CONTINENTAL INSURANCE COMPANY/ CNA INSURANCE COMPANIES) AGBCA No. 99-114-ADR
(1993 Nationwide Operations Review),)
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<u>DECISION OF THE BOARD OF CONTRACT APPEALS</u>

May 13, 1999

OPINION BY ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE JOSEPH A. VERGILIO

Continental Insurance Company/CNA Insurance Companies and the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) have an appeal before this Board, AGBCA No. 98-176-F, involving Continental's dispute with the FCIC's assessment of \$869,754, plus interest, for what FCIC deemed to be Continental's failure to comply with various provisions of the 1993 and 1994 Standard Reinsurance Agreements between the parties (Compliance Case KC-CI00-366). As stated in a letter to the Board dated November 23, 1998, the parties opted to attempt to resolve this matter through the use of an alternative dispute resolution (ADR) technique--non-binding mediation with a Board judge not on the panel of the underlying appeal. Rule 34.

On May 11, 1999, the parties engaged in mediation with a Board judge attending in Kansas City, Missouri. The mediation resulted in a settlement of the dispute.

DECISION

At the request of the parties, this ADR matter before the Board is closed.

JOSEPH A. VERGILIO

Administrative Judge

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