

## January 22, 2015

## CIRCULAR LETTER TO ALL MEMBER COMPANIES

Re: Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2015 (TRIPRA of 2015)

The North Carolina Rate Bureau has filed and the North Carolina Department of Insurance has approved revisions and withdrawals of endorsements as a result of the recent enactment of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2015 (TRIPRA of 2015). This approval is effective January 1, 2015 and is applicable to all new, renewal and outstanding policies effective on or after January 1, 2015.

The changes are as follows:

- 1. The Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act Disclosure Endorsement (WC 00 04 22 A) has been revised to:
  - •Update the TRIPRA references to TRIPRA of 2015
  - •Revise the definitions to conform to TRIPRA of 2015
  - •Revise the Insurer Deductible provisions
  - •Revise the Program trigger amounts and the Federal share of compensation provisions
- 2. The Catastrophe (Other Than Certified Acts of Terrorism) Premium Endorsement (WC 00 04 21 C) has been revised to update the references to the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act Disclosure Endorsement.
- 3. The Notification Endorsement of Pending Law Change to Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007 (WC 00 01 14) must be withdrawn.

Separate circulars will be issued in regards to data reporting and the residual market.

Refer to the attached materials for further details.

If you have any questions, you may contact the NCRB Information Center at 919-582-1056 or email at wcinfo@ncrb.org.

Sincerely,

Sue Taylor

ST:dms Chief Operating Officer

Attachments

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## FILING MEMORANDUM

# ITEM P-1412—TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2015 ENDORSEMENTS

## **PURPOSE**

This item revises and withdraws endorsements in NCCI's *Forms Manual of Workers Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance (Forms Manual)* as a result of the recent enactment of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2015 (TRIPRA of 2015).

## **BACKGROUND**

The Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002 ("TRIA" or the "Act") was implemented as a result of the US Congress recognizing that terrorism is a catastrophe exposure that is real and significant for insurers of workers compensation and other lines of insurance. It initially provided a temporary program under which the Federal government would share in the payment of insured losses caused by certain acts of terrorism. TRIA was scheduled to expire on December 31, 2005. It was renewed as the Terrorism Risk Insurance Extension Act (TRIEA) in 2005, and as the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (TRIPRA) in 2007. NCCI filed several national items that proposed the necessary miscellaneous values, rules, and policy forms to implement the original TRIA and each of its renewals.

Recognizing that terrorism is a catastrophe exposure that continues to be significant for insurers of workers compensation and other lines of insurance, the US Congress enacted TRIPRA of 2015. The key provisions are as follows:

- The Act was extended for six years and will expire December 31, 2020
- An act of terrorism must be certified by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the Attorney General of the United States

Beginning on January 1, 2016:

- The current 85% Federal share of compensation under the Terrorism Insurance Program (Program) decreases by one percentage point per calendar year until it is equal to 80%
- The current Program trigger for aggregate industry insured losses to exceed \$100 million increases by \$20 million per calendar year until it is equal to \$200 million

The current \$27.5 billion insurance marketplace aggregate retention amount increases by \$2 billion per calendar year, beginning in 2015, until it is equal to \$37.5 billion, and is subject to further revision thereafter

## **PROPOSAL**

To implement the changes as a result of the enactment of TRIPRA of 2015, this item proposes the following revisions to NCCl's *Forms Manual*:

- The Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act Disclosure Endorsement (WC 00 04 22 A) must be revised to:
  - Update the TRIPRA references to TRIPRA of 2015
  - Revise the definitions to conform to TRIPRA of 2015
  - Revise the Insurer Deductible provisions
  - Revise the Program trigger amounts and the Federal share of compensation provisions

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- The Catastrophe (Other Than Certified Acts of Terrorism) Premium Endorsement (WC 00 04 21 C)
  must be revised to update the references to the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization
  Act Disclosure Endorsement.
- 3. The Notification Endorsement of Pending Law Change to Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007 (WC 00 01 14) must be withdrawn. The purpose of this endorsement was to notify policyholders of the impending expiration of TRIPRA. However, with the enactment of TRIPRA of 2015, this endorsement is no longer needed.
- 4. The Florida Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act Endorsement (WC 09 04 03 A) must be revised to:
  - Update the TRIPRA references to TRIPRA of 2015
  - Revise the definitions to conform to TRIPRA of 2015
  - Revise the Insurer Deductible provisions
  - Revise the Program trigger amounts and the Federal share of compensation provisions
- 5. The Texas Notification Endorsement of Pending Law Change to Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007 (WC 42 01 01) must be withdrawn. The purpose of this endorsement was to notify policyholders of the impending expiration of TRIPRA. However, with the enactment of TRIPRA of 2015, this endorsement is no longer needed.

