Amtrust Financial Services, Inc. Form 8-A12B July 01, 2014

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-A

## FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

AmTrust Financial Services, Inc. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	
(State or incorporation	or organization)

04-3106389 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

10038

(Zip Code)

59 Maiden Lane, 43 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, New York, New York	
(Address of principal executive offices)	

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class to be so registered AmTrust Financial Services, Inc. Depositary Shares, each representing 1/40<sup>th</sup> of a share of 7.25% Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series B Name of each exchange on which each class is to be registered New York Stock Exchange, LLC

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), check the following box. x

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d), check the following box. o

Securities Act registration file number to which this form relates: 333-192097

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

None (Title of Class)

## Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered

The securities to be registered hereby are the Depositary Shares, each representing 1/40<sup>th</sup> of a share of 7.25% Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series B, par value \$0.01 per share and liquidation preference \$1,000 per share (the "Depositary Shares") of AmTrust Financial Services, Inc. (the "Company"). For a description of the Depositary Shares, reference is made to the information set forth under the heading "Description of the Depositary Shares" in the Company's Prospectus Supplement, dated June 25, 2013, to the Prospectus, dated November 5, 2013, which constitutes a part of the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-192097), filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, which information is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Item 2.	em 2. Exhibits.		
Exhibit No.		Description	
3.1		Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of AmTrust Financial Services, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 28, 2013).	
3.2		Amended and Restated By-Laws of AmTrust Financial Services, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.3 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (No. 001-33143) filed on August 9, 2013).	
3.3		Certificate of Designations of 7.25% Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series B (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on July 1, 2014).	
4.1		Form of stock certificate evidencing 7.25% Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series B (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on July 1, 2014).	
4.2		Form of depositary receipt (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on July 1, 2014).	
4.3		Deposit Agreement, dated July 1, 2014, among AmTrust Financial Services, Inc., American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC and the holders from time to time of the depositary receipts described therein (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on July 1, 2014).	

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

AmTrust Financial Services, Inc. (Registrant)

Date July 1, 2014

/s/ Stephen Ungar Stephen Ungar SVP, General Counsel and Secretary