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REGULATION OF UNAUTHORIZED INSURERS AND INSURANCE

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45-09-01-01. Definitions. Unless otherwise defined, or made inappropriate by context, all words used in this chapter have meanings given to them under North Dakota Century Code chapters 26.1-02, 26.1-26, and 26.1-44.

History: Effective January 1, 1982.
General Authority: NDCC 26.1-44-09
Law Implemented: NDCC 26.1-44

45-09-01-02. Surplus lines insurance producer application. The insurance commissioner will not issue a surplus lines insurance producer's license until the applicant has met the requirements of North Dakota Century Code section 26.1-26-17 and has completed and filed with the commissioner a completed application for a surplus lines insurance producer license.

History: Effective January 1, 1982; amended effective December 1, 2001; January 1, 2008.
General Authority: NDCC 26.1-26-49, 26.1-44-09
Law Implemented: NDCC 26.1-26-17, 26.1-26-18

45-09-01-03. Surplus lines insurance producer may conduct search. An insured is permitted to designate the surplus lines insurance producer as the insured's agent for purposes of conducting a diligent search to ascertain whether the insured is unable to procure the insurance, indemnity contract, or surety bond desired from a company authorized to do business in this state.

History: Effective January 1, 1982; amended effective December 1, 2001.
General Authority: NDCC 26.1-44-09
Law Implemented: NDCC 26.1-44-02

45-09-01-04. Presumption - Diligent search. A presumption that a diligent search has been made by the insured and that the insured was unable to procure the insurance, indemnity contract, or surety bond desired from a company authorized to do business in this state is created when the insurance, contract, or bond is written in one of the categories set out in Appendix I.

History: Effective January 1, 1982; amended effective December 1, 2001; January 1, 2008.

General Authority: NDCC 26.1-44-09

Law Implemented: NDCC 26.1-44-02

45-09-01-05. Other acceptable lines of coverage. The categories designated in Appendix I are not to be considered as the only lines of coverage in which unauthorized insurers may be used. Other categories of coverage not listed may be acceptable because of special underwriting considerations, i.e., losses, high exposure, etc. Any exceptions must be fully explained on the surplus lines affidavit and approved by the insurance commissioner.

The securing of advantage as to lower premium rates or as to the terms of the insurance contract do not constitute justification nor are they special underwriting considerations sufficient to allow the surplus lines broker to use an unauthorized company nor lines of coverage other than those designated in Appendix I.

History: Effective January 1, 1982; amended effective December 1, 2001; January 1, 2008.

General Authority: NDCC 26.1-44-09

Law Implemented: NDCC 26.1-44-02

45-09-01-06. Surplus lines affidavit - Time for filing. Before a surplus lines insurance producer procures, affects, or issues any insurance policy, indemnity contract, or surety bond, the surplus lines insurance producer shall execute, personally sign, and file an affidavit in acceptable form with the office of the commissioner. An affidavit will be deemed filed with the commissioner if it is mailed to the commissioner's office within sixty days of the effective date of the policy.

History: Effective January 1, 1982; amended effective December 1, 2001; January 1, 2008.

General Authority: NDCC 26.1-44-09

Law Implemented: NDCC 26.1-44-02

45-09-01-07. Surplus lines affidavit - Limits on availability. The surplus lines affidavits filed with the insurance commissioner will be made available only to the insured named in the affidavit upon a written request by that insured; to the surplus lines insurance producer who executed the affidavit upon written request of that surplus lines insurance producer; to duly authorized department personnel;

and to any other individual who obtains and files with the commissioner a written waiver and consent form signed by the insured.

History: Effective January 1, 1982; amended effective December 1, 2001.

General Authority: NDCC 26.1-44-09

Law Implemented: NDCC 26.1-44-02

45-09-01-08. Additional policy endorsement requirement. In addition to the endorsement required by North Dakota Century Code section 26.1-44-05, every policy issued under North Dakota Century Code chapter 26.1-44 shall be endorsed as follows: THIS POLICY IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO THE NORTH DAKOTA SURPLUS LINES INSURANCE STATUTE UNDER THE SURPLUS LINES INSURANCE PRODUCER LICENSE OF _____. THE INSURER IS A QUALIFIED SURPLUS LINES INSURER, BUT IS NOT OTHERWISE LICENSED BY THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA AND DOES NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE NORTH DAKOTA INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION.

History: Effective January 1, 1982; amended effective December 1, 2001.

General Authority: NDCC 26.1-44-09

Law Implemented: NDCC 26.1-44-05

45-09-01-09. Statement of taxable premiums. Surplus lines insurance producers are required by North Dakota Century Code section 26.1-44-06 to file annually a statement of taxable premiums received by that surplus lines insurance producer.

History: Effective January 1, 1982; amended effective December 1, 2001; January 1, 2008.

General Authority: NDCC 26.1-44-09

Law Implemented: NDCC 26.1-44-06

APPENDIX I

Categories of Acceptable Surplus Lines Coverage

The following categories of surplus lines coverage are not the only lines which may be written in North Dakota. Other lines of coverage not on this list may be acceptable because of special underwriting considerations. Any exceptions must be fully explained on the surplus lines affidavit and approved by the insurance commissioner.

There is a presumption that the insured is unable, after diligent search, to procure the insurance, indemnity contract, or surety bond desired from a company authorized to do business in this state if the coverage written is in an approved category.

These categories may be changed from time to time at the discretion of the insurance commissioner subject to provisions of North Dakota Century Code chapter 28-32, the Administrative Agencies Practice Act.

1. Fiduciary liability.
2. Professional liability (E & O) except for hospitals.
3. Directors and officers.
4. Ocean marine cargo, liability and hull.
5. Hazardous cargo and short-term trip transit.
6. Bridges (large).
7. Heavy woodworking property (unprotected, high-value sawmills).
8. Product liability (hazardous).
9. Ski lifts and tows' liability.
10. Fireworks, ammunition, fuse, cartridges, power, nitroglycerine, explosive gases.
11. Environmental impairment - pollution.
12. Kidnap ransom.
13. Oil and gas liability and marine.
14. Livestock mortality (high values and unusual).

15. Short tail (hole-in-one, 300 bowling score, etc.).
16. Large utilities (generation, transmission).
17. Building demolition and moving.
18. Mono line liquor legal liability.
19. Surcharged fire and allied lines excluding uncontrolled marine.
20. High-value substandard private passenger automobile.
21. Commercial automobile physical damage coverage in excess of rating organizations' filed rates.
22. Any excess liability coverages.
23. Day care liability insurance coverages.

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General Authority: NDCC 26.1-44-09

Law Implemented: NDCC 26.1-44-02