

*This report provides a summary of relevant data and documents we received in response to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests we filed on this company.*

#### Confirmed, Undisclosed SEC Investigation

At least once in the past, the SEC had cited the "law enforcement exemption" of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) as basis to deny the public's access to the detailed records we sought on this company. As a matter of law, the SEC is acknowledging some sort of investigative activity with this response. We filed an appeal with the SEC Office of the General Counsel to challenge that response.

In response to our latest appeal, the date of which is shown in the table below, the SEC stated, "We have confirmed with staff that releasing the withheld information could reasonably be expected to interfere with on-going enforcement proceedings."

While the SEC as a matter of course tells the public that an ongoing investigation should not be construed as a finding of any wrongdoing, the public interest is understandably high in tracking these investigations and their outcome. In this case, our research shows these SEC proceedings are undisclosed by AmTrust Financial Services Inc.

#### **Watch List Status:** Added to Watch List of Companies with Undisclosed SEC Probes.

With new data reflected in this report, **AmTrust Financial Services Inc. is added to our Watch List** of companies with undisclosed SEC probes. First response indicating SEC probe dated 29-Mar-2017, which was then confirmed on 17-Apr-2017. This is our first time researching AmTrust Financial Services.

For more see our Disclosure Insight® report published today, [SEC Probe Now Confirmed at AmTrust Financial Services: Company Likely Was Sitting on it for a Good While – SEC Probe Also Found at Maiden Holdings](#)

Since we know there was at least one investigation in the recent past, we recommend those with an interest ask AmTrust Financial Services Inc. what contact it's had with the SEC's Division of Enforcement in the past two years.

#### **From the Probes Reporter Database:**

We filed our first FOIA request on this company in **Mar-2017**

If we alert you to existence of an undisclosed SEC probe – or any response from the SEC – that means we filed a FOIA request on the company in question and have a response, in black-and-white, on government letterhead that supports our statement. Below is our response history for this company –

29-Mar-2017	FOIA Response	SEC denies access to records over concern their release, "could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement activities."
17-Apr-2017	Appeal Response	Existence of on-going SEC enforcement proceedings confirmed on appeal; Access to records remains blocked.

*When the SEC denies access to records on closed SEC probes, they are frequently blocking internal SEC documents known as, "Opening and Closing Reports, including 'Case Closing Recommendation,' 'Matter Under Inquiry Summary,' 'Investigation Summary,' and/or similar documents and/or reports." Where research history is available in our database, we present it above so you can compare it to company disclosures. Other interpretative guidance and disclosures appear below.*

**Notable Disclosures:** A search of this company's filings for the past two years found no clear disclosures of SEC investigative activity.

**Documents Acquired Under the Freedom of Information Act:** None in our library at this time.

**Supplemental Data:** None.

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**Notes:** New SEC investigative activity could theoretically begin or end after the date covered by the latest information in this report which would not be reflected here. The SEC did not disclose the details on investigations referenced herein. All we know is that they somehow pertain to the conduct, transactions, and/or disclosures of the companies referenced above. Companies with undisclosed SEC investigations are maintained on our Watch List of companies with undisclosed SEC probes.

The SEC reminds us that its assertion of the law enforcement exemption should not be construed as an indication by the Commission or its staff that any violations of law have occurred with respect to any person, entity, or security.

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