

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES
REVIEW STANDARDS FOR COMMERCIAL UMBRELLA AND EXCESS

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IF CHECKLIST IS NOT APPLICABLE, PLEASE EXPLAIN:

REVIEW REQUIREMENTS	REFERENCE	DESCRIPTION OF REVIEW STANDARDS REQUIREMENTS	LOCATION OF STANDARD IN FILING
GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL FILINGS		The following web site represents the Department's initiative to streamline the procedures for form, rate and rule filings: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers.	Form/Page/Para Reference
COVER LETTER AND EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM	CL 11 (1998)	The filing should include a cover letter, and an explanatory memorandum clearly explaining the intent of the filing, and highlighting any substantive changes (such as changes in ratemaking methodology or major coverages provided). If new form(s), territories, classification(s), or rule(s) are being filed and there are similar ones currently approved for use by a Rate Service Organization (RSO) or another insurer, or has been the subject of a filing previously not approved in New York, reference should be provided to the Department's file number or SERFF tracking number and effective date of the approval, or copies of the approved items should be included, if applicable. If the filing is currently in use in another state, this should be indicated.	
EXCLUSIONS & LIMITATIONS		The following web site contains additional information on exclusions and prohibited coverages: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers.	
Lead	§2307(b)	May only exclude structures built prior to 1980 which have a significant potential lead exposure and have not undergone lead abatement procedures. There must be a credit of between 2% and 10% if the underlying coverage does not have a lead exclusion or when the policy premium is not based upon the underlying premium. Please refer to Item IX of the Commercial Liability Insurance Form Filing Compliance Questionnaire, available at: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers.	
Mold	§2307(b)		
Pollution	§2307(b)	Please refer to Item VIII of the Commercial Liability Insurance Form Filing Compliance Questionnaire, available at: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers.	
Terrorism	CL 2 (2015)	This Circular Letter containing additional information is available at: Circular Letters.	
Tobacco	§2307(b)	Such exclusion should be limited to the deleterious health effects associated with the use of such products only. Please refer to Item I.O of the Commercial Liability Insurance Form Filing Compliance Questionnaire, available at: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers.	

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FILING SUBMISSION	§2305 & §2307 CL 19 (1992) Supplement No 1 to CL 11 (1998)	Forms, territories, classifications, and rating plans are subject to prior approval. Rating rules are subject to "File and Use" and rates are subject to flex-rating.	
Compliance Questionnaires, Forms and Optional "Speed to Market" Filing Procedures	CL 11 (1998) Supplement No 3 to CL 11 (1998)	Please refer to the following web site for additional information: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers.	
NO FILE OR FILING EXEMPTIONS	Article 63 11NYCRR16 (Reg. 86)	An authorized insurer must obtain a "Special Risk License" prior to writing business in the "Free Trade Zone". Such business shall be limited to a Special Risk defined as either a Class 1 risk, Class 2 risk as enumerated in the list contained in Regulation 86, or a Class 3 risk. Although filing is not required for a Class 1 risk or a Class 2 risk, rates and policy forms applied to special risks must still satisfy governing standards set forth in the Insurance Law and regulations. If it is a class 3 risk then the company is required to file for information only any form that has not been previously filed with the Superintendent within three business days after the first delivery of a policy using such form, but no later than 60 calendar days after the inception date of such policy. It should be noted that any policy form that an insurer previously filed with the Superintendent and that the Superintendent disapproved or rejected or that the insurer withdrew will not be considered to have been previously filed with the Superintendent.	
PROHIBITED COVERAGES		While the Department does not have an exhaustive list, some examples of prohibited coverages include punitive damages and corporal punishment. Please refer to the following web site for additional information: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers.	
Assault and Battery	§2307(b)	Coverage for Assault and Battery is prohibited except for defense of person or property. Please refer to Item I.A.1.c of the Commercial Liability Insurance Form Filing Compliance Questionnaire, available at: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers.	
Discrimination	CL 6 (1994)	Coverage for discrimination may only be provided on vicarious basis or for disparate impact.	
Indemnification Policy	§3420	Is not permitted. Liability coverage must be provided on a pay on behalf basis. Please refer to Item I.B.1 of the Commercial Liability Insurance Form Filing Compliance Questionnaire, available at: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers.	
Intentional Acts	§2307(b)	May only be provided on vicarious basis or for disparate impact. Please refer to Item I.A.1.b of the Commercial Liability Insurance Form Filing Compliance Questionnaire, available at: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers.	

