

Rebating Agents' Commissions, issued on October 4, 1995, and requests public comments on rebating of insurance agents' commissions to consumers under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

DATES: We invite your comments which should be submitted within March 14, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Please submit your comments to the Rules Docket Clerk, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472, (facsimile) (202) 646-4536.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles M. Plaxico, Jr., Chief, Claims and Underwriting Division, the Federal Insurance Administration, 500 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-3422.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Where the practice is permitted by State law, licensed insurance agents may rebate a portion of the commission they earn for the sale of a given policy to the insured. This practice typically is used as a sales incentive and marketing tool. While the practice is prohibited in most States, a few States permit the practice. With more insurance producers and agents beginning to sell flood insurance policies, FIA wants the comments of as large a number of interested parties as possible in order to set policy on this issue.

During the past year, FIA received a number of inquiries from producers and Write Your Own (WYO) Companies concerning the rebating of insurance agents' commissions on NFIP policies. FIA consulted with the following three committees that advise the FIA on insurance-related issues: the Flood Insurance Producers National Committee; the Insurance Institute for Property Loss Reduction Flood Insurance Committee; and the Write Your Own Marketing Committee. The Insurance Institute for Property Loss Reduction Flood Insurance Committee did not comment as a committee, but two member companies on that committee responded as individual companies.

On October 4, 1995, FIA issued National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Policy Issuance 5-95 which prohibited, under the NFIP, the practice of agents' rebating commissions to consumers. We now rescind Policy Issuance 5-95. Since October 4 interested parties from within and outside the insurance industry have expressed divergent views on how FIA should treat the issue of rebating agents' commissions. In light of the diversity of opinion on this issue, FIA has decided

to increase the circle of its advisers and to solicit comments and recommendations from a wider audience than before on the most appropriate policy on the rebating issue.¹

Dated: December 12, 1995.

Elaine A. McReynolds,

Federal Insurance Administrator.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Notice of Agreement(s) Filed

The Federal Maritime Commission hereby gives notice of the filing of the following agreement(s) pursuant to section 5 of the Shipping Act of 1984.

Interested parties may inspect and obtain a copy of each agreement at the Washington, D.C. Office of the Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., 9th Floor. Interested parties may submit comments on each agreement to the Secretary, Federal Maritime Commission, Washington, D.C. 20573, within 10 days after the date of the Federal Register in which this notice appears. The requirements for comments are found in § 572.603 of Title 46 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Interested persons should consult this section before communicating with the Commission regarding a pending agreement.

Agreement No.: 202-010776-095.

Title: Asia North America Eastbound Rate Agreement.

Parties: American President Lines, Ltd., Hapag-Lloyd Aktiengesellschaft, Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, Ltd., A.P. Moller-Maersk Line, Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd., Nedlloyd Lijnen B.V., Neptune Orient Lines, Ltd., Nippon Yusen Kaisha Line, Orient Overseas Container Line, Inc., Sea-land Service, Inc.

Synopsis: The proposed amendment modifies Article 8.5—Voting and Quorum Requirements to provide that service contracts entered into on or after January 5, 1996, may be amended by majority vote, rather than by unanimous less one vote as currently required for service contract amendments.

Agreement No.: 232-011321-003.

Title: Maersk/Sea-Land Pacific Agreement.

Parties: A.P. Moller-Maersk Line, Sea-Land Service, Inc.

Synopsis: The proposed amendment expands the foreign geographic scope of the Agreement to include all of Asia,

excluding Asia Mediterranean ports. It also increases the maximum number of line-haul vessels, and revises Articles 9.2 and 9.3 respectively—Duration and Termination by (1) redefining the "initial period" of the Agreement to a time which will expire four years after the effective date of this amendment and (2) increases the notice period required for withdrawal from 9 months to 12 months.

Agreement No.: 224-200133-004.

Title: Port Authority of New York & New Jersey/Sea-Land Service, Inc. Terminal Agreement.

Parties: Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, Sea-Land Service, Inc. ("Sea-Land").

Synopsis: The proposed amendment provides for the incorporation of a sub-surface environmental baseline at Sea-land's Elizabeth, New Jersey Container Terminal.

Agreement No.: 224-200963.

Title: Alabama State Docks Department/Middle Gulf Stevedoring, Inc. Terminal Agreement.

Parties: Alabama State Docks Department ("Port"), Middle gulf Stevedoring, Inc. ("Middle Gulf").

Synopsis: The proposed Agreement permits Middle Gulf to provide freight handling services at the Port.

Dated: December 12, 1995.

By order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Joseph C. Polking,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Change in Marriage and Divorce Data Available From the National Center for Health Statistics

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Beginning January 1, 1996, the availability of marriage and divorce data collected by the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), CDC, will change. NCHS will continue to collect marital status in all of its population surveys, will continue to obtain detailed information on out-of-wedlock births, and will work with States to obtain summary counts of marriages and divorces. However, detailed data from

¹ Not published in the Federal Register.