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PRIVATE PASSENGER RATE UPDATE

The Commissioner of Insurance conducted a TAIPA rate hearing on January 9, 2003. The Commissioner accepted testimony from both TAIPA and OPIC. Following the testimony the Commissioner took the request under advisement, but no time for a decision was announced.

Due to the amount of statistical information that Texas Department of Insurance staff had to review for the 78th legislative session, the staff have not reviewed the submitted TAIPA and OPIC rate data in order to provide their rate recommendations to the Commissioner.

EASI IS EASY

TAIPA is pleased to announce the implementation of Electronic Application Submission Interface-EASi (pronounced "easy") effective October 1, 2003. Certified producers may complete both private passenger and commercial application data via the Internet for immediate binding.

The application is printed (along with a binder for the insured), signed and mailed to TAIPA with the premium remittance within one working day. There is immediate coverage for losses and the policy is effective at 12:01 A.M. the next day (unless there is a future effective date)

- It's easier for producers to enter application information on the EASi plain paper application on their computer screens.
- The most recent approved EASi application form will always be available for completion online. Producers will no longer need to maintain a supply of paper applications.

- EASi provides an alternative to the Electronic Submission Procedure (by telephone) to obtain immediate binding of coverage for TAIPA applicants.
- EASi has edits built into the application data entry screens, so there should be an appreciable reduction in deficiencies requiring follow-up for applications assigned to companies.
- There is no charge for the EASi binder.

PRODUCER SEMINAR

This informational seminar will provide instructions on how to use TAIPA's new electronic application binding system "EASi", accessible from the internet. We will discuss TAIPA's general rules and regulations. In addition, TAIPA staff will be available to assist with individual questions and comments.

★ *The seminar has been approved by the Texas Department of Insurance for three (3) hours of Continuing Education Credit. CEC certification will be mailed within 30 days after completion of the seminar.* ★

If you or your staff are interested in attending one of the scheduled seminars, please complete the Registration Form on the reverse. Mail the registration form and fee to TAIPA. A confirmation will be provided via e-mail, facsimile or USPS.

Additional agenda items to be discussed during the seminar include:

- Producer Certification
- Application Submission Procedures
- Rating Guidelines: Private Passenger, Voluntary/ Involuntary rates, Named Non-Owners, Public Automobile Classifications, and much more!

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Attendance at the TAIPA seminar is not mandatory to utilize EASI

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2003 Producer Informational Seminar: "EASI" is ... "easy"**

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**** \$30.00 registration fee ****

Individual Name

TDI ID (agent's license) number

Agency Name (if applicable)

Mailing Address, City/State/ZIP

Telephone #

FAX #

e-mail address

Select ONE of the following cities/dates:

- August 6, 2003 (1:30 - 4:30 PM)
Austin, TX @ Omni Southpark Hotel (East Ben White Blvd @ IH-35)
- August 13, 2003 (1:30 - 4:30 PM)
El Paso, TX @ Embassy Suites, 8100 Gateway Blvd East
- August 27, 2003 (1:30 - 4:30 PM)
Grand Prairie, TX @ AmeriSuites, 1542 N Hwy 360
- September 3, 2003 (1:30 - 4:30 PM)
San Antonio, TX @ Doubletree Hotel, 37 NE Loop 410
- September 10, 2003 (1:30 - 4:30 PM)
Houston, TX @ Ramada Plaza Greenway, 2828 Southwest Freeway



The \$30.00 registration fee must be made payable to TAIPA and mailed with a copy of this registration form to:

**TAIPA
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A separate registration form must be completed for each individual participant; however, you may submit one check for payment of multiple registration fees. Cancellation is required at least 48 hours prior -- and the registration fee will be refunded within 30 days to the individual/agency.

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