

January 9, 2006

CIRCULAR LETTER TO ALL MEMBER COMPANIES

Re: Workers Compensation Insurance

Filing for B-1398 – Foreign Terrorism

The Bureau has adopted and the North Carolina Commissioner of Insurance has approved NCCI Item B-1398 – Foreign Terrorism. Separate form and rate/rule filings were made. The filings are effective January 1, 2006.

The form filing introduced form WC 00 04 22 – Foreign Terrorism Premium Endorsement. The purpose of this endorsement is to notify policyholders that the insurance carrier is charging a premium for losses that may occur from an act of foreign terrorism. In addition, this form defines the term "an act of foreign terrorism". The form filing also revised WC 00 04 18 B – Assigned Risk Mandatory Loss Sensitive Rating Plan Endorsement by modifying references to "Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002 (TRIA)" to be consistent with the changes. The new form number for this form is WC 00 04 18 C.

The loss cost and rate filing for Foreign Terrorism changed all manual references from Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002 (TRIA) to "Foreign Terrorism". There was no change to the rate or loss cost or to the stat code to be used. Stat code 9740 should be used for this premium.

When making the filing the North Carolina Rate Bureau also filed to withdraw form WC 00 04 20 – Terrorism Risk Insurance Act Endorsement and to withdraw form WC 00 01 12 – Notification Endorsement of Pending Law Change to Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002. The withdrawal of both of these forms is also approved effective January 1, 2006.

Filing for P-1404 – Terrorism Risk Insurance Extension Act of 2005

NCCI recently distributed Item P-1404 which introduced form WC 00 01 13 – Terrorism Risk Insurance Extension Act Endorsement and revised WC 00 04 21 – Domestic Terrorism, Earthquakes, and Catastrophic Industrial Accidents Endorsement. (In addition the filing proposed the withdrawal of forms WC 00 04 20 and WC 00 01 12 but these were already withdrawn in our filing for B-1398). On January 6, 2006 the North Carolina Rate Bureau submitted a filing with the North Carolina Department of Insurance to adopt Item P-1404. We will notify you when the North Carolina Department resolves this filing.

A copy of NCCI Item B-1398 is attached for your reference.

Sincerely,

Sue Taylor

Director of Workers Compensation

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FILING MEMORANDUM

ITEM B-1398—MISCELLANEOUS VALUES FOR FOREIGN TERRORISM PURPOSE

The purpose of this item is to continue and relabel catastrophe provisions, by state, to address the risk of foreign terrorism on workers compensation policies, effective January 1, 2006.

BACKGROUND

In response to the passage of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002 (TRIA), NCCI filed Item B-1383 on December 27, 2002 in order to propose catastrophe provisions for foreign terrorism. These catastrophe provisions were approved in all NCCI jurisdictions. The values and rate pages underlying this filing B-1398, does not contemplate rate level need post TRIA.

PROPOSAL

It is proposed that effective 12:01 a.m. on January 1, 2006, all references to TRIA in NCCI's manuals, rules, and rate pages be relabeled "Foreign Terrorism".

IMPACT

There will be no premium impact associated with the implementation of this filing. This filing proposes no change from currently approved Miscellaneous Values.

IMPLEMENTATION

The attached exhibits include the proposed endorsement changes necessary to implement this item.

In all states **except** Hawaii and Virginia, this item will be implemented effective 12:01 a.m. on January 1, 2006, applicable to new and renewal business only.

In Hawaii, the effective date is determined upon regulatory approval of the individual carrier's election to adopt this change.

In Virginia, this item will be implemented for policies effective on or after 12:01 a.m. on January 1, 2006.

