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Supplements:	CL No. 2017-26, d. 11 April 2017 ( <i>Guidelines on Voluntary Cessation of Non-Life Insurance Business in the Philippines</i> ); and CL No. 2018-36, d. 26 June 2018 ( <i>Rules on Number of Seats, Qualifications and Term Limits of Independent Directors</i> )

**CIRCULAR LETTER**

**TO : ALL DOMESTIC NON-LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES DOING BUSINESS IN THE PHILIPPINES**

**SUBJECT : RULES ON EXEMPTION OF SERVICING COMPANIES FROM INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR REQUIREMENTS UNDER CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 2018-36**

WHEREAS, this Commission issued Circular Letter No. 2017-26 on 11 April 2017 providing for *Guidelines on Voluntary Cessation of Non-Life Insurance Business in the Philippines*, whereby domestic non-life insurance companies *intending to voluntarily cease and withdraw its insurance operations* are required to secure servicing licenses from this Commission;

WHEREAS, this Commission later issued Circular Letter No. 2018-36 on 26 June 2018 providing for *Rules on Number of Seats, Qualifications and Term Limits of Independent Directors*;

WHEREAS, this Commission has observed confusion concerning the application of the provisions of Circular Letter No. 2018-36 vis-à-vis Circular Letter No. 2017-26, particularly as regards the issue of whether companies that have been issued servicing licenses pursuant to the provisions of Circular Letter No. 2017-26 are still required to comply with the independent director requirement pursuant to Circular Letter 2018-36;