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Punitive or Exemplary Damages	CL 6 (1994)	Coverage for Punitive or Exemplary Damages is not permitted. Please refer to Item I.A.1.a of the Commercial Liability Insurance Form Filing Compliance Questionnaire, available at: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers.	
Sexual Harassment Coverage	§2307(b)	Coverage should not be provided to any person who allegedly or actually: i) participates in, ii) directs; or iii) knowingly allows any act of sexual misconduct.	
Worker's Compensation	CL 17 (1987) and first supp	Please refer to Item VI.2 of the Commercial Liability Insurance Form Filing Compliance Questionnaire, available at: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers.	
SIDE BY SIDE COMPARISON	CL 11 (1998)	If the filing is a revision to existing form(s), territories, classification(s) or rule(s); Except for simple, non-substantive changes, a side-by-side comparison of the form(s) or rule(s) being proposed and those currently in use in New York, with all changes clearly marked and explained in the company's cover letter or memorandum must be included. Revisions to classifications and territories should include a comparison between those currently on file (in New York) and those proposed, including relevant statistical data (experience) and any rate or rate relativity effect. There should be a reference to the Department's previous file number and/or a copy of the approval letter in which the current form(s), territories, classification(s) or rule(s) were approved/acknowledged.	
FORMS: POLICY PROVISIONS	§1113, §2307, §3105, §3106, & §3420 11 NYCRR 86 (Reg. 95) 11 NYCRR 71 (Reg. 107) 11 NYCRR 72 (Reg. 110) 11 NYCRR 73 (Reg. 121)	The Commercial Lines Property Insurance Form Filing Compliance Questionnaire contains detailed information for making a commercial liability filing including required policy provisions, exclusions, prohibited coverages, and standard language, available at: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers.	Form/Page/Para Reference
APPLICATIONS			
Filing exemption	§2307(b)	Applications which do not become part of the policy are exempt from filing requirements. Please refer to Item I.N.1 of the Commercial Liability Insurance Form Filing Compliance Questionnaire, available at: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers.	
Fraud Warning Statement	§403(d) 11 NYCRR86.4 (Reg. 95)	All applications must contain the prescribed fraud warning statement, which must be incorporated immediately above the applicant's signature.	
Claims-Made Disclosure Notice	11 NYCRR 73.7(a) (Reg. 121)	If a policy is a claims-made policy, the application must comply with the disclosure requirements listed in Item II.a of the Claims Made Policies Form Filing Compliance Questionnaire, available at: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers.	

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Defense-within-limit Disclosure	11NYCRR 71.5(a) (Reg. 107)	If a policy is a defense within limits policy, the application must comply with the disclosure requirements listed in Item I.C of Defense Within Limits Form Filing Compliance Questionnaire, available at: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers . Note, however, most commercial umbrella liability insurance policies may not be written of a defense within limits basis.	
ARBITRATION		Arbitration of disputes between an insured and the insurer may not be required.	
BANKRUPTCY PROVISIONS			
Insolvency or bankruptcy clause	§3420(a)(1)	A policy must contain a statement indicating that the insolvency or bankruptcy of the insured or the insured's estate does not relieve the obligations of the insurer. Please refer to Item I.B.2 of the Commercial Liability Insurance Form Filing Compliance Questionnaire, available at: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers .	
BLANK ENDORSEMENTS		Not permitted since a blank endorsement may change policy provisions without the proper approval by this Department. An exception may be made for a blank form if its usage is apparent based on the title/language of the form itself (such as a change in address form). Forms containing check boxes with a space for language to be added are considered blank endorsements and are subject to these rules. Please refer to Item I.L of the Commercial Liability Insurance Form Filing Compliance Questionnaire, available at: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers .	
CANCELLATION & NON-RENEWAL	§3426 CL 14 (1986) CL 11 (1989) Supplement No 1 to CL 11 (1989)	The Cancellation & Nonrenewal provisions apply to all commercial risk policies including policies issued or issued for delivery in New York covering risks with multi-state locations where the insured is principally headquartered in New York or the policy provides that New York Law will govern. Please refer to the Commercial Lines Cancellation and Nonrenewal Form Filing Compliance Questionnaire for detailed cancellation and nonrenewal requirements, available at: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers .	
Notice of Cancellation	§3426(b), (c), (h)(2), (g) & (l)	The cancellation provisions must comply with the statutory requirements for the content of the notice (including loss information), proof of notice, special provisions, and time frame for giving notice. Any notice which fails to include a provision required by Section 3426 shall not be an effective notice of cancellation. Notice must be mailed/delivered to the first name insured and to the insured's authorized agent or broker. Please refer to Item I.A of the Commercial Lines Cancellation and Nonrenewal Form Filing Compliance Questionnaire, available at: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers .	

