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RE: DISCLOSURE FORM

Effective January 1, 2005, the California Insurance Code Section 1764.1 as amended by AB 2490 expands the commercial lines exemption for the D-1 & D-2 disclosure notice forms to personal lines. The expansion allows homeowner's policies written in surplus lines to be bound before the D-1 form is signed, but only if the applicant requires insurance coverage to be bound immediately and the applicant is unable to meet with the producer to sign the D-1. The producer must obtain a signed D-1 form from the insurance applicant within 5 days after binding coverage. In addition, the applicant is given five days after receiving a copy of the D-1 form to cancel coverage.

The enclosed D-1 and D-2 forms become effective January 1, 2005 and unless extended by the Legislature, expire on January 1, 2008. The enclosed forms include a new paragraph informing all applicants of this exception and of their right to cancel coverage within five days.

Theodore M. Pierce Executive Director

Attachment

NOTICE

- 1. THE INSURANCE POLICY THAT YOU ARE APPLYING TO PURCHASE IS BEING ISSUED BY AN INSURER THAT IS NOT LICENSED BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. THESE COMPANIES ARE CALLED "NONADMITTED" OR "SURPLUS LINE" INSURERS.
- 2. THE INSURER IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE FINANCIAL SOLVENCY REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT WHICH APPLIES TO CALIFORNIA LICENSED INSURERS.
- 3. THE INSURER DOES NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THE INSURANCE GUARANTEE FUNDS CREATED BY CALIFORNIA LAW. THEREFORE, THESE FUNDS WILL NOT PAY YOUR CLAIMS OR PROTECT YOUR ASSETS IF THE INSURER BECOMES INSOLVENT AND IS UNABLE TO MAKE PAYMENTS AS PROMISED.
- 4. CALIFORNIA MAINTAINS A LIST OF ELIGIBLE SURPLUS LINE INSURERS APPROVED BY THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER. ASK YOUR AGENT OR BROKER IF THE INSURER IS ON THAT LIST.
- 5. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE INSURER YOU SHOULD ASK QUESTIONS OF YOUR INSURANCE AGENT, BROKER, OR "SURPLUS LINE" BROKER OR CONTACT THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, AT THE FOLLOWING TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE NUMBER: 1-800-927-4357.
- 6. IF YOU, AS THE APPLICANT, REQUIRED THAT THE INSURANCE POLICY YOU HAVE PURCHASED BE BOUND IMMEDIATELY, EITHER BECAUSE EXISTING COVERAGE WAS GOING TO LAPSE WITHIN TWO BUSINESS DAYS OR BECAUSE YOU WERE REQUIRED TO HAVE COVERAGE WITHIN TWO BUSINESS DAYS, AND YOU DID NOT RECEIVE THIS DISCLOSURE FORM AND A REQUEST FOR YOUR SIGNATURE UNTIL AFTER COVERAGE BECAME EFFECTIVE, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO CANCEL THIS POLICY WITHIN FIVE DAYS OF RECEIVING THIS DISCLOSURE. IF YOU CANCEL COVERAGE, THE PREMIUM WILL BE PRORATED AND ANY BROKER FEE CHARGED FOR THIS INSURANCE WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU.

Date:	
Insured:	

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