

**STATE OF OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS SERVICES
INSURANCE DIVISION**

BEFORE THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS SERVICES

In the Matter of the Certificate of Authority of
American Horizon Insurance Company,
Lincolnshire, Illinois

SUSPENSION ORDER

Case No. INS 02-08-024

INTRODUCTION

The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services (Director) hereby issues a Suspension Order to American Horizon Insurance Company (AMERICAN HORIZON) under Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 731.256 and 731.418 because she has reason to believe the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

Since November 21, 1994, AMERICAN HORIZON, an Illinois corporation, has been issued a certificate of authority pursuant to ORS 731.402 authorizing it to transact property, casualty excluding workers' compensation, marine & transportation, and health insurance within the State of Oregon.

On or about July 11, 2002, at the request of the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Illinois, the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois - County Department, Chancery Division issued an order, Case No. 02CH12796, placing AMERICAN HORIZON into liquidation.

Liquidation is a form of delinquency proceeding. Pursuant to ORS 731.418(2), without advance notice of a hearing thereon, the Director may suspend immediately the certificate of authority of any insurer as to which proceedings for receivership, conservatorship, rehabilitation, or other delinquency proceedings, have been commenced in any state by the public insurance supervisory official of such state.

ULTIMATE FINDINGS OF FACT

The insurance supervisory official of the State of Illinois commenced a delinquency proceeding against AMERICAN HORIZON

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Director may suspend AMERICAN HORIZON's Oregon certificate of authority without a hearing under 731.418 (2).

ORDER

Pursuant to ORS 731.418(2), the Oregon certificate of authority issued to AMERICAN HORIZON is suspended. The period of suspension shall be continuous from the date of this order until terminated by further written order of the Director, pursuant to ORS 731.426(1). Pursuant to ORS 731.426(2), during the period of suspension, AMERICAN HORIZON shall not solicit or issue new policies of insurance or assume any Oregon risk. AMERICAN HORIZON shall file its annual financial statement and pay any fees and taxes required to be paid. AMERICAN HORIZON shall also service any existing policies of insurance issued to persons residing in Oregon.

Pursuant to ORS 731.422(2), the authority of all agents to represent AMERICAN HORIZON within the State of Oregon is also suspended. The period of suspension shall be for the same period that the certificate of authority issued to AMERICAN HORIZON is suspended. During the period of suspension, an agent may represent AMERICAN HORIZON only to the extent that AMERICAN HORIZON may transact insurance and that AMERICAN HORIZON has authorized the agent to represent it.

Issued in duplicate the 23rd day of August, 2002.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary C. Neidig", written over a horizontal line.

Mary C. Neidig
Director
Insurance Commissioner
Department of Consumer and Business Services

NOTICE

You are entitled to a hearing under ORS 183.415. You may be represented at a hearing by an attorney licensed in Oregon. If you want a hearing, you must deliver or mail a written request for a hearing to the Director addressed to Insurance Division, Hearings Section, 350 Winter Street NE Room 440-6, Salem, Oregon 97310. The written request must be received by the Director within 21 calendar days after the date this order is delivered or mailed to you.

If you request a hearing within the time allowed, then you will be notified of the time and location of the hearing and information regarding contested case proceedings before the Director.

If you do not request a hearing within the time allowed, then you will waive your right to a hearing. Also, if you do not request a hearing within the time allowed, or if you do not appear at a scheduled hearing, then this order shall become final.