

NOTICE

To: Old Republic Agents and Offices
From: Underwriting Department
Re: World Savings Bank/World Savings and Loan Association
Date: February 26, 2001

At the request of World Savings Bank and Old Republic's Corporate Legal Office in Minneapolis, attached is a copy of a letter from the Associate Counsel of World Savings Bank setting forth their policies concerning short form title policies, missing title policies or endorsements, and missing deeds of trust.

If you have any questions concerning this attachment, please feel free to contact the Underwriting Department at 800/342-5957 or 813/228-0555.

February 20, 2001

Old Republic National Title Ins. Co.
400 Second Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55401-2499
Attn: Richard A. Checchettini, President

RE: Short Form Title Insurance Policies

Dear Mr. Checchettini:

This letter is a follow-up on my recent letters concerning the acceptance of Short Form Title Policies by World Savings Bank, as well as on several post-closing problem issues.

Short Form Title Policies. One underwriter has asked me, in response to my recent letter, whether World will accept Short Form policies on transactions that closed before we started accepting short form policies on Dec 22, 2000. Please be advised that World Savings WILL accept Short Form policies on ALL currently outstanding 1-4 family loan transactions, PROVIDED, however, that ALL of our closing instructions requiring specific endorsement coverage and removal of exceptions are met.

Missing Title policies/endorsements. In the instances where your records indicate that a certain policy/endorsement has previously been issued to World Savings, (but World has no record of receiving it), World will accept a copy of the title company's archived copy of the policy or endorsement, via mail or fax. We would still prefer to have that copy countersigned by the appropriate title company officer. However, if this is not practical under the circumstances, we will consider accepting the title company archived copy, so long as it is accompanied by a cover letter confirming that the original was countersigned. Our goal here is to save both time and money for both our companies by avoiding the costly and time-consuming practice of obtaining a duplicate original policy in each case. This matter will also be covered in the proposed accommodation letter that I hope to shortly forward to you for your review and signature.

Missing Deeds of Trust (DOTs). Mirroring item # 2 above, please be advised that World Savings will accept title-company certified photocopies of the RECORDED security instruments in cases where the originals have been lost. (The copies MUST bear the County Recorder's Stamp and instrument number/book and page.) There is no need to fill the coffers of county recorders' offices by paying them for certified true copies.

I kindly request that you distribute a copy of this letter to your agents and direct branches if you believe that it can be of immediate use to them. Please let me know of any concerns that you may have.

Sincerely,

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