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Re: Call For Export List Items in Advance of CDI Hearing

The California Department of Insurance (CDI) has issued a pre-hearing notice for an Export List hearing to be held at a date, yet to be determined, in the coming months. The CDI requests that any suggestions for additions or modifications to, or deletions from, the Export List be submitted to the CDI by no later than **5 p.m., May 12, 2025**, so that any proposed changes can be included in the hearing notice that will go out prior to the hearing. No items can be considered for the hearing if not included in the hearing notice.

The CDI notice, which can be accessed here, discusses what types of items can be included in the Export List and what must be included in submissions by individuals wishing to modify the list. Per the CDI, a coverage can be included on the Export List—which enables surplus line brokers to place coverages directly in the surplus lines market without performing a diligent search—if "the Commissioner finds, after a public hearing, that there is not a reasonable or adequate market among admitted insurers or that the type of coverage is for new, innovative products for which a reasonable or adequate market among admitted insurers has not had time to develop. (Cal. Ins. Code §1763.1, subd. (a).)"

The CDI provides the following guidance for submissions:

"In your submission, please indicate the name of the risk or coverage you are requesting to be added to, or deleted from, the Export List. Please word the name of the risk or coverage as you think it should appear in the Export List. This submission is not testimony for the hearing, but will assist CDI in preparing the formal hearing notice by identifying risks or coverages that may be proposed as changes to the Export List, and providing that information to the public in the formal Notice of Export List Public Hearing."

Those wishing to submit an item for the hearing should send their submissions to ExportListHearing@insurance.ca.gov by May 12.

For your reference, the current Export List of types of coverage and risks can be accessed at https://www.insurance.ca.gov/0250-insurers/0300-insurers/0200-bulletins/bulletin-notices-commiss-opinion/upload/BULLETIN-2024-10.pdf.