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**A.M. Best Assigns Issuer Credit Ratings to COUNTRY  
Insurance & Financial Services and Its Affiliates**

**Rating Supplement**

ICRs of “aa-” have been assigned and the FSRs of A+ (Superior) have been affirmed with a stable outlook for **COUNTRY Insurance & Financial Services** and its following property/casualty members and key life insurance affiliates:

- **COUNTRY Mutual Insurance Company**
- **Middlesex Mutual Assurance Company**
- **Holyoke Mutual Insurance Company in Salem**
- **COUNTRY Casualty Insurance Company**
- **COUNTRY Preferred Insurance Company**
- **MSI Preferred Insurance Company**
- **Modern Service Insurance Company**
- **COUNTRY Life Insurance Company**
- **COUNTRY Investors Life Assurance Company**
- **Cotton States Mutual Insurance Company**
- **Shield Insurance Company**

An ICR of “a-” has been assigned and the FSR of A- (Excellent) has been affirmed with a stable outlook for **Cotton States Life Insurance Company**.

The FSR of A- (Excellent) has been withdrawn and a category NR-5 (Not Formally Followed) has been assigned to **Mutual Service Life Insurance Company**.

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