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To: Maine Resident Producer Agencies
From: Eric A. Cioppa, Superintendent
Date: October 5, 2016
Re: CastlePoint National Insurance Company (PCF210838)

In light of the significant role in the Maine property and casualty insurance market that the insurers listed below have had for many years, I want the producer community to be aware of recent developments concerning these companies. Please direct this letter to all producers affiliated with your agency.

As you might know, the California Insurance Department has started a proceeding to place CastlePoint National Insurance Company in conservatorship and to liquidate the company. On September 13, 2016, the Superior Court for the City and County of San Francisco entered an order approving the conservation and liquidation plan of CastlePoint.

More information is at this California Insurance Department link:
http://www.caclo.org/perl/index.pl?document_id=14d0761e292a1b4ce4b0e65f5c9dcd78.

This proceeding affects companies with which your agency might have placed coverage. Besides CastlePoint, these companies are:

- North East Insurance Company – PCF536
- York Insurance Company of Maine – PCF498
- Preserver Insurance Company – PCF158672
- Tower Insurance Company of New York – PCF120355
- Tower National Insurance Company – PCF923

The September 13th order does not place these companies in liquidation. However, you should monitor the situation because this could occur without prior notice (see page 6 of the order, at the link above). Furthermore, a liquidation order would trigger the provisions of the Insurance Code relating to handling of claims through the Maine Insurance Guaranty Association. See 24-A M.R.S. §§ 4431 – 4452. Should this occur, MIGA would only be responsible for covered claims existing before or, generally speaking, arising within 30 days after the determination of insolvency.

If you have questions, please contact Property & Casualty Division Director Frank Kimball or Attorney Ben Yardley at the numbers below.