

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

BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of the Registration of Automotive)	SUSPENSION ORDER
Underwriters Insurance Company, Inc. A Risk)	
Retention Group, Las Vegas, Nevada)	Case No. INS 13-01-001

INTRODUCTION

The Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon (Commissioner) hereby issues a Suspension Order to Automotive Underwriters Insurance Company, Inc. A Risk Retention Group (AUIC) under Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 731.256 and 731.414 because the Commissioner has reason to believe the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

Since August 1, 2000, AUIC, a Nevada corporation, has been issued a registration as a foreign risk retention group pursuant to ORS 735.315 to offer liability insurance as defined in ORS 735.305(6).

On or about November 5, 2012, the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Nevada suspended AUIC's certificate of authority. The period of suspension is for one year or until AUIC has completed its dissolution and withdrawn its certificate of authority, whichever is shorter.

ULTIMATE FINDINGS OF FACT

AUIC's certificate of authority was suspended by its domicile, Nevada.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

AUIC's certificate of authority in its domicile state is suspended.

Such condition is a ground under ORS 735.340 and 731.414(1)(c) for suspending a risk retention group's registration without a hearing under ORS 731.414(2).

ORDER

Pursuant to ORS 735.340 and 731.414, the Oregon registration issued to AUIC is suspended. The period of suspension shall be continuous from the date of this order until rescinded by further written order of the Commissioner, pursuant to ORS 731.426(1). Pursuant to ORS 731.426(2), during the period of suspension, AUIC shall not solicit or issue new policies of insurance in this state or assume any Oregon risk. During the period of suspension, AUIC shall also not issue renewal policies in this state. AUIC shall file its annual financial statement and pay any fees and taxes required to be paid. AUIC shall service any existing policies of insurance issued to persons residing in Oregon in accordance with Oregon Law.

Pursuant to ORS 731.422(2), the authority of all producers to represent AUIC 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 AUIC is suspended. During the period of suspension, a producer may represent AUIC only to the extent that AUIC may service any existing policies of insurance issued to persons residing in Oregon and that AUIC has authorized the producer to represent it.

AUIC is hereby ordered to provide a copy of this suspension order to all appointed producers within 14 days of the date of this order. The company shall provide to the Commissioner within 21 days from the date of this order an affidavit certifying that notice to appointed producers has been provided.

Issued the 14 day of January, 2013.


Louis Savage
Insurance Commissioner

RIGHT TO A HEARING

The party has the right to a hearing pursuant to ORS 183.415. A party may request a hearing by sending a written request to the Insurance Division. A party may send the request to the Insurance Division by delivering it to the Labor and Industries Building, 350 Winter Street NE, Salem, Oregon; or mailing it to PO Box 14480, Salem, OR 97309-0405, or faxing it to 503-378-4351; or e-mailing it to mitchel.d.curzon@state.or.us. The Insurance Division must *receive* the request within 21 days from the date this notice was *sent* to the party.

If the Insurance Division receives from or on behalf of a party a written request for a hearing by the due date described above, then the Insurance Division will refer the request to the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH). OAH will schedule the hearing and notify the party of the date and location of the hearing and other related information. OAH will conduct the hearing in accordance with the Oregon Administrative Procedures Act, ORS Chapter 183; and related rules, Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 137-03-0502 *et seq.* A party that is a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, unincorporated association, trust, or government agency must be represented at a hearing by an attorney licensed in Oregon except as otherwise provided by law. Subsequently, OAH will issue a proposed order, and the Commissioner will issue a final order.

If the Insurance Division does not receive from or on behalf of a party a written request for a hearing by the due date described above; or a party that has timely requested a hearing withdraws the request, notifies the Insurance Division or OAH that the party will not appear at a hearing, or does not appear at a scheduled hearing, then the Commissioner will issue a final order by default taking the action proposed therein. If the Commissioner issues a final order by default, then the record of this proceeding to date, including the designated portion of the Insurance Division's file on the party, automatically become part of the contested case record for the purpose of proving a *prima facie* case.