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**TO:** Surplus Lines Insurers, Surplus Lines Brokers, Insurance Trade Associations and Other Interested Parties

**From:** Christina Urias  
Director of Insurance

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**RE: Establishment of Penalty Rates for Late Surplus Lines Tax Payments**

The Arizona Department of Insurance (“Department”) administers Arizona Revised Statutes (“A.R.S.”), Title 20, Chapter 2, Article 4.2, Section 20-417. This Section authorizes the Department to levy a civil penalty of up to twenty-five dollars per day for each day of delinquency if any surplus lines broker fails to remit the surplus lines tax provided for by A.R.S. § 20-416.

To date, the Department has levied a \$25 daily penalty rate regardless of the amount of tax due. When the amount of delinquent tax was small, this practice resulted in civil penalties that were disproportionate to the amount of tax actually due. In an effort to levy a daily rate that more closely correlates to the amount of tax due, the Department is establishing a standard daily penalty rate that will apply to all future assessments for delinquent surplus lines tax payments.

Effective immediately, for delinquent surplus lines tax amounts of \$12,499.99 or less, the penalty rate is 20 cents for each \$100 in late tax payment, per day. For amounts of \$12,500 or greater, the Department will continue to assess a \$25 daily penalty rate. The table presented below provides examples of how the Department will assess this new rate for various amounts of delinquent surplus lines tax due.

<b>Delinquent Surplus Lines Tax Amount</b>	<b>Total Daily Penalty Rate</b>
\$500	\$1 per day
\$1,000	\$2 per day
\$5,000	\$10 per day
\$10,000	\$20 per day
\$12,500 or greater	\$25 per day

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact Kelly Stephens, Financial Affairs Division, at (602) 364-3998.

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