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ITEM B-1398—MISCELLANEOUS VALUES FOR FOREIGN TERRORISM

EXHIBIT 1-A

Basic Manual

Applicable to Voluntary and Assigned Risk Policies Miscellaneous Values for Foreign Terrorism

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EXHIBIT 1-B

Foreign Terrorism Voluntary Loss Costs and Rates

	Voluntary Foreign Terrorism	Voluntary Foreign Terrorism
<u>State</u>	Loss Cost	Rate
Alabama	0.02	N/A
Arkansas	0.02	N/A
Colorado	0.02	N/A
Connecticut	0.02	N/A
DC	0.05	N/A
Florida	N/A	0.03
Georgia	0.02	N/A
Hawaii	0.02	N/A
ldaho	N/A	0.03
Illinois	0.03	0.05
Indiana	0.01	0.02
lowa	N/A	0.03
Kansas	0.02	N/A
Kentucky	0.02	N/A
Louisiana	0.02	N/A
Maine	0.02	N/A
Maryland	0.03	N/A
Mississippi	0.02	N/A
Missouri	0.02	N/A
Montana	0.02	N/A
Nebraska	0.02	N/A
Nevada	0.02	N/A
New Hampshire	0.02	N/A
New Mexico	0.02	N/A
North Carolina	0.02	N/A
Oklahoma	0.02	N/A
Oregon	0.02	N/A
Rhode Island	0.02	0.03
South Carolina	0.02	N/A
South Dakota	0.02	N/A
Tennessee	0.02	N/A
Utah	0.02	N/A

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ITEM B-1398—MISCELLANEOUS VALUES FOR FOREIGN TERRORISM

EXHIBIT	1-B	(CONT'D)
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Vermont	0.02	N/A
Virginia	0.03	N/A

EXHIBIT 1-C

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. e.e. g ee	Foreign Terrorism Assigned Risk
<u>State</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Alabama	0.03
Arkansas	0.03
Connecticut	0.04
DC	0.07
Georgia	0.03
Idaho	0.03
Illinois	0.05
Indiana	0.02
lowa	0.03
Kansas	0.03
Mississippi	0.03
Nevada	0.03
New Hampshire	0.03
New Mexico	0.03
North Carolina	0.03
Oregon	0.03
South Carolina	0.03
South Dakota	0.03
Vermont	0.03
Virginia	0.04

EXHIBIT 2 BASIC MANUAL—2001 EDITION PART ONE- RULES RULE 3- RATING DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATIONS OF PREMIUM ELEMENTS

24. Catastrophe Provisions

a. Terrorism Risk Insurance Act (TRIA) of 2002 This provision expires effective December 31, 2005

Premium for the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002 is calculated on the basis of total payroll
according to Rule 2. A risk's total payroll in each state is divided by units of \$100 and multiplied by
the appropriate value found in the state pages. The calculation is expressed as (Payroll/100 x TRIA
Value = Premium). This premium is applied after standard premium and is not subject to any other
modifications including, but not limited to, premium discount, experience rating, schedule rating, or
retrospective rating.

Unless an "If Any" policy develops premium during the policy term or at audit, policies issued on an "If Any" basis will not be charged this premium.

Per capita charges are not subject to premium under this Act.

c. Foreign Terrorism

Premium for Foreign Terrorism is calculated on the basis of total payroll according to Rule 2. A risk's total payroll in each state is divided by units of \$100 and multiplied by the appropriate value found in the state pages. The calculation is expressed as (Payroll/100 x Foreign Terrorism Value = Premium). This premium is applied after standard premium and is not subject to any other modifications including, but not limited to, premium discount, experience rating, schedule rating, or retrospective rating.

Unless an "If Any" policy develops premium during the policy term or at audit, policies issued on an "If Any" basis will not be charged this premium.

Per capita charges are not subject to premium under this Act.

EXHIBIT 3 RETROSPECTIVE RATING PLAN MANUAL PART ONE- DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN II. DEFINITIONS

E. Standard Premium

For the purpose of this Plan, standard premium means the premium for the risk determined on the basis of authorized rates, any experience rating modification, loss constants where applicable, and minimum premiums. Determination of standard premium shall exclude:

- 1. Premium Discount.
- 2. The Expense Constant.
- 3. Premium resulting from the Non-Ratable Element Codes listed in the Experience Rating Plan Manual.
- 4. Premium developed by the passenger seat surcharge under Code 7421—Aircraft Operation—flying crew.
- 5. Premium developed by the occupational disease rates for risks subject to the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act.
- 6. Premium developed by the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002. Premium developed by catastrophe provisions as outlined in Rule 3–A-24 of the *Basic Manual*.
- 7. Premium developed by the Domestie Terrorism, Earthquakes, and Catastrophie Industrial Accidents catastrophe provision located in the **Basic Manual**.