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Notice of Non Renewal	§3426(e), (g), (h)(2) & (l)	The nonrenewal provisions must comply with the statutory requirements for the content of the notice (including loss information), proof of notice, special provisions, and time frame for giving notice. Any notice which fails to include a provision required by Section 3426 shall not be an effective notice of nonrenewal. Notice must be mailed/delivered to the first name insured and to the insured's authorized agent or broker. Please refer to Item I.B of the Commercial Lines Cancellation and Nonrenewal Form Filing Compliance Questionnaire, available at: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers.	
Required Policy Period	§3426(a)(2) & (d)(2)	A required policy period means a period of one year from the date as of which a covered policy is renewed or first issued. A policy issued for less than one year must be in compliance with statutory reasons outlined in §3426(d)(2). Please refer to Item II of the Commercial Lines Cancellation and Nonrenewal Form Filing Compliance Questionnaire, available at: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers.	
Permissible Reasons for Cancellation	§3426(b), (c) & (h)	A policy may be cancelled for any valid underwriting reason during the first 60 days a policy is in force. After the first 60 days, reasons for cancellation are limited to statutory references. Please refer to Item I.A. 2 of the Commercial Lines Cancellation and Nonrenewal Form Filing Compliance Questionnaire, available at: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers.	
Permissible Reasons for Non Renewal	§3426(e) & (h)	A valid underwriting reason must be specifically listed in notice. Please refer to the Commercial Lines Cancellation and Nonrenewal Form Filing Compliance Questionnaire, available at: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers.	
Conditional Renewal	§3426(e)(1)(B)	A conditional renewal notice is required for any change in the policy less favorable to the policyholder. Such notice must contain the specific reason or reasons for conditional renewal and must comply with the statutory requirements for the content of the notice (including loss information), proof of notice, special provisions, and time frame for giving notice. Please refer to Item I.B.2 and I.B.3 of the Commercial Lines Cancellation and Nonrenewal Form Filing Compliance Questionnaire, available at: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers.	
Policy Extension	§3426(e)(6)	Aggregate Limit for expiring policy is increased in proportion to any policy extension as a result of late notice. Please refer to Item II. 2 of the Commercial Lines Cancellation and Nonrenewal Form Filing Compliance Questionnaire, available at: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers.	
Suspension	§3426(m)	A suspension of coverage shall not be considered a cancellation of coverage	
CLAIMS MADE	§2307(b) 11NYCRR73 (Reg. 121)	The Claims-Made Policies Form Filing Compliance Questionnaire contains detailed information for making a Claims Made filing, available at: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers.	

