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**Via E-mail: [Suzanne.williams@hiscox.bm](mailto:Suzanne.williams@hiscox.bm)**

**RE: Certified Reinsurer 2018 Passporting Application for Hiscox Insurance Company (Bermuda) Ltd.**

Dear Ms. Williams:

The Pennsylvania Insurance Department (“Department”) has completed its review of the passporting application referenced above, filed pursuant to 31 Pa. Code § 161.3a, and dated December 20, 2017, including the correspondence issued by the New York State Department of Financial Services (“NY DFS”) and dated October 30, 2017. Hiscox Insurance Company (Bermuda) Ltd. (“Hiscox”) an unauthorized property/casualty insurance company, is domiciled in Bermuda. 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 Hiscox. The NY DFS has approved Hiscox as a certified reinsurer eligible for collateral reduction effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, with a rating as a Secure-3 (20%) 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 Hiscox as a certified reinsurer eligible for collateral reduction effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, with a rating as a Secure-3 reinsurer.

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- Hiscox's designation as a certified reinsurer and its rating are conditioned upon Hiscox being domiciled and licensed in a qualified jurisdiction pursuant to 31 Pa. Code § 161.3a(a)(1). Hiscox is domiciled and licensed in Bermuda and Bermuda is a qualified jurisdiction.
- Hiscox's status for collateral reduction is contingent upon Hiscox 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](mailto:krankin@pa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kimberly A Rankin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K".

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