

earned premiums over the calendar year immediately preceding Program Year 1 multiplied by 7 percent". A State licensed or admitted insurer may estimate its insurer deductible by multiplying the applicable percentage (listed in the Act for each of the Program Years) by the direct earned premium information for commercial lines of property and casualty insurance reported on Statutory Page 14 with the appropriate adjustments as described above. Other entities should follow a similar methodology based the definitions of "insured loss," "property and casualty insurance," and "direct earned premium."

Section 102(7)(E) provides Treasury with authority to determine the appropriate methodology for measuring the direct earned premium if an insurer has not had a full year of operations during the calendar year immediately preceding the Program Year.

Because new companies have only had limited business operations, it is likely that their premium income will be somewhat volatile. Such volatility could persist throughout the life of the three-year Program. Thus, to treat these newly formed insurers in a manner that is consistent with other insurers under the Program and to prevent newly formed insurers from having the unfair advantage of lower relative deductibles, this interim final rule specifies that the deductible measure for new companies formed after the date of enactment (November 26) will be based on contemporaneous data for direct earned premium that corresponds to the current Program Year. If a newly formed insurer does not have a full year of operations within a particular Program year, this interim final rule provides that an insurer's direct earned premium for Program year will be annualized to determine an insurer's deductible.

III. Procedural Requirements

The Act established a Program to provide for loss sharing payments by the Federal Government for insured losses resulting from certified acts of terrorism. The Act became effective immediately upon the date of enactment (November 26, 2002). Preemptions of terrorism risk exclusions in policies, mandatory participation provisions, disclosure and other requirements and conditions for federal payment contained in the Act applied immediately to those entities that come within the Act's definition of "insurer." In the near term, Treasury will be issuing additional regulations to implement the Program. This interim final regulation provides critical information concerning the definitions of Program terms that lays the

groundwork for Treasury's implementation of the Program. No one can predict if, or when, an act of terrorism may occur. There is an urgent need for Treasury, as Program administrator, to lay the groundwork for Program implementation through interim final regulations to provide clarity and certainty concerning which entities are required to participate in the Program; the scope and conditions of Program coverage; and other implementation issues that immediately affect insurers, their policyholders, State regulators and other interested parties. This includes the need to supplement, or modify as necessary, previously issued interim guidance.

Accordingly, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), Treasury has determined that it would be contrary to the public interest to delay the publication of this rule in final form during the pendency of an opportunity for public comment. For the same reasons, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), Treasury has determined that there is good cause for the interim final rule to become effective immediately upon publication. While this regulation is effective immediately upon publication, Treasury is seeking public comment on the regulation and will consider all comments in developing a final rule.

This interim final rule is a significant regulatory action and has been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget under the terms of Executive Order 12866.

Because no notice of proposed rulemaking is required, the provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. chapter 6) do not apply. However, the Act and the Program are intended to provide benefits to the U.S. economy and all businesses, including small businesses, by providing a federal reinsurance backstop to commercial property and casualty policyholders and spreading the risk of insured loss resulting from an act of terrorism.

List of Subjects in 31 CFR Part 50

Terrorism risk insurance.

Authority and Issuance

For the reasons set forth above, 31 CFR Subtitle A is amended by adding Part 50 to read as follows:

PART 50—TERRORISM RISK INSURANCE PROGRAM

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Subpart H—Recoupment and Surcharge Procedures [Reserved]

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 301; 31 U.S.C. 321; Title I, Pub. L. 107–297, 116 Stat. 2322 (15 U.S.C 6701 note).

Subpart A—General Provisions

§ 50.1 Authority, purpose and scope.

(a) *Authority.* This Part is issued pursuant to authority in Title I of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, Pub. L. 107–297, 116 Stat. 2322.

(b) *Purpose.* This Part contains rules prescribed by the Department of the Treasury to implement and administer the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program.

(c) *Scope.* This Part applies to insurers subject to the Act and their policyholders.

§ 50.4 Mandatory participation in Program.

Any entity that meets the definition of an insurer under the Act is required to participate in the Program.

§ 50.5 Definitions.

For purposes of this Part:

(a) *Act* means the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002.

(b) *Act of terrorism.* (1) *In general.* The term *act of terrorism* means any act that is certified by the Secretary, in concurrence with the Secretary of State and the Attorney General of the United States:

(i) To be an act of terrorism;

(ii) To be a violent act or an act that is dangerous to human life, property, or infrastructure;

(iii) To have resulted in damage within the United States, or outside of the United States in the case of:

(A) An air carrier (as defined in 49 U.S.C. 40102) or a United States flag vessel (or a vessel based principally in the United States, on which United States income tax is paid and whose insurance coverage is subject to regulation in the United States); or

(B) The premises of a United States mission; and

(iv) To have been committed by an individual or individuals acting on