

Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE
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TO ALL INSURERS AUTHORIZED TO TRANSACT
INSURANCE IN PUERTO RICO

Subject: Spanish language requirement
deadline

Dear Sirs:

By virtue of the provisions of section 11.140(6) of the Insurance Code of Puerto Rico we extended until December 5, 1977, the time within which an insurer must comply with the Spanish language requirement stipulated in section 11.140(2) of said Code.

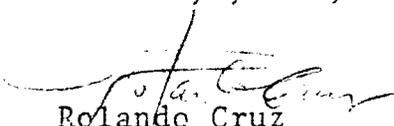
Please be informed that we are presently seeking an amendment to section 11.140(6) of our Insurance Code which would grant the Commissioner of Insurance discretionary authority to extend for one more year, beginning December 5, 1977, the period within which to comply with the aforementioned language requirement.

In the meantime and pursuant to the discretionary authority conferred by sections 2.030(1) and 11.110(5) of the Insurance Code of Puerto Rico, insurers which have submitted for our consideration and approval their entire portfolio of translated forms and have not as yet received from this Office final approval, may after December 5, 1977, continue issuing in English their previously approved forms. As soon as final approval to the translated forms is received from this Office, insurers will have to offer written in Spanish the policies to be issued in Puerto Rico.

Under any other circumstances, and except for those policies exempted from the Spanish language requirement either by statute or by regulation, after December 5, 1977, every policy to be issued in Puerto Rico must be offered written in Spanish and shall be issued written in English at the option of the prospective insured.

Only upon proper justification, will exceptions be made to the aforementioned provisions.

Cordially yours,


Rolando Cruz
Commissioner of Insurance