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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

**Current Report**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 17, 2017**

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**Argo Group International Holdings, Ltd.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Bermuda**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-15259**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**98-0214719**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**110 Pitts Bay Road  
Pembroke HM 08  
Bermuda**  
(Address, Including Zip Code,  
of Principal Executive Offices)

**P.O. Box HM 1282  
Hamilton HM FX  
Bermuda**  
(Mailing Address)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(441) 296-5858**

**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS.**

Argo Group International Holdings, Ltd. (“Argo Group”) issued a press release on January 17, 2017 announcing its fourth quarter 2016 preliminary pre-tax loss estimate from catastrophes. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.**

(d) Exhibits:

99.1 Press Release issued by Argo Group International Holdings, Ltd. dated January 17, 2017.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ARGO GROUP INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, LTD.

Dated: January 17, 2017

By: /s/ Jay S. Bullock

Name: Jay S. Bullock

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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Senior Vice President, Investor Relations  
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### **Argo Group Provides Preliminary Loss Estimates for Natural Catastrophes**

**HAMILTON, Bermuda (January 17, 2017)** – Argo Group International Holdings, Ltd. (NASDAQ: AGII), an international underwriter of specialty insurance and reinsurance products, today announced preliminary pre-tax loss estimates from catastrophes of \$20-25 million, net of reinsurance and reinstatement premiums for the three-month period ended December 31, 2016. Catastrophe losses in the quarter are primarily related to Hurricane Matthew and other events, including the New Zealand earthquake and the late reporting of losses from prior quarter catastrophes.

Argo Group's estimate of catastrophe losses is based on claims received to date; policy level reviews; data and discussions with distribution partners; and the Company's internal and external modeling resources. Argo Group's estimates are preliminary and dependent on broad assumptions about coverage, liability, reinsurance, modeling and potential loss development on both known and unknown claims. Accordingly, the actual ultimate net losses attributable to catastrophes may differ materially from Argo Group's preliminary estimates.

### **ABOUT ARGO GROUP INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, LTD.**

Argo Group International Holdings, Ltd. (NASDAQ: AGII) is an international underwriter of specialty insurance and reinsurance products in the property and casualty market. Argo Group offers a full line of products and services designed to meet the unique coverage and claims handling needs of businesses in four primary segments: Excess & Surplus Lines, Commercial Specialty, International Specialty and Syndicate 1200. Argo Group's insurance subsidiaries are A. M. Best-rated 'A' (Excellent) (third highest rating out of 16 rating classifications) with a stable outlook, and Argo's U.S. insurance subsidiaries are Standard and Poor's-rated 'A-' (Strong) with a stable outlook. More information on Argo Group and its subsidiaries is available at [www.argolimited.com](http://www.argolimited.com).

### **FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This press release contains certain statements that are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Such statements are qualified by the inherent risks and uncertainties surrounding future expectations generally and also may differ materially from actual future experience involving any one or more of such statements. For a more detailed discussion of such risks and uncertainties, see Argo Group's filings with the SEC. The inclusion of a forward-looking statement herein should not be regarded as a representation by Argo Group that Argo Group's objectives will be achieved. Argo Group undertakes no obligation to publicly update forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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