

INSURANCE COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

FINAL REMINDER REQUIREMENT FOR TRAVEL AGENTS LICENSED UNDER THE *FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT* TO CARRY ERRORS AND OMISSIONS (“E&O”) INSURANCE

The Insurance Council of British Columbia (“Council”) takes this opportunity to remind all travel agents holding a restricted travel insurance agent licence under the *Financial Institutions Act* (“licensed travel agent”) that as a condition of the licence the travel agent must carry a minimum amount of E&O insurance by January 1, 2007. Council Notice #05-006 on this issue is available on our website under *Publications – Notices*.

The E&O insurance must provide a minimum coverage of \$1,000,000 per claim, \$2,000,000 aggregate and cover all representatives engaged in travel insurance activities on behalf of the licensed travel agent.

A licensed travel agent who is not covered by the required E&O insurance by January 1, 2007 is deemed unlicensed under Council Rule 7(11) and is no longer entitled to engage in the sale of travel insurance.

Insurance companies and market intermediaries are reminded that allowing unlicensed travel agents to market their travel insurance products may be contrary to the *Financial Institutions Act*.

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