November 6, 2014

BULLETIN #1312

RE: EXPORT LIST HEARING SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 10, 2014

The California Department of Insurance (CDI) is planning to hold its annual public hearing on the Export List on December 10, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. The hearing will take place at the CDI’s San Francisco hearing room, 45 Fremont Street, 22nd Floor. At this hearing, CDI will take testimony on the Export List.

Attached is the CDI’s formal hearing notice and a current copy of the Export List for your review.

SLA Testimony
The SLA will be presenting information at the annual CDI Export List hearing.

The SLA may also testify on your behalf at the CDI hearing if so desired. If you wish to suggest an addition to the Export List, and you can demonstrate that the coverage is not available in the admitted market, SLA will testify on your behalf at the CDI hearing. Specifically, you must provide firsthand, written testimony verifying that the coverage is generally unavailable in the admitted market. In addition, please provide written declinations from admitted carriers stating that they are unwilling to underwrite policies for the specific coverage or risk. The evidence must convince CDI that the broker has surveyed the entire spectrum of California admitted carriers known for insuring the risk.

If you would like to suggest a deletion from the Export List, and you can demonstrate that coverage is available from at least three admitted carriers, SLA will also testify on your behalf at the hearing. Specifically, you must provide firsthand, written testimony that the coverage is available from at least three carriers in the admitted market.

If you wish the SLA to present a request on your behalf in its testimony, then please send any Export List request and substantiating documentation to Benjamin J. McKay, SLA Executive Director, by Friday, December 5, 2014.

Sincerely,

Benjamin J. McKay, J.D., M.P.A.
Executive Director
Surplus Line Association of California
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING EXPORT LIST

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Insurance Commissioner of the State of California will hold a public hearing, at the time and place set forth below, concerning the renewal of the export list in the surplus lines area.

December 10, 2014
10:00 a.m.
Department of Insurance
45 Fremont Street, 22nd Floor
San Francisco, California 94105

THE HEARING ROOM IS ACCESSIBLE TO PERSONS WITH MOBILITY IMPAIRMENTS. IF ACCOMMODATIONS NEED TO BE MADE FOR OTHER DISABILITIES, SUCH AS HEARING IMPAIRMENT, PLEASE PHONE THE CONTACT PERSON LISTED IN THIS NOTICE BY DECEMBER 1 SO ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE.

EXPORT LIST
Pursuant to Insurance Code Section 1763.1, the Commissioner may by order declare permissible for placement for a California home state insured with a nonadmitted insurer and exempt from all the requirements of Section 1763, except the filing of a confidential written report, any type of insurance coverage or risk for which he or she finds after a public hearing that there is not a reasonable or adequate market among admitted insurers.

Pursuant to this mandate, the Commissioner has previously collected information on whether or not there is a reasonable or adequate market among admitted insurers for certain risks or coverages. The Department reviewed the export lists in other states. We contacted California surplus line brokers and surveyed them as to the risks most placed by them. We received industry input from admitted carriers and through the Surplus Line Association. We also have held annual public hearings and solicited public comment from all interested parties including surplus line brokers, admitted insurers, trade associations representing admitted insurers, agents and brokers, and consumer groups to provide us with evidence of a lack of a reasonable or adequate market amongst admitted carriers for a particular risk or coverage. After this process, the Department adopted the attached EXPORT LIST.

RENEWAL
Pursuant to Insurance Code Section 1763.1 a public hearing shall be held annually regarding the export list. The above noticed hearing is being set to take testimony on the export list to see if any items should be added or removed.

In preparing your comments and/or testimony please be aware that items not appearing on this list will still be exportable but subject to the full documentation of the search being performed pursuant to Insurance Code Section 1763.
HEARING AND WRITTEN TESTIMONY

As stated before, this hearing is public and interested parties may testify as time permits. The hearing will be structured with time and place priority afforded to those who have signed up in advance to speak. If you wish to sign up in advance to speak submit your written request to the contact person listed below.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT IN ORDER FOR THE COMMISSIONER TO CONSIDER ADDING A RISK OR COVERAGE TO THE EXPORT LIST, THE COMMISSIONER MUST HAVE EVIDENCE THAT THERE IS NOT AN ADEQUATE OR REASONABLE MARKET FOR THE RISK OR COVERAGE IN THE ADMITTED MARKET. SUBMISSION OF A STATEMENT SIMPLY REQUESTING A RISK OR COVERAGE TO BE ADDED TO THE LIST WITHOUT OTHER SUPPORTING EVIDENCE OF THE LACK OF AN ADEQUATE OR REASONABLE ADMITTED MARKET WILL NOT BE ENOUGH FOR THE COMMISSIONER TO ADD A RISK OR COVERAGE TO THE LIST.

All written testimony, comments, or documents must be sent to the Department of Insurance in triplicate (original and two copies) and received by the Department of Insurance at the address given below no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 10, 2014. All written testimony received at the hearings will be considered part of the hearing record. The Department of Insurance will not accept any written testimony, comments, or documents which are transmitted to it by facsimile.

