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# **BULLETIN**

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TO: All Surplus Lines Agencies (corporations, partnerships or proprietorships)

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SUBJECT: **Electronic Filing Process To Become Mandatory – January 1, 2009**

July, 2007 marked the one year anniversary of PSLA's deployment of the Electronic Filing System (EFS). One year ago PSLA added the option of an XML data export/import process of specific interest to those surplus lines agencies which file large numbers of transactions.

The Electronic Filing System enables surplus lines agencies to submit filings, endorsements, monthly reports and copies of the annual tax filings by way of the Internet, eliminating the need to print and mail or fax filings to PSLA. In addition, EFS allows the agency's access to its own records, enhancing the monitoring of the user's own individual activity and compliance.

As we move into 2008, the response and feedback from the users is overwhelmingly positive. Most of the surplus lines agencies who file regularly with PSLA have made the conversion to electronic filing. The number of participants increases every day. Considering the favorable response, the growing rate of participation and the efficiencies inherent in the system, the Pennsylvania Insurance Department has authorized PSLA to announce that ALL surplus lines filings and endorsements, monthly reports and copies of annual surplus lines tax returns must be filed electronically on and after January 1, 2009. This proposed ruling is in line with and promotes the Department's and PSLA's continuing goals to expedite the handling of information and hold the line on costs to surplus lines licensees and their insured clients.

PSLA highly recommends that you register for the electronic filing feature as soon as possible and take advantage of this significantly more efficient method that will benefit your agency record keeping. For further information and a complete description of this process, visit our web site section devoted exclusively to the Electronic Filing System at <http://www.pasla.org/HTML/Electronic%20Filing.htm>.

As always, if PSLA can be of assistance to you, please contact us.