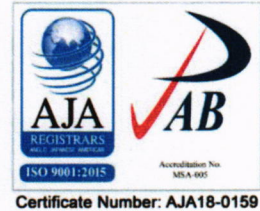




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CIRCULAR LETTER

TO : ALL INSURANCE ADJUSTERS INTENDING TO DO BUSINESS IN THE PHILIPPINES

SUBJECT : INSURANCE ADJUSTERS LICENSING REQUIREMENTS: ENDORSEMENT FROM THE ADJUSTERS ASSOCIATION OF PHILIPPINE ADJUSTMENT COMPANIES (APAC) AND PHILIPPINE INSTITUTE OF LOSS ADJUSTERS (PILA)

WHEREAS, Section 437 of the Insurance Code of the Philippines, as amended by Republic Act No. 10607, authorize the Insurance Commission to issue such rulings, instructions, circulars, orders and decisions as maybe deemed necessary to secure the enforcement of the provisions of the Code, to ensure the efficient regulation of the insurance industry in accordance with global best practices and to protect the insuring public;

WHEREAS, Section 374 of the Insurance Code of the Philippines, as amended by Republic Act No. 10607 states that the Commissioner, in consultation with the duly accredited associations representing the insurance industry, shall adopt and promulgate code of conduct to promote integrity, honesty and ethical business practices;

WHEREAS, this Commission notes that Association of Philippine Adjustment Companies (APAC) and Philippine Institute of Loss Adjusters (PILA) are existing national organizations of the insurance adjusters;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers vested in the Insurance Commissioner under Section 437 and in relation to Section 374 of the Insurance Code of the Philippines, as amended by Republic Act No. 10607, all applications for license of new insurance adjusters must first be endorsed by either the abovementioned insurance adjuster associations, namely the APAC and PILA.

Endorsement from the said adjusters associations must be attached together with the application for license of insurance adjusters and be submitted to the Licensing Division.

Section 1. Coverage

All Insurance Adjusters intending to do business in the Philippines.

Section 2. Process of Endorsement

Endorsement shall be obtained from the APAC for adjusting companies or PILA for individual adjusters.

APAC or PILA shall determine the applicant's qualifications based on standards set by respective association, and shall endorse the qualified applicant to the IC. Moreover, membership, non-payment of association dues and other fees to APAC or PILA shall not hinder the approval of endorsement from the two associations.

Should the endorsement not be forthcoming, the applicant shall be duly notified for the reasons thereof. Should the applicant find the reason/s to be unjustified, the matter shall be elevated to the Insurance Commission, who may direct the issuance of the license even without the endorsement if he finds that the non-endorsement is unjustified, subject to the provision of Section 2 hereof.

Section 3. Application to the Insurance Commission

Applicants shall submit the documentary requirements as required by the Insurance Commission, together with the Certificate of Endorsement coming from APAC and PILA for adjusting companies and individual adjusters, respectively.

Section 4. Non-submission of Any of the Abovementioned Requirements

Failure to secure endorsement from APAC/PILA and non-submission of other requirements will result to non-acceptance of application.

Section 5. Effectivity

This circular shall take effect immediately.

For strict compliance.


DENNIS B. FUNA
Insurance Commissioner
