STATE OF ARIZONA

Department of Insurance and Financial Institutions
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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

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In the Matter of:

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AMERICAN EUROPEAN INSURANCE COMPANY

No. 21A-007-INS

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NAIC CoCode: 23337

**CONSENT ORDER** 

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2250 Chapel Avenue West, Suite 200 Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

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Respondent.

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The Arizona Department of Insurance and Financial Institutions ("Department") alleges that American European Insurance Company ("Respondent") violated provisions of Title 20, Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S."). Respondent wishes to resolve this matter without the commencement of formal proceedings, and admits the following Findings of Fact are true, and consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

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# FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a property and casualty insurer domiciled in New Hampshire. Respondent

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- holds a certificate of authority issued by the Department on June 23, 2017, with lines of business in vehicle, surety, property, and casualty with workers' compensation insurance.

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2. The Market Conduct Annual Statement ("MCAS") was developed to provide regulators with a uniform system of collecting market-related information to help states monitor the market conduct of insurers. Under MCAS requirements, insurers are required to report their data to the NAIC for

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centralized storage and analysis by a certain deadline.

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### The 2018 MCAS

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3. Respondent failed to file its 2018 Private Passenger Auto ("PPA") MCAS for the period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

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#### The 2019 MCAS

- 4. On or about December 16, 2019, on behalf of the Department, NAIC issued a 2019 Market Conduct Annual Statement Letter ("MCAS Letter") to Respondent. The MCAS Letter is designed to remind Respondent of its obligation to submit its MCAS to the Department before the deadline of April 30, 2020. The NAIC Market Analysis Procedures (D) Working Group "agreed to a 60-day extension of the 2019 MCAS due date to allow companies to address COVID-19 related issues." The new deadline to file the 2019 PPA MCAS was June 30, 2020.
  - 5. Respondent failed to file its 2019 PPA MCAS which was due on or before June 30, 2020.
- 6. On or about August 4, 2020, the Department sent Respondent an email requesting Respondent's 2019 PPA MCAS on or before August 14, 2020. Respondent failed to comply.
- 7. On or about August 21, 2020, the Department sent Respondent a second email informing Respondent that the failure to file its PPA MCAS by August 31, 2020 may result in an administrative action against Respondent. Respondent failed to respond or comply with the Department's notices.
- 8. On or about September 24, 2020, the Department's representative contacted Respondent by telephone and left a voice message. The Department's representative advised Respondent of possible commencement of an investigation and issuance of an administrative action if Respondent does not respond by September 25, 2020.
  - 9. Respondent filed its Arizona 2019 PPA MCAS on December 7, 2020.

# **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The Director has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 2. The Department has authority to request the MCAS data pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 20-142(C), 20-156(A), and 20-157(A).

<sup>1</sup> https://content.naic.org/sites/default/files/national\_meeting/D%20Cmte%20Final%20Summer%202020.pdf (last visited October 21, 2020)

- 3. Respondent's conduct, as alleged above, constitutes a violation of the requirement that every person being examined and its officers, employees, agents and representatives produce and make freely accessible to the Director or the Director's examiners the accounts, records, documents, files, assets and matters in the person's possession or control relating to the subject of the examination, within the meaning of A.R.S. § 20-157(A).
- 4. Respondent's conduct, as alleged above, constitutes a violation of Title 20, within the meaning of A.R.S. § 20-220(A)(1).
- 5. Grounds exist for the Director to refuse to renew, revoke or suspend Respondent's certificate of authority or asses a penalty, within the meaning of A.R.S. § 20-220(A).
- 6. Grounds exist, in addition to any other penalty imposed by law, for the Director to impose a civil penalty of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for each violation and not to exceed an aggregate of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) within a six-month period with respect to intentional violations, within the meaning of A.R.S. § 20-220(B)(2).

### **ORDER**

## IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. American European Insurance Company shall immediately pay a civil money penalty in the amount of **five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00)** for deposit into the State General Fund.
- 2. This Order shall become effective immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until otherwise stayed, modified, vacated or set aside.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 13th day January, 2021

Evan G. Daniels, Director

Arizona Department of Insurance and Financial Institutions

### **CONSENT TO ORDER**

- 1. Respondent has reviewed the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.
- 2. Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Director of Insurance, State of Arizona, and voluntarily consents to the entry of this Order.
- 3. Respondent is aware of its right to notice and a hearing at which it may be represented by counsel, present evidence and examine witnesses. Respondent irrevocably waives its right to such notice and hearing and to any court appeals relating to this Consent Order.
- 4. Respondent states that no promise of any kind or nature whatsoever, except as expressly contained in this Consent Order, was made to it to induce it to enter into this Consent Order and that it has entered into this Consent Order voluntarily.
- 5. Respondent acknowledges that the acceptance of this Consent Order by the Director is solely to settle this matter and does not preclude the Department from instituting other proceedings as may be appropriate now or in the future. Furthermore, and notwithstanding any language in this Consent Order, this Consent Order does not preclude in any way any other state agency or officer or political subdivision of this state from instituting proceedings, investigating claims, or taking legal action as may be appropriate now or in the future relating to this matter or other matters concerning Respondent.
- 6. Nachum John Stein represents that he is the President of American European Insurance Company and, as such, is authorized to enter this Consent Order on its behalf.

American European Insurance Company

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Nachum John Stein, President

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3	ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this day of January, 2021 in the office of:
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