



COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

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TO ALL INSURERS, HEALTH SERVICES ORGANIZATIONS, GENERAL AGENTS
AND BROKERS AUTHORIZED TO TRANSACT INSURANCE
BUSINESS IN PUERTO RICO

Re: Computation of terms by the
Office of the Commissioner
of Insurance

Dear Sirs:

The purpose of this communication is to inform all persons, which hold a license issued by this Office, of how the terms or periods of time for any type of procedure before this Office will be calculated.

Sometimes the different licensees we regulate have interpreted in different ways the correct form of computing such terms. They have expressed that the terms should be counted from the date the document is sent, or the date of its receipt, or the date its notification was signed, or even three days after the date in which it was sent (this last term allowing a margin for the handling of the letter by the postal service).

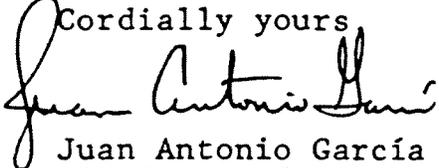
These different interpretations have resulted in a large proliferation of motions and requests for revisions of our decisions, due to the fact that, for proceedings in which a term is involved, different persons have computed such term according to their own judgements, which sometimes differ from those of this Office.

In order to conform this reality with the guidelines established by the Supreme Court of Puerto Rico, in a recent case*, we hereby inform you that the terms or periods of times will be counted or computed by this Office from the date of the certification of remittance of the document in which the term is indicated.

In the event that the document does not contain a certification of remittance, the term will be counted from the date of the document.

In order to avoid unfairness, all letters, in which a computation of a term is involved, but which do not contain a certification of remittance, will be sent by mail on the same day on which they are dated.

Strict compliance with this ruling is required in order to adequately comply with the administrative procedures in this Office.

Cordially yours

Juan Antonio García
Commissioner of Insurance

* Confesor Lassalle Rodríguez v. Junta de Apelaciones sobre Construcciones y Lotificaciones, 84 JTS 98; Etienne Tormos v. Freddie's Racing Technology, 84 JTS 14.