

Surplus Lines Eligibility
Information regarding the Application Process

Pursuant to Bulletin 378...

Non-admitted insurers domiciled outside the U.S. are eligible if they are listed on the Quarterly Listing of Alien Insurers maintained by the International Insurers Department of the NAIC. For non-admitted insurers domiciled in the United States, state eligibility requirements must be in conformance with the financial criteria of the NAIC non-admitted Insurance Model Act.²² Accordingly, the Maine Implementation Act adds new Subsections 3 through 5 to 24-A M.R.S.A. § 2007, providing that as of July 21, 2011:

3. The superintendent shall approve a United States insurer's request for eligibility if the insurer:

A. Is authorized to write such insurance in its domiciliary jurisdiction;

B. Has established satisfactory evidence of good repute and financial integrity; and

C. Maintains capital and surplus, or its equivalent under the laws of its state of domicile, in an amount at least equal to the greater of:

(1) The minimum capital and surplus that would be required if the insurer were licensed in this State; and

(2) \$15,000,000.

4. The superintendent may list an insurer as eligible if it does not meet the minimum capital and surplus requirements of subsection 3 upon an affirmative finding of acceptability by the superintendent. The finding must be based upon such factors as quality of management, capital and surplus of any parent company, company underwriting profit and investment income trends, market availability and company record and reputation within the industry. The superintendent may not make an affirmative finding of acceptability if the non-admitted insurer's capital and surplus is less than \$4,500,000.

5. A non-United States insurer is considered eligible to write insurance on an unauthorized basis in this State if it is listed on the quarterly listing of alien insurers maintained by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

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