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BULLETIN TO ALL MEMBERS

RE: Northumberland Insurance Company, Ltd.  
Sydney, Australia

The attached letter from the Insurance Department dated March 13, 1967 is directed to you for your information and guidance.



A. L. Lathrop  
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## DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

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Attention: Mr. A. L. Lathrop, Manager

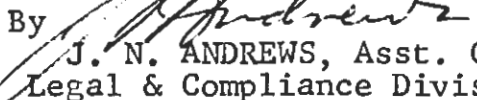
Subject: Northumberland Insurance Company, Ltd.  
Sydney, Australia

Gentlemen:

You have advised us that you have received inquiries on behalf of the above insurer, and inquiries from certain California licensed surplus line brokers about such insurer, both relating to the placing of California risks in such non-admitted insurer.

As you know, the insurance industry in California has had little experience with Australian insurers as security for California risks, and no one in this Department, and so far as we can determine no one in the surplus line insurance industry in this State, has any detailed information relating to the above insurer. Such being the case, and in view of the fact that in recent years a number of insurers of doubtful financial condition and business reputation have been active over the country in obtaining business through the surplus line route, we request that you advise your members not to use the above insurer until the California licensed surplus line broker has demonstrated that it can, on request, furnish "full and complete information respecting the financial stability, reputation and integrity" of such insurer within the meaning of such quoted words as they occur in Section 1765.1 of the Insurance Code.

Very truly yours,

RICHARD S. L. RODDIS,  
Insurance CommissionerBy   
J. N. ANDREWS, Asst. Chief  
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