## **IMPACT**

There will be no statewide premium impact as a result of the changes proposed in this item.

## **EXHIBIT COMMENTS AND IMPLEMENTATION SUMMARY**

In all states except Hawaii, this item is to become effective for new, renewal, and outstanding policies effective on and after 12:01 a.m. on January 1, 2015.

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

Exhibit	Current Endorsement Name and Number	Proposed Endorsement Name and Number
1	<ul> <li>Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act Disclosure Endorsement (WC 00 04 22 A)</li> <li>Does not apply in Florida; refer to Exhibit 4 for state-specific endorsement for Florida.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act Disclosure Endorsement (WC 00 04 22 B)</li> <li>Does not apply in Florida; refer to Exhibit 4 for state-specific endorsement for Florida.</li> </ul>
2	Catastrophe (Other Than Certified Acts of Terrorism) Premium Endorsement (WC 00 04 21 C)	Catastrophe (Other Than Certified Acts of Terrorism) Premium Endorsement (WC 00 04 21 D)

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Exhibit	Current Endorsement Name and Number	Proposed Endorsement Name and Number
	Does not apply in AK, FL, MO, NM, TX, and VA	Does not apply in AK, FL, MO, NM, TX, and VA
3	Notification Endorsement of Pending Law Change to Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007 (WC 00 01 14).	N/A—Withdrawn
	<ul> <li>Does not apply in Florida. Instead, Form 09-Notice—Florida Notice of Pending Law Change to Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007 applies in Florida. This nonfiled form was provided for carriers to use at their underwriting discretion. Since it is a nonfiled form, an exhibit to withdraw the form is not included in this item. However, the form will be removed from NCCI's <i>Forms Manual</i> effective January 1, 2015 upon approval of this item.</li> <li>Does not apply in Texas; refer to Exhibit</li> </ul>	
	4 for state-specific endorsement for Texas.	
4	<ul> <li>Florida Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act Endorsement (WC 09 04 03 A)</li> <li>Applies in Florida only</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Florida Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act Endorsement (WC 09 04 03 B)</li> <li>Applies in Florida only</li> </ul>
	Texas Notification Endorsement of Pending Law Change to Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007 (WC 42 01 01)     Applies in Texas only	N/A—Withdrawn

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### **EXHIBIT 1**

# FORMS MANUAL OF WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS LIABILITY INSURANCE TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT DISCLOSURE (WC 00 04 22 B)

# TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT DISCLOSURE ENDORSEMENT (WC 00 04 22 A B)

This endorsement addresses the requirements of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002 as amended and extended by the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007 2015. It serves to notify you of certain limitations under the Act, and that your insurance carrier is charging premium for losses that may occur in the event of an Act of Terrorism.

Your policy provides coverage for workers compensation losses caused by Acts of 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.

#### **Definitions**

The definitions provided in this endorsement are based on and have the same meaning as the definitions in the Act. If words or phrases not defined in this endorsement are defined in the Act, the definitions in the Act will apply.

"Act" means the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, which took effect on November 26, 2002, and any amendments thereto, including any amendments resulting from the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007 2015.

"Act of Terrorism" means any act that is certified by the Secretary of the Treasury, in concurrence with the Secretary of State, consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the Attorney General of the United States as meeting all of the following requirements:

- a. The act is an act of terrorism.
- b. The act is violent or dangerous to human life, property or infrastructure.
- c. The act resulted in damage within the United States, or outside of the United States in the case of the premises of United States missions or certain air carriers or vessels.
- d. The act has been committed by an individual or individuals 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.

