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TO: SURPLUS LINES LICENSEES

RE: OPTins

FROM: HAWAII INSURANCE DIVISION

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The Hawaii Insurance Division has implemented OPT*ins* (Online Premium Tax for Insurance) for Insurance Companies since 2015, and the OPTins implementation is now being extended to Surplus Lines Licensees, effective August 15, 2019. OPT*ins*, a product of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), has been developed to facilitate Premium Tax and Surplus Lines Tax submission of forms and payments. This has been and will continue to be Hawaii Insurance Division's preferred method of filing tax returns, with all payments to be processed by electronic funds transfer (EFT).

As many of you may have already been OPTins users and aware of that the steps to submit your tax filing are very simple and require no formal training. Easy to follow instructions are available at: http://www.optins.org. Once registered and set up, you will be able to log in, upload your filing forms and submit your payment online. No more process of paper checks, and tax forms along with corresponding payment are received by the Hawaii Insurance Division immediately upon submission.

Using OPT*ins* allows you to save time and ensure that both the forms and payment are received together and on time. To register, please contact the OPT*ins* Marketing Team at optinsmktg@naic.org or call (816) 783-8787.

Questions or comments applicable to this notice should be directed to:

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The Hawaii Insurance Division encourages all licensees to periodically check the Division's web site http://cca.hawaii.gov/ins/ updates and other relevant information.