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Policies issued on claims-made basis	11NYCRR73.2(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) (Reg. 121)	Claims-made coverage is limited to the types of risk outlined in Regulation 121. For commercial umbrella policies, it may provide coverage on a claims-made basis over underlying claims-made policies. However, coverage must be provided on an occurrence basis over occurrence underlying coverages as well as any coverages not subject to underlying coverage requirement.	
DEFENSE			
Duty to Defend		The insurer has the duty to defend all claims to which the policy applies. A defense must be provided even if allegations are groundless, false or fraudulent. A complete defense must be provided for a claim, which involves both covered and uncovered allegations, and no allocation of defense costs is permitted. Additionally, provision must be made for the orderly transfer of defense duties when the limit of liability is used up in the payment of judgments or settlements. Please refer to Item I.C of the Commercial Liability Insurance Form Filing Compliance Questionnaire, available at: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers.	
Defense-Within-Limits	11NYCRR 71 (Reg. 107)	Please refer to the Defense Within Limits Compliance Questionnaire for the minimum provisions, disclosure requirements, and limitations of coverage, available at: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers.	
Legal Services Insurance	§1113(a)(29) & §1116 11NYCRR262 (Reg. 162)	Legal Services Insurance means insurance providing legal services or reimbursement of the cost of legal services. (Please note that pursuant to Section 262.10(d) of Department Regulation 161, when legal services insurance is written as part of a liability policy, it shall be written on a "pay on behalf" basis, except for a policy of directors and officers insurance, which may be written on an "indemnification" basis.) Please refer to the Legal Services Compliance Questionnaire for additional requirements available at: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers.	
DEFINITIONS			
Bodily Injury		If the policy covers Bodily Injury, and that definition does not include mental anguish that results from a wrongful act, some form of rate relief must be given. Please refer to Item I.E of the Commercial Liability Insurance Form Filing Compliance Questionnaire, available at: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers.	
Commercial Umbrella Policy	11 NYCRR 161.1(d) (Reg. 129)	Commercial umbrella policy means a commercial liability insurance policy (except as modified by subdivisions [i] and [j] of this section) written as excess over underlying policies providing standard form general liability and motor vehicle liability insurance issued to and warranted to exist by the named insured, that include coverage limits of at least \$300,000 in the aggregate for bodily injury liability, and \$50,000 for property damage liability. With respect to losses not covered by underlying insurance, the policy shall require an insured's retention of risk, and be excess over, at least \$10,000 per accident or occurrence.	

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Loading & Unloading	§2307(b)	The term "Loading & Unloading" must remain undefined. Please refer to Item I.J of the Commercial Liability Insurance Form Filing Compliance Questionnaire, available at: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers.	
Personal Injury	§1113(a)(13)	If the policy provides coverage for Personal Injury, such policy must include the provisions of §1113(a)(13). Please refer to Item I.d of the Commercial Liability Insurance Form Filing Compliance Questionnaire, available at: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers.	
EXCESS COVERAGE		1) If the self-insured retention is \$10,000 or greater, the consent of the insured to settle a claim is required for claims falling within the self-insured retention; 2) the insured should have the right to select counsel for claims within the self-insured retention; 3) the company cannot require an insured to contract with a particular claims adjustment service; 4) For the above items, endorsements must be attached to the policy indicating the policyholder understands and consents to the requirements.	
Following Form		If the policy is a following form excess liability policy, it must contain language conforming the policy to all New York requirements if an unlicensed company is an underlying carrier. Please refer to Item V of the Commercial Liability Insurance Form Filing Compliance Questionnaire, available at: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers.	
FORMS MISCELLANEOUS			
Numbered Forms	§2307(b)	All policy forms and endorsements filed with the Department must include an identification number. Please refer to Item I.M of the Commercial Liability Insurance Form Filing Compliance Questionnaire, available at: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers.	
Unlicensed Companies	§2307(b)	All policy forms and endorsements filed with the Department may only include the names of insurers licensed in the State of New York. Please refer to Item I.K of the Commercial Liability Insurance Form Filing Compliance Questionnaire, available at: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers.	
FICTITIOUS GROUPS	§3435 11NYCRR301 (Reg. 134) 11NYCRR153 (Reg. 135)	The provisions of §3435 and Regulations 134 and 135 do not permit fictitious groups. The issuance of group property & casualty insurance is limited to either not-for-profit or municipality insureds, or purchasing groups formed under the Federal Liability Risk Retention Act of 1986 or quasi-group policies through a mass merchandising, safety group or similar program, in connection with State law or a Federal purchasing group.	

