# Public Liability Combined insurance policy wording



# Welcome to your Admiral business policy

This is **our** Public Liability Combined '**Policy** Wording,' which gives an oversight to the sections that will follow and will vary depending on the covers **you** select.

# Our agreement with you

Thank you for choosing Admiral business as your insurer.

In return for **you** paying the appropriate premium and complying with the terms and conditions of the **policy**, **we** agree to cover **you** in accordance with the terms of the **policy**.

Where **you** have purchased this policy directly from **us**, please contact **us** to make any amendments, notify a **claim** or make a complaint in relation to **us**.

Where **you** have purchased this policy from a broker or intermediary, please contact them regarding any amendments, to notify a claim or to make a complaint in relation to them, unless otherwise advised by **your** broker or intermediary

# Some things to know about your Policy

Your Policy is made up of:

- General Terms and Conditions (within this document) that detail the contractual insurance relationship between **you** and **us**.
- A 'Schedule' which is where you will find the active sections of the policy that you
  have purchased along with the limits of our cover and any excess or
  endorsements that detail specific changes to the standard terms of the policy that
  are specific to your cover.
- A 'Policy Wording' (this document) that will give you a greater understanding of the cover that you have bought and will also include some general limits and excesses.
- 'Statement of Fact.'
- 'Summary of Cover.'

These **documents** (whether physical or electronic) form the contract between **you** and **us**. Please keep them in a safe place.

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# Data protection statement

To view **our data** protection **policy**, please click on the following link: <u>Privacy and Security Policy - Admiral</u>

# Important notes

# Fraud prevention and detection

In order to prevent and detect fraud, we may at any time:

- Check **your** personal **data** against counter fraud systems.
- Use **your** information to search against various publicly available and third-party resources.
- Use industry fraud tools including undertaking credit searches and to review your claims history.
- Share information about you with other organisations including but not limited to the police, the Insurance Fraud Bureau (IFB), other insurers and other interested parties.

If **you** provide false or inaccurate information and fraud is identified, the **matter** will be investigated, and appropriate action taken. This may result in **your** case being referred to the Insurance Fraud Enforcement Department (IFED) or other police forces and fraud prevention agencies. **You** may face fines or criminal prosecution. In addition, **we** may register **your** name on the Insurance Fraud Register, an industry-wide fraud database.

# **Claims history**

We may pass information relating to **claims** or potential **claims** to the **Claims** and Underwriting Exchange Register (CUE), where the **data** is controlled by the Motor Insurers' Bureau, and other relevant databases. we and other **insurers** may search these databases when **you** apply for insurance, when **claims** or potential **claims** are notified to us or at time of renewal to validate **your claims** history or that of any other person or **property** likely to be involved in the **policy** or **claim**. This helps to check information provided and prevent fraudulent **claims**.

# **Section 1 Definitions**

#### **Abuse**

Any:

- Physical or mental abuse;
- Assault, battery, harassment, voyeurism, invasion of privacy, mistreatment or maltreatment;
- Act of a sexual nature or any act undertaken with a sexual motive; or
- Repeated or continuing act of contempt, use of insulting words or behaviours.

#### All risks cover

The insurance policy covers any insurance event unless specifically excluded in the wording.

#### **Asbestos**

- 1. Crocidolite, amosite, chrysolite, fibrous actinolite, fibrous anthophyllite, fibrous tremolite or any mixture containing any of these materials;
- 2. Fibres or particles of any material in 1. above; or
- 3. Any material containing anything in 1. or 2. above.

#### **Authorities**

Any central or local government or agency of such government.

#### **Avionics**

Any product designed to be used on or in any aircraft or airborne vehicle.

#### **Bodily injury**

Death, physical injury, illness, disease, or mental injury.

#### **Business**

The activities of the business shown in the **schedule**.

For the purposes of Section 3 only, 'Business' is extended to include:

- Ownership, use and upkeep of your premises;
- Upkeep of vehicles and plant owned and used by you;
   Canteen, social, sports, educational and welfare organisations provided by you for the benefit of any employee;
- Your first aid, fire security and ambulance services;
- Your participation in exhibitions; and
- Private work by any **employee** with **your** prior agreement for **you** or for any director, partner, or **employee** of **yours**.