"Insured Loss" means any loss resulting from an act of terrorism (and, except for Pennsylvania, including an act of war, in the case of workers compensation) that is covered by primary or excess property and casualty insurance issued by an insurer if the loss occurs in the United States or at the premises of United States missions or to certain air carriers or vessels.

"Insurer Deductible" means, for the period beginning on January 1, 2008 2015, and ending on December 31, 2014 2020, an amount equal to 20% of our direct earned premiums, ever the calendar year during the immediately preceding calendar year. the applicable Program Year.

"Program Year" refers to each calendar year between January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2014, as applicable.

# EXHIBIT 1 (CONT'D)

# FORMS MANUAL OF WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS LIABILITY INSURANCE TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT DISCLOSURE (WC 00 04 22 B)

# Limitation of Liability

The Act limits our liability to you under this policy. If aggregate Insured Losses exceed \$100,000,000,000 in a Program Year calendar year and if we have met our Insurer Deductible, we are not liable for the payment of any portion of the amount of Insured Losses that exceeds \$100,000,000,000; and for aggregate Insured Losses up to \$100,000,000,000, we will pay only a pro rata share of such Insured Losses as determined by the Secretary of the Treasury.

### **Policyholder Disclosure Notice**

- 1. Insured Losses would be partially reimbursed by the United States Government. If the aggregate industry Insured Losses exceed:
  - a. \$100,000,000, with respect to such Insured Losses occurring in calendar year 2015, the United States Government would pay 85% of our Insured Losses that exceed our Insurer Deductible.
  - b. \$120,000,000, with respect to such Insured Losses occurring in calendar year 2016, the United States Government would pay 84% of our Insured Losses that exceed our Insurer Deductible.
  - c. \$140,000,000, with respect to such Insured Losses occurring in calendar year 2017, the United States Government would pay 83% of our Insured Losses that exceed our Insurer Deductible.
  - d. \$160,000,000, with respect to such Insured Losses occurring in calendar year 2018, the United States Government would pay 82% of our Insured Losses that exceed our Insurer Deductible.
  - e. \$180,000,000, with respect to such Insured Losses occurring in calendar year 2019, the United States Government would pay 81% of our Insured Losses that exceed our Insurer Deductible.
  - f. \$200,000,000, with respect to such Insured Losses occurring in calendar year 2020, the United States Government would pay 80% of our Insured Losses that exceed our Insurer Deductible.

\$100,000,000 in a Program Year, the United States Government would pay 85% of our Insured Losses that exceed our Insurer Deductible.

- 2. Notwithstanding item 1 above, the United States Government will not make any payment under the Act for any portion of Insured Losses that exceed \$100,000,000.
- 3. The premium charge for the coverage your policy provides for Insured Losses is included in the amount shown in Item 4 of the Information Page or in the Schedule below.

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### **EXHIBIT 2**

# FORMS MANUAL OF WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS LIABILITY INSURANCE CATASTROPHE (OTHER THAN CERTIFIED ACTS OF TERRORISM) PREMIUM ENDORSEMENT (WC 00 04 21 D)

# CATASTROPHE (OTHER THAN CERTIFIED ACTS OF TERRORISM) PREMIUM ENDORSEMENT (WC 00 04 21 G D)

This endorsement is notification that your insurance carrier is charging premium to cover the losses that may occur in the event of a Catastrophe (other than Certified Acts of Terrorism) as that term is defined below. Your policy provides coverage for workers compensation losses caused by a Catastrophe (other than Certified Acts of Terrorism). This premium charge does not provide funding for Certified Acts of Terrorism contemplated under the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act Disclosure Endorsement (WG 90 94 22 A) (WC 00 04 22 B), attached to this policy.