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GROUP POLICIES	§3435 11NYCRR301 (Reg. 134) 11NYCRR153 (Reg. 135)	The provisions of §3435 and Regulations 134 and 135 do not permit fictitious groups. The issuance of group property & casualty insurance is limited to either not-for-profit or municipality insureds, or purchasing groups formed under the Federal Liability Risk Retention Act of 1986 or quasi-group policies through a mass merchandising, safety group or similar program, in connection with State law or a Federal purchasing group. Group policies must comply with the provisions of Regulations 134 & 135 including the following: general requirements, group policy minimum standards, premium collection and payment, dividend plans and form and rate filings requirements.	
LIMITS			
Policy Limits			
Sublimits		If there are sublimits the policy should highlight that fact, and if the policy is written on a Defense Within Limit basis the sublimit cannot be less than the minimum limit required for policies written on that basis.	
LOSS SETTLEMENT			
Action Against Company	§3420(a)(2) & §3420(b)	If judgment against an insured is not satisfied within 30 days, an action can be brought against an insurer. Furthermore, the judgment clause may not include the requirement that judgment be "final" or obtained "after actual trial." Please refer to Item I.B of the Commercial Liability Insurance Form Filing Compliance Questionnaire, available at: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers.	
After Market Parts			
Deductibles	11NYCRR71 (Reg. 107)	If deductible is applied against defense costs, policy must comply with Reg. 107.	
Loss Valuations			
Notification of Claim	§3420(a)(3)(4)(5)&(6)	The policy must contain the various liability provisions set forth in Section 3420 (a)(3)(4)(5) and (6). Please refer to Paragraph I.B of Compliance Questionnaire CLL.	
Settlement with Retention		Please refer to Item VI.1 of the Commercial Liability Insurance Form Filing Compliance Questionnaire, available at: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers.	
OTHER INSURANCE	§2303	Policy provisions which indicate that in the event an occurrence is covered by more than one policy issued by an insurer or its affiliates, only the highest limit of liability among all policies will apply to the claim, are not permitted. Please refer to Item I.I of the Commercial Liability Insurance Form Filing Compliance Questionnaire, available at: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers.	
PARTICIPATING POLICIES	§4106	A participating policy provision is not required. However, when the provision is included, the board of directors may make reasonable classifications of policies in order to issue payment of dividends. Such classifications must be filed for approval and be fair and not unfairly discriminatory.	

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PREMIUM AUDIT	11 NYCRR161.10 (Reg. 129)	Audit to determine the final premium must be conducted within 180 days after expiration of the policy and such audit requirement may only be waived for reasons specified in the regulation.	
PRIOR ACT COVERAGE FOR OCCURRENCE POLICY		It is only permitted to be written if 1) No coverage for known claims, 2) Provided only to insureds switching from claims-made policy and is not available to an insured with an uninsured prior acts exposure, 3) Once purchased, must survive termination of the occurrence policy.	
VICARIOUS LIABILITY	CL 6 (1994)	The Department permits coverage for claims of vicarious liability regardless of whether the underlying wrong is intentional or not.	
VOIDANCE	§3105 & §3106	May not void a policy unless the misrepresentation is material. No misrepresentation shall be deemed material unless knowledge by the insurer of the facts misrepresented would have led to a refusal by the insurer to make such contract. Please refer to Item I.H of the Commercial Liability Insurance Form Filing Compliance Questionnaire, available at: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers.	
WARRANTIES	§3106	A breach of warranty shall not void a policy unless the breach of warranty is material.	

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WORLDWIDE COVERAGE		If a policy provides for a duty to defend, in provisions where the company states it has no duty to defend suits brought in foreign countries, the company must state the specific reasons why it does not wish to defend (i.e. if the insurer lacks the expertise to defend in the foreign country, or if the insurer is not permitted by law to defend in such foreign country.) In such situations, the policy must specify that the insurer must reimburse the insured for the defense expenses the insured incurred.	
RATES & RATING PLANS	§2304 & §2344 11NYCRR161 (Reg. 129) Circular Letter No. 5 (2009)	All rates, rating plans, and rating rules filings must be submitted in accordance with the instructions of Circular Letter No. 5 (2009) which outlines the new mandatory filing procedures effective March 10, 2009. These procedures contain the minimum required information that must accompany all rate, rating plan, and rating rule filings. Rate filings must include appropriate supporting information as outlined in the Rate Filing Sequence Checklist. Please note the relevant requirements contained in Section 2304 of the New York Insurance Law. For commercial lines filings subject to flex-rating under Section 2344, please also refer to Regulation 129 (11 NYCRR 161). Please refer to the following web site for additional information at: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers .	Form/Page/Para Reference
ADOPTIONS OF RATE SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS (RSO) FILINGS			
Me Too Filings	§2306 11 NYCRR 161.7 (Reg. 129)	The insurer may discharge its rate filing obligation by giving notice that it uses rates and rate information prepared by a designated rate service organization. Please refer to Regulation 129 for the filing of rates and the relation and role of rates published by a rate service organization and the Department's web site for additional filing information at: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers .	
CONSENT-TO-RATE	§2309	The application for an excess rate is subject to prior approval. In addition, the application must include the insured's reasons and the application must be signed by the insured.	
CREDIT SCORING AND REPORTS		The use of credit scoring and reports is limited to the initial underwriting and/or initial tier placement of the risk.	
INDIVIDUAL RISK RATING	§2305 11NYCRR161.12 (Reg. 129)	Individual Risk Submissions not subject to prior approval shall not filed with the Department. All such information shall be retained in the insurer's individual underwriting file for each policy issued for a period of five years from the date of first issuance of such policy.	
Prior approval	CL 4 (1996)	All Individual Risk Submissions subject to prior approval form must include Form 129-C.doc, available at: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers .	

