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from any persons in excess of twenty-five; (c) that arrangements will be made whereby any proceeds so paid in, as well as any sales load, will be refunded to any subscriber on demand without any deduction, in the event that the net proceeds so received by the company do not result in the company having a net worth of at least \$100,000 within ninety days after such notification becomes effective.

[25 FR 3512, Apr. 22, 1960]

### § 270.14a-2 Exemption from section 14(a) of the Act for certain registered separate accounts and their principal underwriters.

(a) A registered separate account, and any principal underwriter for such account, shall be exempt from section 14(a) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 80a-14(a)) with respect to a public offering of variable annuity contracts participating in such account if, at the commencement of such offering, the insurance company establishing and maintaining such separate account shall have (1) a combined capital and surplus, if a stock company, or (2) an unassigned surplus, if a mutual company, of not less than \$1,000,000 as set forth in the balance sheet of such insurance company contained in the registration statement or any amendment thereto relating to such contracts filed pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933.

(b) Any registered management investment company which has as a promoter an insurance company meeting the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section and which offers its securities to separate accounts of such insurance company registered under the Act as unit investment trusts ("trust accounts"), and any principal underwriter for such investment company, shall be exempt from section 14(a) with respect to such offering and to the offering of such securities to trust accounts of other insurance companies meeting the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section.

(c) Any registered management investment company exempt from section 14(a) of the Act pursuant to paragraph (b) of this section shall be exempt from sections 15(a), 16(a), and 32(a)(2) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 80a-15(a), 80a-16(a), and 80a-31(a)(2)), to the ex-

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tent prescribed in rules 15a-3, 16a-1, and 32a-2 under the Act (17 CFR 270.15a-3, 270.16a-1, and 270.32a-2), provided that such investment company complies with the conditions set forth in those rules as if it were a separate account.

(Secs. 6(c) and 38(a) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 80a-6(c) and 80a-37(a), respectively))

[49 FR 1479, Jan. 12, 1984]

### § 270.14a-3 Exemption from section 14(a) of the Act for certain registered unit investment trusts and their principal underwriters.

(a) A registered unit investment trust (hereinafter referred to as the "Trust") engaged exclusively in the business of investing in eligible trust securities, and any principal underwriter for the Trust, shall be exempt from section 14(a) of the Act with respect to a public offering of Trust units: *Provided*, That:

(1) At the commencement of such offering the Trust holds at least \$100,000 principal amount of eligible trust securities (or delivery statements relating to contracts for the purchase of any such securities which, together with cash or an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a bank in the amount required for their purchase, are held by the Trust for purchase of the securities);

(2) If, within ninety days from the time that the Trust's registration statement has become effective under the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77a *et seq.*) the net worth of the Trust declines to less than \$100,000 or the Trust is terminated, the sponsor for the Trust shall—

(i) Refund, on demand and without deduction, all sales charges to any unitholders who purchased Trust units from the sponsor (or from any underwriter or dealer participating in the distribution), and

(ii) Liquidate the eligible trust securities held by the Trust and distribute the proceeds thereof to the unitholders of the Trust;

(3) The sponsor instructs the trustee when the eligible trust securities are deposited in the Trust that, in the event that redemptions by the sponsor