For purposes of this endorsement, the following definitions apply:

- Catastrophe (other than Certified Acts of Terrorism): Any single event, resulting from an Earthquake, Noncertified Act of Terrorism, or Catastrophic Industrial Accident, which results in aggregate workers compensation losses in excess of \$50 million.
- Earthquake: The shaking and vibration at the surface of the earth resulting from underground movement along a fault plane or from volcanic activity.
- Noncertified Act of Terrorism: An event that is not certified as an Act of Terrorism by the Secretary
  of Treasury pursuant to the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002 (as amended) but that meets all of
  the following criteria:
  - a. It is an act that is violent or dangerous to human life, property, or infrastructure;
  - b. The act results in damage within the United States, or outside of the United States in the case of the premises of United States missions or air carriers or vessels as those terms are defined in the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002 (as amended); and
  - c. It is an act that has been committed by an individual or individuals 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.
- Catastrophic Industrial Accident: A chemical release, large explosion, or small blast that is localized in nature and affects workers in a small perimeter the size of a building.

The premium charge for the coverage your policy provides for workers compensation losses caused by a Catastrophe (other than Certified Acts of Terrorism) is shown in Item 4 of the Information Page or in the Schedule below.

### **Schedule**

State Rate Premium

### **EXHIBIT 3**

FORMS MANUAL OF WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS LIABILITY INSURANCE NOTIFICATION ENDORSEMENT OF PENDING LAW CHANGE TO TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2007 (WC 00 01 14)

# NOTIFICATION ENDORSEMENT OF PENDING LAW CHANGE TO TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2007 (WG 00 01 14)

This endorsement is being sent to you with respect to your workers compensation and employers liability insurance policy. This endorsement does not replace the separate Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act Disclosure Endorsement (WC 00 04 22 A) that is attached to your current policy and which remains in effect as applicable.

The Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002 (TRIA) as previously amended and extended by the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007 (TRIPRA), provides for a program under which the federal government will share in the payment of insured losses caused by certain acts of terrorism. In the absence of affirmative US Congressional action to extend, update, or otherwise reauthorize TRIPRA, in whole or in part, TRIPRA is scheduled to expire December 31, 2014.

Since the timetable for any further Congressional action respecting TRIPRA is unknown at this time, and exposure to acts of terrorism remains, we are providing our policyholders with relevant information concerning their workers compensation policies in effect on or after January 1, 2014 in the event of TRIPRA's expiration.

Your policy provides coverage for workers compensation losses caused by acts of terrorism or war, including workers compensation benefit obligations dictated by state law, except in Pennsylvania where injuries or deaths resulting from certain war related activities are excluded from workers compensation coverage. Coverage for such losses is still subject to all terms, definitions, exclusions, and conditions in your policy.

The premium charge for the coverage your policy provides for terrorism or war losses is shown in Item 4 of the Information Page or the Schedule in the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act Disclosure Endorsement (WG 00 04 22 A) that is attached to your policy, and this amount may continue or change for new, renewal, and in force policies in effect on or after December 31, 2014 in the event of TRIPRA's expiration, subject to regulatory review in accordance with applicable state law.

You need not do anything further at this time.

### **EXHIBIT 4**

# FORMS MANUAL OF WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS LIABILITY INSURANCE FLORIDA TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT ENDORSEMENT (WC 09 04 03 B)

# FLORIDA TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT ENDORSEMENT (WC 09 04 03 A B)

This endorsement addresses requirements of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002 as amended by the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007 2015.

#### **Definitions**

The definitions provided in this endorsement are based on and have the same meaning as the definitions in the Act . If words or phrases not defined in this endorsement are defined in the Act, the definitions in the Act will apply.

- 1. "Act" means the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, which took effect on November 26, 2002, and any amendments, including any amendments resulting from the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of <del>2007</del> 2015.
- 2. "Act of Terrorism" means any act that is certified by the Secretary of the Treasury, in concurrence with the Secretary of State, consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the Attorney General of the United States as meeting all of the following requirements:
  - a. The act is an act of terrorism.
  - b. The act is violent or dangerous to human life, property or infrastructure.
  - c. The act resulted in damage within the United States, or outside of the United States in the case of the premises of United States missions or certain air carriers or vessels.
  - d. The act has been committed by an individual or individuals 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.
- 3. "Insured Loss" means any loss resulting from an act of terrorism (including an act of war, in the case of workers compensation) that is covered by primary or excess property and casualty insurance issued by an insurer if the loss occurs in the United States or at the premises of United States missions or to certain air carriers or vessels.
- 4. "Insurer Deductible" means, for the period beginning on January 1, 2008 2015, and ending on December 31, 2014 2020, an amount equal to 20% of our direct earned premiums, ever the calendar year during the immediately preceding calendar year. the applicable Program Year.
- 5. "Program Year" refers to each calendar year between January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2014, as applicable.

