

# Pennsylvania Compensation Rating Bureau

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# **PCRB CIRCULAR NO. 1637**

To All Members of the PCRB:

# Re: APPROVAL OF PCRB FILING NO. 262 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015

# Revisions to Endorsement Forms Pertaining to Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2015 – NCCI Item P-1412

The Pennsylvania Insurance Commissioner has approved PCRB Filing No. 262, **effective January 1, 2015** on a <u>new</u>, <u>renewal</u> and <u>in-force</u> basis. This approval, which aligns the PCRB with practices in other jurisdictions countrywide, as per National Council on Compensation Insurance, Inc. (NCCI) Item P-1412, amends the following endorsement forms:

WC 00 04 22A - Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act Disclosure Endorsement

WC 00 04 21C - Catastrophe (Other Than Certified Acts of Terrorism) Premium Endorsement

With the approved revisions, WC 00 04 22A is being replaced by WC 00 04 22B and WC 00 04 21C is being replaced by WC 00 04 21D. The replacement endorsements have the same names as the previous corresponding endorsements.

In addition to the above revisions, endorsement WC 00 01 14, Notification Endorsement of Pending Law Change to Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007, is being <u>withdrawn</u>.

Copies of the revised endorsements, WC 00 04 22B and WC 00 04 21D, are attached to this circular for reference.

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# PENNSYLVANIA BASIC MANUAL

Effective January 1, 2015

SECTION 3 ENDORSEMENTS

WC 00 04 22 B

#### TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT DISCLOSURE ENDORSEMENT

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 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 2015.

"Act of Terrorism" means any act that is certified by the Secretary of the Treasury, in 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, 2015, and ending on December 31, 2020, an amount equal to 20% of our direct earned premiums, during the immediately preceding calendar year.

### **Limitation of Liability**

The Act limits our liability to you under this policy. If aggregate Insured Losses exceed \$100,000,000,000 in a 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.
- 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 \$100,000,000,000.
- 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.

State Rate Premium

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SECTION 3 ENDORSEMENTS

WC 00 04 21D

#### CATASTROPHE (OTHER THAN CERTIFIED ACTS OF TERRORISM) PREMIUM ENDORSEMENT

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 (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