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RE: Certified Reinsurer 2019 Passporting Renewal Application for Hannover Rück SE

Dear Mr. Romano:

The Pennsylvania Insurance Department ("Department") has completed its review of the application referenced above, filed pursuant to 31 Pa. Code § 161.3a, dated November 14, 2018, including the correspondence issued by the New York State Department of Financial Services and dated November 6, 2018. Hannover Rück SE of Hannover, Germany ("Hannover Re") is domiciled and licensed in Germany. Our review of the submission has resulted in the following determination:

- Pursuant to 31 Pa. Code § 161.3a(c), if an applicant for certification has been certified as a reinsurer in an NAIC accredited jurisdiction, the Commissioner has the discretion to defer to that jurisdiction's certification, and has the discretion to defer to the rating assigned by that jurisdiction.

- New York is an accredited jurisdiction and also serves as the lead U.S. insurance regulator of Hannover Re. The New York Department of Financial Services has approved Hannover Re as a certified reinsurer eligible for collateral reduction effective January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, with a rating as a Secure-2 (10%) reinsurer.

- Notice of receipt of the filing was published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day comment period. No public comments were received during the comment period.

- The Department hereby designates Hannover Re as a certified reinsurer eligible for collateral reduction effective January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, with a rating as a Secure-2 (10%) reinsurer.

- Hannover Re's designation as a certified reinsurer and its rating are conditioned upon Hannover Re being domiciled and licensed in a qualified jurisdiction pursuant to 31 Pa. Code § 161.3a(a)(1). Hannover Re is domiciled and licensed in Germany and Germany is a qualified jurisdiction.

- Hannover Re's status for collateral reduction is contingent upon Hannover Re maintaining full compliance with all of the provisions contained 31 Pa. Code § 161.3a, including but not limited to, submitting the annual renewal application for rating. The annual renewal application for passporting to Pennsylvania should not be submitted until the lead US regulator has issued its approval of the renewal as a certified reinsurer and ReFAWG has reviewed and concurred.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (717) 783-6409 or krankin@pa.gov.

Sincerely,

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