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The Office of the Superintendent of Insurance

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Nova Scotia Standard Automobile Policy Form Update Effective December 18, 2018

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The purpose of this bulletin is to draw your attention to the following amendments made by The Office of the Superintendent of Insurance.

With the legalization of cannabis, the federal criminal code has been updated to include penalties for driving while impaired by cannabis. Nova Scotia's *Cannabis Control Act* contained consequential amendments to the *Insurance Act* which reflect the criminal code changes by updating the current language to specify that driving while impaired by cannabis will be considered an exemption from receiving compensation from insurance providers. These amendments resulted in consequential changes to the *Insurance Act* of Nova Scotia. The changes clarify the new sections as they relate to impaired driving. The NSPF1 was printed in the Royal Gazette, Volume 228, No. 7 - February 13, 2019.

The Automobile Insurance Contract Mandatory Conditions Regulations and the Automobile Insurance Fault Determination Regulations were amended to maintain consistency with the *Criminal Code*, *Cannabis Control Act* and the *Insurance Act*.

The Nova Scotia Standard Policy Forms N.S.S.P.F.#1 and #4 have been amended to reflect the changes. Please contact Kami Singh at Informco Inc for updated copies of the NSPF.

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