

**UNDERWRITING BULLETIN – No. 2017 - RC - 04**

**TO:** All Operations and Agents  
**FROM:** Office of the Chief Underwriting Counsel  
**DATE:** April 18, 2017  
**SUBJECT:** Land used for the production or distribution of marijuana

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If you are insuring Land located in one of the states that has “legalized” marijuana in any capacity, and you are made aware of any information from the broker, seller, buyer or anyone else, that the Land is or will be used in some capacity for growing, producing, distribution or dispensing of any type of marijuana or marijuana products you must comply with the following requirements:

- Under no circumstances are you to be involved in the handling of any escrow or other funds of any type. Cash is sometimes a clue that this could be a transaction under discussion. You are NOT to issue any type of Closing Protection Letter.
- You are NOT authorized to issue any type of zoning coverage.
- The commitment (and policy when issued) MUST contain the following exception:

***The violation or enforcement of any federal, state or local law relating to the use of the Land. Neither this Exception nor the issuance of this [Commitment] Policy in any way limits any Exclusion from Coverage contained in this Policy.***

As of this date there are 8 states that allow some type of recreational marijuana use and 28 that allow medicinal use. Such use is still in violation of Federal Law, and the current administration has indicated it will enforce such laws. We cannot be involved with the closings or handling of money other than to issue title under the conditions above.

**IF YOU ARE IN A STATE WHERE MARIJUANA IS STILL ILLEGAL AT THE STATE, LOCAL OR FEDERAL LEVEL YOU SHOULD NOT KNOWINGLY AGREE TO INSURE ANY LAND ASSOCIATED WITH ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES.**

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