EXHIBIT 4 FORMS MANUAL OF WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS LIABILITY INSURANCE

FOREIGN TERRORISM PREMIUM ENDORSEMENT WC 00 04 22

This endorsement is notification that your insurance carrier is charging premium for losses that may occur in the event of an act of foreign terrorism.

Your policy provides coverage for workers compensation losses caused by acts of foreign terrorism, including workers compensation benefit obligations dictated by state law. Coverage for such losses is still subject to all terms, definitions, exclusions, and conditions in your policy, and any applicable federal and/or state laws, rules, or regulations.

For purposes of this endorsement, an "act of foreign terrorism" is defined as:

- a. Any act that is violent or dangerous to human life, property or infrastructure; and
- b. The act has been committed by an individual or individuals acting on behalf of any foreign person or foreign interest, as part of an effort to coerce the civilian population of the United States or to influence the policy or affect the conduct of the United States Government by coercion.

The premium charge for the coverage your policy provides for workers compensation losses caused by an act of foreign terrorism is shown in Item 4 of the Information Page or in the Schedule below.

Schedule

State

Rate per \$100 of payroll

EXHIBIT 5

FORMS MANUAL OF WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS LIABILITY INSURANCE ASSIGNED RISK ONLY

APPLIES IN: AL, CT, DC, GA, ID, IL, IN, KS, MS, NV, NH, NC, SC, SD, VT

ASSIGNED RISK MANDATORY LOSS SENSITIVE RATING PLAN ENDORSEMENT WC 00 04 18B

This endorsement is added to Part Five (Premium) to explain the rating plan and how the Assigned Risk Loss Sensitive Rating Plan premium will be determined.

This endorsement applies where the LSRP has been approved. It determines the Assigned Risk Loss Sensitive Rating Plan premium for the insurance provided during the rating plan period of this policy. The rating plan period is the one-year period beginning with the effective date of the policy.

A. Assigned Risk Loss Sensitive Rating Plan Premium Elements

The amount of Assigned Risk Loss Sensitive Rating Plan premium depends on the six standard elements which are explained below:

1. Standard premium is the premium we would charge during the rating plan period if the insurance was not subject to this endorsement. We determine your standard premium based upon authorized rates, any experience rating modification and minimum premiums, including the effect of any other residual market rating plan or program.

Standard premium does not include the expense constant charge, the premium discount credit and premium developed by the:

- a. Passenger seat surcharge under Code 7421—Aircraft Operation—Flying Crew
- b. Occupational disease rates for risks subject to the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act
- c. Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002 Premium developed by catastrophe provisions as outlined in Rule 3–A-24 of the **Basic Manual**.
- d. Domestie Terrorism, Earthquakes, and Catastrophie Industrial Accidents catastrophe provision
- 2. Basic premium is calculated by multiplying the standard premium by a basic premium factor. The basic premium factor is shown in the Schedule.
- 3. Incurred losses are all amounts we will pay or estimate we will pay for losses, interest on judgments, expenses to recover against third parties and employers liability loss adjustment expenses.
- 4. A converted loss is an incurred loss multiplied by a percentage called the loss conversion factor. The Assigned Risk Loss Sensitive Rating Plan loss conversion factor is shown in the Schedule.
- 5. Taxes are a part of the premium we collect. Taxes are determined as a percentage of expense and development premium and converted losses. The percentage is called the tax multiplier. The tax multiplier covers assessments, fees, licenses, and taxes that we must pay on the premium we collect. It varies by Federal and non-Federal classifications. The tax multiplier(s) for each state is shown in the Schedule.
- 6. Development premium is calculated by multiplying the standard premium by the product of the appropriate premium development factor, the loss conversion factor and the tax multiplier. The premium development factors are shown in the Schedule.