# **Limitation of Liability**

The Act may limit our liability to you under this policy. If aggregate Insured Losses exceed \$100,000,000,000 in a Program Year calendar year and if we have met our Insurer Deductible, we may not be liable for the payment of any portion of the amount of Insured Losses that exceeds \$100,000,000,000; and for aggregate Insured Losses up to \$100,000,000,000,000, we may only have to pay a pro rata share of such Insured Losses as determined by the Secretary of the Treasury.

## **Policyholder Disclosure Notice**

1. Insured Losses would be partially reimbursed by the United States Government. If the aggregate industry Insured Losses exceed:

# EXHIBIT 4 (CONT'D)

# FORMS MANUAL OF WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS LIABILITY INSURANCE FLORIDA TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT ENDORSEMENT (WC 09 04 03 B)

- a. \$100,000,000, with respect to such Insured Losses occurring in calendar year 2015, the United States Government would pay 85% of our Insured Losses that exceed our Insurer Deductible.
- b. \$120,000,000, with respect to such Insured Losses occurring in calendar year 2016, the United States Government would pay 84% of our Insured Losses that exceed our Insurer Deductible.
- c. \$140,000,000, with respect to such Insured Losses occurring in calendar year 2017, the United States Government would pay 83% of our Insured Losses that exceed our Insurer Deductible.
- d. \$160,000,000, with respect to such Insured Losses occurring in calendar year 2018, the United States Government would pay 82% of our Insured Losses that exceed our Insurer Deductible.
- e. \$180,000,000, with respect to such Insured Losses occurring in calendar year 2019, the United States Government would pay 81% of our Insured Losses that exceed our Insurer Deductible.
- f. \$200,000,000, with respect to such Insured Losses occurring in calendar year 2020, the United States Government would pay 80% of our Insured Losses that exceed our Insurer Deductible.
- s \$100,000,000 in a Program Year, the United States Government would pay 85% of our Insured Losses that exceed our Insurer Deductible.
- 2. Notwithstanding item 1 above, the United States Government may not have to make any payment under the Act for any portion of Insured Losses that exceeds \$100,000,000,000.
- 3. The premium charged for the coverage for Insured Losses under this policy is included in the amount shown in Item 4 of the Information Page or the Schedule below.

## **Schedule**

Rate per \$100 of Remuneration

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### **EXHIBIT 4**

FORMS MANUAL OF WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS LIABILITY INSURANCE TEXAS NOTIFICATION ENDORSEMENT OF PENDING LAW CHANGE TO TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2007 (WC 42 01 01)

TEXAS NOTIFICATION ENDORSEMENT OF PENDING LAW CHANGE TO TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2007 (WC 42 01 01)

This endorsement is being sent to you with respect to your workers compensation and employers liability insurance policy.

The Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002 (TRIA) as previously amended and extended by the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007 (TRIPRA), provides for a program under which the federal government will share in the payment of insured losses caused by certain acts of terrorism. In the absence of affirmative US Congressional action to extend, update, or otherwise reauthorize TRIPRA, in whole or in part, TRIPRA is scheduled to expire December 31, 2014.

Since the timetable for any further Congressional action respecting TRIPRA is unknown at this time, and exposure to acts of terrorism remains, we are providing our policyholders with relevant information concerning their workers compensation policies in effect on or after January 1, 2014 in the event of TRIPRA's expiration.

Your policy provides coverage for workers compensation losses caused by acts of terrorism or war, including workers compensation benefit obligations dictated by state law. Goverage for such losses is still subject to all terms, definitions, exclusions, and conditions in your policy.

The premium charge for the coverage your policy provides for terrorism or war losses may continue or change for new, renewal, and in force policies in effect on or after December 31, 2014 in the event of TRIPRA's expiration, subject to regulatory review in accordance with applicable state law.

You need not do anything further at this time.