(4) insurance of property while transported in interstate or in foreign trade, or any liability or risk incident to the transportation;

(5) insurance of wet marine and transportation risks;

(6) bid bonds issued in connection with public or private contracts;

(7) policies or endorsements issued through:

(i) [agents] INSURANCE PRODUCERS compensated only by salary;

(ii) insurers not using [agents] INSURANCE PRODUCERS in the general solicitation of business;

(iii) mutual insurers or other insurers not customarily using [agents] INSURANCE PRODUCERS compensated by commission if no commission is payable to an [agent] INSURANCE PRODUCER on the policy or endorsement; or

(iv) insurers or groups of insurers under common management or control that are represented exclusively by [agents] INSURANCE PRODUCERS who represent only the insurers or groups of insurers;

(8) reciprocal insurers; or

(9) insurance written through:

(i) the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund; or

(ii) the Maryland Property Insurance Availability Program.

(b) This section does not alter the requirements of § 10–119 of this subtitle.

(c) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law of this State or of policy forms, and subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, an [agent] INSURANCE PRODUCER that is a resident of this State may not be required to sign or countersign a policy covering a subject of insurance resident, located, or to be performed in this State.

(2) A policy covering a subject of insurance resident, located, or to be performed in this State shall be signed or countersigned by an [agent] INSURANCE PRODUCER that is a resident of this State if:

(i) the policy is written by an [agent] INSURANCE PRODUCER that is a resident of another state and is qualified as a nonresident [agent] INSURANCE PRODUCER in this State; and

(ii) the law of the other state requires a signature or countersignature by an [agent] INSURANCE PRODUCER that is a resident of that state on a policy written by an [agent or broker] INSURANCE PRODUCER that is not a resident in that state.

(3) A policy is not invalid because it does not have the required signature or countersignature.