Please direct any questions regarding this notice, opportunities to testify, and written submissions for the record, to: Carol Frair, Senior Staff Counsel, California Department of Insurance, 45 Fremont Street, 24th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94105, (415) 538-4408.

DATED: October 29, 2014

DAVE JONES
Insurance Commissioner

By Carol F. Frair, Senior Staff Counsel
ACCIDENT/DISABILITY
  BRIDGE PLAN*
  HIGH LIMITS DISABILITY**
  INTERNATIONAL MAJOR MEDICAL

AUTOMOBILES
  EXOTIC/CLASSIC/ANTIQUE AUTOS WITH A VALUE IN EXCESS OF $100,000

AVIATION
  AVIATION EXCESS LIABILITY
  SHORT TERM MEDIA/ENTERTAINMENT NON-OWNED CONTINGENT AIRCRAFT LIABILITY
  (FILM/ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCTIONS)

CRIME
  EXCESS CRIME
  KIDNAP & RANSOM

FIRE & ALLIED LINES
  AMUSEMENT PARKS/CARNIVALS AND AMUSEMENT DEVICES
  COMMERCIAL DIC/STAND ALONE EARTHQUAKE
  DISASTER INCOME PROTECTION
  EXCESS FLOOD
  EXPLOSIVE MANUFACTURING/SALES/STORAGE
  HAY IN THE OPEN
  HOMEOWNERS EARTHQUAKE/EXCESS LIMITS OR DEDUCTIBLE BUYBACK
  INDIVIDUAL INSUREDS WITH LARGE SCHEDULES WHERE THE TIV (TOTAL INSURED VALUES) ARE
  IN EXCESS OF $500 MILLION
  SAWMILLS
  VACANT BUILDINGS

GENERAL LIABILITY
  AMBULANCE SERVICES INCLUDING PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY
  AMUSEMENT PARKS/CARNIVALS/DEVICES
  BLASTING CONTRACTORS
  BUILDING MOVING
  CLINICAL AND SIMILAR TESTS OF PHARMACEUTICAL, MEDICAL, BIOLOGICAL & OTHER
  SIMILAR PRODUCTS
  CONTRACTORS ENGAGED IN CONSTRUCTION OF NEW TRACT HOMES AND/OR NEW CONDOMINIUMS
  CRANE & RIGGING CONTRACTORS
  DEMOLITION CONTRACTORS
  EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES LIABILITY
  ENVIRONMENTAL IMPAIRMENT REMEDIATION AND POLLUTION LIABILITY
  EXCESS LIABILITY WHERE PART OF UNDERLYING IS NONADMITTED
  EXPLOSIVES INCLUDING MANUFACTURING/SALES/STORAGE
  FIREWORKS DISPLAYS
  FOSTER FAMILY (OCCURRENCE BASED ONLY)
  HOT AIR BALLOON
  LIMITS THAT ATTACH IN EXCESS OF $150 MILLION
GENERAL LIABILITY
- Oilfield Contractors
- Outfitters and Guides
- Patent/Trademark/Copyright Infringement
- Products Recall
- Products/Completed Operations (Written on a Stand Alone Basis)
- Seasonal or Mobile Fairs, Concessionaires, Vendors and Fairs, With or Without Liquor Liability
- Security Guard Services
- Short Term Media/Entertainment Railroad Protective Liability (Film/Entertainment Productions)
- Short Term Special Events (Excluding Hole-in-One)
- Tattoo and Body Piercing Shops

INLAND MARINE
- All vessels in excess of 30 feet and rated with a maximum speed of 45 mph
- Any vessel/with a maximum rated speed in excess of 55 mph
- Excess Motor Truck Cargo
- Personal Articles Floaters written on a stand alone basis where the value of the schedule is in excess of $1M or contains a single item(s) over $100,000

MISCELLANEOUS
- Event Cancellation
- Political Risks Including Expropriation, Confiscation, Unfair Calling
- Prize Indemnification (Excluding Hole-in-One Coverage)
- Short Term Media/Entertainment Failure to Survive for $5 Million and Over (Film/Entertainment Productions)

PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY/ERRORS & OMISSION
- Architects & Engineers/Condo Coverage Only
- Campaign Treasurers
- Creditors’ Committees
- Physician/Medical Group/Hospital Billing E/O
- Tattoo & Body Piercing Shops E/O

*The Bridge Plan covers 65 year old people who must wait a certain period before they can enroll in Medicare. These people either 1) failed to meet the residency requirement of Medicare and must wait 5 years to meet the residency requirement or 2) failed to enroll during the proper Medicare enrollment period and now must wait a brief period before they are eligible to enroll.

**High Limits Disability is coverage that offers benefit amounts over the admitted market maximum issue and participation limits and/or includes occupations which are not eligible through the admitted markets.