

**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  
Washington Casualty Company, Bellevue,  
Washington

SUSPENSION ORDER  
Case No. INS 03-03-001

**INTRODUCTION**

The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services (Director) hereby issues a Suspension Order to Washington Casualty Company under Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 731.256 and 731.414 because she has reason to believe the following:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

Since May 10, 1991, Washington Casualty Company, a Washington corporation, has been issued a certificate of authority pursuant to ORS 731.402. It is currently authorized to transact property, casualty excluding workers' compensation, and marine and transportation insurance within the state of Oregon.

On or about March 3, 2003, Washington Casualty Company filed financial statements reflecting policyholders surplus of (\$3,996,391) as of December 31, 2002.

**ULTIMATE FINDINGS OF FACT**

Washington Casualty Company did not maintain at least \$2.5 million in capital or surplus, or any combination thereof, as required by ORS 731.554(1)

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Washington Casualty Company did not comply with the minimum capital or surplus requirement

in ORS 731.554(1) for a certificate of authority.

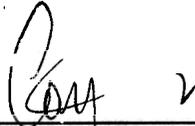
Such condition is a ground under ORS 731.414(1)(a) for suspending an insurer's certificate of authority without a hearing under ORS 731.414(2).

**ORDER**

Pursuant to ORS 731.414, the Oregon certificate of authority issued to Washington Casualty Company 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, Washington Casualty Company shall not solicit or issue new policies of insurance or assume any Oregon risk. Washington Casualty Company shall file its annual financial statement and pay any fees and taxes required to be paid. Washington Casualty Company may 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 Washington Casualty Company 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 Washington Casualty Company is suspended. During the period of suspension, an agent may represent Washington Casualty Company only to the extent that Washington Casualty Company may transact insurance and that Washington Casualty Company has authorized the agent to represent it.

Issued in duplicate the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2003.

  
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Cory Streisinger  
Director  
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 97301-3883. 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.