B. Assigned Risk Loss Sensitive Rating Plan Formula

- 1. Assigned Risk Loss Sensitive Rating Plan premium is the sum of the basic premium, development premium and converted losses, multiplied by the tax multiplier. The payment, if any, attributable to the six-items excluded from standard premium in A.1. above, is a separate obligation of yours in addition to the Assigned Risk Loss Sensitive Rating Plan premium.
- 2. The Assigned Risk Loss Sensitive Rating Plan premium is subject to a minimum premium and a maximum premium. The minimum premium is determined by multiplying the total audited standard

EXHIBIT 5 (CONT'D)

FORMS MANUAL OF WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS LIABILITY INSURANCE ASSIGNED RISK ONLY

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premium by the minimum premium factor. The maximum premium is determined by multiplying the total audited standard premium for the qualifying states by the applicable maximum premium factor. The minimum premium factor and maximum premium factor for each state are shown in the Schedule.

C. Premium Calculation and Payments

- 1. You will pay a premium which amounts to 120% of the estimated annual premium. If you obtain an acceptable clean, unconditional, Irrevocable Letter of Credit (ILOC), containing an automatic renewal clause, to secure the 20% additional deposit premium, the premium will be 100% of the estimated annual premium.
- 2. Your rating plan premium will be determined after the rating plan period ends. We will issue an endorsement to show any change in the premium for your insurance if your annual audited standard premium equals or exceeds the premium eligibility level in one or more states where this plan has been approved.
- 3. The first calculation of Assigned Risk Loss Sensitive Rating Plan premium shall be determined using all loss information valued as of 18 months after the month in which the rating plan period became effective. Three additional annual premium adjustment calculations shall be made based on loss information valued as of 30, 42, and 54 months after the month in which the rating plan period became effective.

We may make a special valuation of the Assigned Risk Loss Sensitive Rating Plan premium as of any date that you become bankrupt or insolvent, make an assignment for the benefit of creditors, are involved in reorganization, receivership or liquidation, or dispose of all your interest in work covered by the insurance. You will pay the amount due us if the Assigned Risk Loss Sensitive Rating Plan premium is more than the total standard premium as of the special valuation date.

4. After each valuation, you shall promptly pay to us the amount due, or we will refund the amount to you. If you fail to pay any premium due under this plan, your current policy will be canceled and you will be disgualified from future assignments through the assigned risk plan.

D. Cancelation

- 1. If the policy is canceled by you or by us, a determination shall be made as to whether this program shall apply. The Assigned Risk Loss Sensitive Rating Plan shall apply only to those policies where the payroll extended to an annual basis and multiplied by the manual rates and experience modification, equals or exceeds the premium eligibility level in any of the states where this program has been approved.
- 2. The Assigned Risk Loss Sensitive Rating Plan will not apply if you obtain coverage outside the residual market within 120 days after the effective date of the policy.
- 3. If you cancel, the standard premium for the rating plan period will be based on our short rate table and procedure. This short rate premium will be used to determine the Assigned Risk Loss Sensitive Rating Plan premium.
- 4. Section D.3. will not apply if you cancel because:
 - a. all work covered by the insurance is completed;
 - b. all interest in the business covered by the insurance is sold;
 - c. you retire from all business covered by the insurance, or
 - d. you obtain coverage in the voluntary market.

Schedule

EXHIBIT 5 (CONT'D)

FORMS MANUAL OF WORKERS COMPENSATION AND ÉMPLOYERS LIABILITY INSURANCE ASSIGNED RISK ONLY

APPLIES IN: AL, CT, DC, GA, ID, IL, IN, KS, MS, NV, NH, NC, SC, SD, VT

1.	Basic Premium Factor	
2.	Loss Conversion Factor	
3.	Tax Multiplier	
4.	Minimum Premium Factor	
5.	Maximum Premium Factor	
6.	LSRP Development Factors:	
	1st Adjustment	
	2nd Adjustment	
	3rd Adjustment	
	Subsequent Adjustments	0.00

