STATE OF ARIZONA

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DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

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In the Matter of:)	Docket No.	97A-125-INS
AMERICAN EAGLE INSURANCE COMPANY)	SUSPENSION ORDER	
NAIC No. 15920)		

Upon information obtained by the Assistant Director of the Corporate and Financial Affairs Division of the Arizona Department of Insurance, the Director of Insurance ("Director") makes the following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and issues the following order:

- 1. American Eagle Insurance Company ("Respondent") is domiciled in Texas and presently holds a certificate of authority issued by the Arizona Department of Insurance ("Department") to transact casualty with workers compensation, marine and transportation, property, surety and vehicle business.
- 2. Respondent's 1996 Annual Statement and its quarterly financial statement as of March 31, 1997, contain adverse findings and information with respect to Respondent's financial condition.
- 3. Respondent's surplus decreased by \$31,843,884 during the twelve month period ending March 31, 1997. This amount constitutes a 228.78% decrease in surplus as regards policyholders that is in excess of the minimum required. This finding is considered an adverse finding within the meaning of A.A.C. R20-6-308(A)(1).

- 4. Respondent failed eight (8) Insurance Regulatory Information System (IRIS) ratios, which is considered an adverse finding within the meaning of A.A.C. R20-6-308(A)(2).
- 5. Respondent disclosed in its quarterly financial statement as of March 31, 1997, premiums and agents' balances or uncollected premiums in the amount of \$39,767,879.00, which was 262% of Respondent's surplus as regards policyholders as of that date. Respondent's assets are not of sufficient fair market value, liquidity, and diversity to assure Respondent's ability to meet its outstanding obligations as they mature, within the meaning of A.A.C. R20-6-308(A)(5).
- 6. Respondent's operating loss during the twelve month period ending March 31, 1997, was (\$48,843,884), or 350.92% of its remaining surplus as regards policyholders that is in excess of the minimum required, and is considered an adverse finding within the meaning of A.A.C. R20-6-308(A)(7).
- 7. Respondent is an unsound condition or in such condition as to render its further transaction of insurance in this state hazardous to the policyholders or to the people of this state within the meaning of A.R.S. §20-220(A)(3) and A.A.C. R20-6-308.
- 8. The public health, safety, and welfare imperatively require emergency action, within the meaning of A.R.S. \$41-1064(C).

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent's certificate of authority to transact insurance in Arizona is suspended effective this date.

EFFECTIVE this day of July, 1997

John A. Greene

NOTICE

The determination set forth in this order is an "appealable agency action" pursuant to A.R.S. §41-1092. Consequently, you have the right to obtain a hearing on this determination by filing a Notice of Appeal within thirty (30) days after your receipt of this order. If your Notice of Appeal is received after that thirty (30) day period, it will not be accepted without a determination of good cause for the late The Notice of Appeal must identify the party appealing, filing. the party's address, the determination being appealed, and must contain a concise statement of the reasons for the appeal. hearing will be held within sixty (60) days after your Notice of Appeal is filed, unless the hearing is advanced or delayed by agreement or a showing of good cause by any party. Department of Insurance will serve a Notice of Hearing at least thirty (30) days before the hearing, which will inform you of the date, time and location of the hearing, as well as the issues in controversy.

If you file a Notice of Appeal, you may also request an Informal Settlement Conference by filing a written request no

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later than twenty (20) days before the scheduled hearing. The conference will be held within fifteen (15) days of your request. If an Informal Settlement Conference is requested, a person with the authority to act on behalf of the Department of Insurance will be present. Please note that you waive any right to object to the participation of the Department's representative in the final administrative decision of the matter if it is not settled.

The Notice of Appeal and request for Informal Settlement Conference described above may be addressed to:

Deputy Director
Arizona Department of Insurance
2910 North 44th Street, Suite 210
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Attn: Hearing Administration

A copy of the foregoing mailed this 2lst day of July , 1997

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