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PRICING	§2304 & §2344 11NYCRR161 (Reg. 129) CL19 (1992) & CL4 (1996)	The following web site contains the mandatory filing procedures: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers.	
Audit Provisions/premium Audit Rules		Indicate if the filing includes an audit provision and/or a premium audit rule. If so, an audit to determine final premium for policies under which the initial premium is based on an estimate of the insured's exposure base must comply with Section 161.10 of Regulation 129. The provision/rule must clearly demonstrate compliance.	
Minimum Premium Rules		Minimum Premium Rules- the submission should evidence the relationship between the amount charged as a minimum premium and the costs associated with producing the policy or coverage. Return Premium/Minimum Earned Premium Rules - the submission should specify that the policy will be pro-rated or short-rated due to mid-term termination of the policy. Premium may be considered fully earned only for policies insuring special events that are only a few days in length.	
Multi Tiering		Eligibility requirements for each tier must be submitted. The tier eligibility requirements must be specific and mutually exclusive, so that no insured would be eligible for more than one tier. The rate effects of the tier eligibility requirements should not be duplicated in any rating plans. Justification must be provided for the rate differential for each tier.	
Payment Plans		Payment plans are outside of the rating structure, and do not have to be filed with the Department or included as part of the manual rates.	
Renewal Discounts		Renewal Discounts or credits due to the insured's longevity with the company are not permitted for Commercial Liability coverage.	
Service Charges		Late payment fees, reinstatement fees, and premium installment fees are to be classified as service fees that are outside of the rating structure, and do not have to be filed with the Department or included as part of the manual rates.	
RATING PLAN REQUIREMENTS	§2344 11NYCRR161.8 (Reg. 129)	Rating plans are subject to prior approval. Even if the insurer is adopting a rating plan from a Rate Service Organization (RSO) without modification, such plan is subject to the prior approval requirements.	
Composite Rating		For rating plan rules and standards, please refer to Regulation 129 and item RP-1 and RP-2 of the Rate Filing Sequence Checklist , available at: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers.	
Expense Reduction Plan		For rating plan rules and standards, please refer to Regulation 129 and item RP-1 and RP-2 of the Rate Filing Sequence Checklist , available at: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers.	
Experience Rating		For rating plan rules and standards, please refer to Regulation 129 and item RP-1, RP-2 and RP-3 of the Rate Filing Sequence Checklist , available at: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers.	
Loss Rating		For rating plan rules and standards, please refer to Regulation 129 and item RP-1 and RP-2 of the Rate Filing Sequence Checklist , available at: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers.	

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Retrospective Rating		For rating plan rules and standards, please refer to Regulation 129 and item RP-1 and RP-2 of the Rate Filing Sequence Checklist , available at: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers.	
Schedule Rating		For rating plan rules and standards, please refer to Regulation 129 and item RP-1 and RP-2 of the Rate Filing Sequence Checklist , available at: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers.	
RATE/LOSS COST SUPPORTING INFORMATION			
Actuarial or other Rate Support	11NYCRR161 (Reg. 129) CL 19 (1992) Circular Letter No. 5 (2009)	Rate making and supporting information for rates, rating plans, and rating rules must be organized into exhibits, which follow a sequential numbering system. The Rate Filing Sequence Checklist and the related instructions prescribe the required format used to support rate, rating plan, and rating rule filings, available at: Rate, Form, Territory, Classification and Rule Filing Instructions for Property/Casualty Filers.	