EXHIBIT 33-A BASIC MANUAL—2001 EDITION APPLIES IN NORTH CAROLINA

NORTH CAROLINA WORKERS COMPENSATION PREMIUM ALGORITHM

The following algorithm provides the framework for premium charges and credits. Where not specified, the premium base would be the result from the prior line.*

	PREMIUM ELEMENTS	EXPLANATORY NOTES
	MANUAL PREMIUM	[(PAYROLL / 100) * RATE]
+	Supplementary Disease (foundry, abrasive, sandblasting)	[(SUBJECT PAYROLL / 100) * DISEASE RATE]
+	USL &H Exposure for non-F classification codes	[(SUBJECT PAYROLL / 100) * (RATE * USL &H FACTOR)]
	TOTAL MANUAL PREMIUM	
+	Waiver of Subrogation factor**	[% applied to the portion of Total Manual Premium where waiver is applied]
+	Employers Liability (E/L) increased limits factor	[% applied to Total Manual Premium]
+	Employers Liability increased limits charge	[Balance to E/L increased limits minimum premium]
+	Employers Liability increased limits factor (Admiralty, FELA)	[Factor applied to the portion of Manual Premium where Admiralty/FELA coverage is applied]
+	Employers Liability/Voluntary Compensation flat charge	[Coverage in Monopolistic State Funds]
_	Deductible credit	[% applied to Total Manual Premium]
	TOTAL SUBJECT PREMIUM	
х	Experience Modification	
	TOTAL MODIFIED PREMIUM	
Х	Schedule Rating factot (1 – SR credit %) or (1 + SR debit %)	
+	Supplemental Disease Exposure (Asbestos, NOC) [†]	
+	Atomic Energy Radiation Exposure NOC†	
+	Charge for nonratable catastrophe loading †	
+	Aircraft Seat Surcharge	
+	Balance to Minimum Premium (State Act)	[Balance to minimum premium at Standard Limits]
+	Balance to Minimum Premium (Admiralty, FELA)	

^{*} The above rating method would be used in absence of independent carrier filings.

NOCOtherwise Classified.

^{**} Premium charges established for Waiver of Subrogation are not filed by NCRB.

[†] Nonratable Element Premiums generated by non-ratable portion of manual rate are subject to all applicable premium elements applied to the policy, however, not subject to experience rating or retrospective rating.

EXHIBIT 33-A (CONT'D) BASIC MANUAL—2001 EDITION APPLIES IN NORTH CAROLINA

	PREMIUM ELEMENTS	EXPLANATORY NOTES
	TOTAL STANDARD PREMIUM ‡	
_	Premium Discount [§]	[% applied to Standard Premium]
+	Coal Mine Disease Charge	[Surface and other than mining]
+	Expense Constant	
+	Terrorism Risk Insurance Act (TRIA) of 2002 Certified Losses Foreign Terrorism	[(PAYROLL / 100) * TRIAFOREIGN TERRORISM VALUE]
+	Domestic Terrorism, Earthquakes, and Catastrophic Industrial Accident (DTEC)	[(PAYROLL / 100) * DTEC VALUE]
	ESTIMATED ANNUAL PREMIUM	

Note: For short rate cancellations, short rate percentage/short rate penalty premium factor is subject to experience rating, included in Total Subject Premium, and applied prior to Experience Modification.

[‡] Statistical calls for ratemaking data contain a different definition of "Standard Premium." Refer to **Reporting Guidebook for the Annual Calls for Experience.**

[§] For policies subject to premium adjustments under a retrospective rating plan, premium discount does not apply.

EXHIBIT 33-B BASIC MANUAL—2001 EDITION APPLIES IN NORTH CAROLINA

NORTH CAROLINA ASSIGNED RISK WORKERS COMPENSATION PREMIUM ALGORITHM

The following algorithm provides the framework for premium charges and credits. Where not specified, the premium base would be the result from the prior line.

