

# FLORIDA SURPLUS LINES

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**TO: FLORIDA SURPLUS LINES AGENTS**

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**DATE: SEPTEMBER 3, 2008**

**SUBJECT: CITIZENS PROPERTY INSURANCE CORPORATION EMERGENCY ASSESSMENT**

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform you that as approved by the Office of Insurance Regulation (OIR) by Order (No.: 87822-06) an emergency assessment fee of 1.4% levied by Citizens Property Insurance Corporation (Citizens) will be applicable on all new and renewal surplus lines policies and any subsequent endorsements to those policies with an effective date on or after December 15, 2008. The assessment period will continue until further notice.

While agents will not need to make any changes in regards to the FLSO SLIP, FLSO Agent and FTP submission software, internal changes to agency policy issuance and accounting software may be necessary.

The emergency assessment will be calculated as a percentage of the transaction's premium, as defined by Section 626.932(6) Florida Statutes, (excluding the premium receipts tax, the FLSO service fee, the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund Assessment, and the \$2.00/\$4.00 Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance surcharge) and will be handled in a manner similar to the collection and payment of the premium receipts tax. The major differences being the percentage of the assessment amount, the applicable coverage codes (see coverage codes below) and the mailing address for payment. The emergency assessment is refundable on a proportional basis for return premium endorsements and cancellations.

The Florida Surplus Lines Service Office will collect the assessment fee by generating an invoice specific to the Citizens emergency assessment that will be sent along with the premium receipts tax invoice on a quarterly basis. Checks for the emergency assessment amount should be made payable to the **Citizens Property Insurance Corporation** and mailed to Citizens Property Insurance Corporation, P.O. Box 850001, Orlando, FL 32885-0286.

The following surplus lines coverages and their specific codes have been identified as subject to the 1.4% Citizens assessment:

**Applicable Coverage Codes:**

1000 – Commercial Property	1013 – Windstorm and/or Hail	2007 – Dwelling Builders Risk
1001 – Builders Risk	1014 – Mold Coverage (Commercial)	2008 – Dwelling Flood
1002 – Business Income	1016 – Excess Flood Commercial	2009 – Dwelling Property
1003 – Apartments (Commercial)	2000 – Homeowners – HO-1	2010 – Farm Owners Multi-Peril
1005 – Commercial Package	2001 – Homeowners – HO-2	2011 – Mobile Homeowners
1006 – Condominium (Commercial)	2002 – Homeowners – HO-3	2012 – Windstorm
1009 – Earthquake	2003 – Tenant Homeowners – HO-4	2013 – Mold Coverage (Residential)
1010 – Flood	2004 – Homeowners – HO-5	2015 – Excess Flood (Residential)
1012 – Mortgage Impairment	2005 – Condo Unit-Owners	
	2006 – Homeowners – HO-8	

Additional information may be obtained from FLSO's website at [www.fslso.com](http://www.fslso.com). Please visit the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section of the website at <http://www.fslso.com/faq/> and select "Citizens" from the list for information relative to the emergency assessment. In addition, you may also contact FLSO via phone by dialing 800.562.4496, and selecting extensions 104 (Matt Wester), 106 (Lisa French) or 129 (Bryan Young).