amount	-\$10,000 to +\$10,000
Loss Dollar Amount	-\$500,000 to +\$500,000