	PREMIUM ELEMENTS	EXPLANATORY NOTES
	MANUAL PREMIUM	[(PAYROLL / 100) * RATE]
+	Supplementary Disease (foundry, abrasive, sandblasting)	[(SUBJECT PAYROLL / 100) * DISEASE RATE]
+	USL&H Exposure for non-F classification codes	[(SUBJECT PAYROLL / 100) * (RATE * USL&H FACTOR)]
	TOTAL MANUAL PREMIUM	
+	Employers Liability (E/L) increased limits factor	[% applied to Total Manual Premium]
+	Employers Liability increased limits charge	[Balance to E/L increased limits minimum premium]
+	Employers Liability increased limits factor (Admiralty, FELA)	[Factor applied to the portion of Manual Premium where Admiralty/FELA coverage is applicable
+	Employers Liability/Voluntary Compensation flat charge	[Coverage in Monopolistic State Funds]
-	Small Deductible Credit	[% applied to Total Manual Premium]
	TOTAL SUBJECT PREMIUM	
х	Experience Modification (Exp Mod)	
	TOTAL MODIFIED PREMIUM	
х	Assigned Risk Adjustment Program (ARAP) Surcharge	
+	Supplemental Disease Exposure (Asbestos, NOC) [†]	
+	Atomic Energy Radiation Exposure NOC†	
+	Charge for nonratable catastrophe loading [†]	
+	Aircraft Seat Surcharge	
+	Balance to Minimum Premium (State Act)	[Balance to minimum premium at Standard Limits]
+	Balance to Minimum Premium (Admiralty, FELA)	
	TOTAL STANDARD PREMIUM ‡	
+	Coal Mine Disease Charge	[Underground, surface, surface auger]
+	Expense Constant	

NOC = Otherwise Classified.

[†] Nonratable Element Premiums generated by nonratable portion of manual rate are subject to all applicable premium elements applied to the policy, however, not subject to experience rating or retrospective rating.

[‡] Statistical calls for ratemaking data contain a different definition of "Standard Premium." Refer to *Reporting Guidebook for the Annual Calls for Experience.*

EXHIBIT 33-B (CONT'D) BASIC MANUAL—2001 EDITION APPLIES IN NORTH CAROLINA

	PREMIUM ELEMENTS	EXPLANATORY NOTES
+	Terrorism Risk Insurance Act (TRIA) of 2002 Certified Losses Foreign Terrorism	[(PAYROLL / 100) * TRIAFOREIGN TERRORISM VALUE]
+	Domestic Terrorism, Earthquakes, and Catastrophic Industrial Accident (DTEC)	[(PAYROLL / 100) * DTEC VALUE]
	ESTIMATED ANNUAL PREMIUM	

Note: For short rate cancellations, short rate percentage/short rate penalty premium factor is subject to experience rating, included in Total Subject Premium, and applied prior to Experience Modification.

All North Carolina assigned risk policies with total estimated annual standard premium or total audited standard premium that equals or exceeds \$200,000 are subject to the mandatory Loss Sensitive Rating Plan (LSRP).

EXHIBIT 33-C BASIC MANUAL—2001 EDITION MISCELLANEOUS RULES-APPLICABLE TO ASSIGNED RISK POLICIES ONLY-ASSIGNED RISK MANDATORY LOSS SENSITIVE RATING PLAN (LSRP) APPLIES IN NORTH CAROLINA

E. STANDARD PREMIUM

For the purpose of this Plan, *standard premium* means the premium for the risk determined on the basis of authorized rates, any experience rating modification, ARAP, assigned risk surcharge programs other than LSRP, and minimum premiums. Determination of standard premium must exclude:

- 1. premium discount,
- 2. the expense constant,
- 3. premium resulting from the nonratable element codes listed in the *Experience Rating Plan Manual* for Workers Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance,
- 4. premium developed by the passenger seat surcharge under Code 7421—Aircraft Operation—Flying Crew, and
- 5. premium developed by the occupational disease rates for risks subject to the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act.
- 6. Premium developed by the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002. Premium developed by catastrophe provisions as outlined in Rule 3–A-24 of the **Basic Manual for Workers Compensation and Employers Liability**.
- 7. Premium developed by the Domestie Terrorism, Earthquakes, and Catastrophie Industrial Accidents catastrophe provision located in the *Basic Manual for Workers Compensation and Employers*Liability.