# **Electronic Business Equipment**

Electronic devices and systems owned, leased, or used by **You** in the course of business operations, including but not limited to computers, laptops, monitors, printers, scanners,

photocopiers, telecommunication devices, point-of-sale (POS) systems, servers, and associated peripheral equipment.

# Circumstance(s)

**Circumstance(s)** means an incident, occurrence, dispute, fact, matter, act, or omission that is likely to give rise to a claim.

# Claim(s)

**Claim** means: the receipt by **you** of any written or verbal notice of demand for compensation made by a third party against **you**; or

Any writ, statement of **claim**, **claim** form, summons, application or other originating legal or arbitral process whether civil or criminal, cross **claim**, counter **claim** or third- or similar-party notice served upon **you**; or

Any notice of intention, whether orally or in writing, to commence legal proceedings against **you**.

#### Client

**Client** means a customer to whom **you** provide **goods** or **services** under a written contract or for a fee.

#### Communicable disease

Any disease which can be transmitted by means of any substance or agent from any organism to another organism where:

- The substance or agent includes, but is not limited to, a virus, bacterium, parasite or other organism or any variation thereof, whether deemed living or not;
- The method of transmission, whether direct or indirect, includes but is not limited to, airborne transmission, bodily fluid transmission, transmission from or to any surface or object, solid, liquid or gas or between organism; and
- The disease, substance or agent can cause or threaten damage to human health
  or human welfare or can cause or threaten damage to, deterioration of, loss of
  value of, marketability of or loss of use of property.

# Company

**Company** means the **company** stated in the **schedule** and shall include all **subsidiary companies**.

# Computer system

Any computer, hardware, software, communications system, electronic device (including, but not limited to, smart phone, laptop, tablet, wearable device), server, cloud or microcontroller including any system or any configuration of the aforementioned and including any associated input, output, **data** storage device, networking equipment or back up facility.

# Consequential loss or damage

Loss of any kind that is not directly related to the incident that caused **you** to **claim** including but not limited to any financial or economic loss, **damages**, costs, expenses, fines or penalties.

# Container(s)

Any demountable carrying unit (including any ISO container, tank container or flat rack).

#### **Contract Works**

Works undertaken by the insured as a result of a contract with a third party prior to practical completion and handover

# **Contract Sites**

Works undertaken by the insured as a result of a contract with a third party

# Cyber act

An unauthorised, criminal, or malicious act or series of related unauthorised, criminal or malicious acts, regardless of time and place, or the threat or hoax thereof involving access to, processing of, use of, or operation of any **computer system**.

#### **Cyber incident**

#### Cyber incident means:

 Any error or omission or series of related errors or omissions involving access to, processing of, use of or operation of any computer system or data.  Any partial or total unavailability or failure or series of related partial or total unavailability or failure to access, process, use or operate any computer system or data.

#### **Cyber loss**

Any loss, **damage**, liability, **claim**, cost or expense directly or indirectly caused by, contributed to by, resulting from, arising out of or in connection with any **cyber act** or **cyber incident** including, but not limited to, any action taken in controlling, preventing, suppressing, or remediating any **cyber act** or **cyber incident**.

# Damage/damaged

Physical loss, damage or destruction.

#### **Data**

Information, facts, concepts, code or any other information of any kind that is recorded or transmitted in a form to be used, accessed, processed, transmitted or stored by a **computer system**.

# **Data protection law**

**Data protection law** means any applicable **data** protection and privacy legislation or regulations in any country, province, state, territory or jurisdiction which govern the use, confidentiality, integrity, security and protection of personal **data** or any guidance or codes of practice relating to personal **data** issued by any **data** protection regulator or authority from time to time (all as amended, updated or re-enacted from time to time).

#### **Date of occurrence**

**Date of occurrence** means: For civil cases, the date of the event that leads to a **claim**. If there is more than one event arising at different times from the same originating event, the **date of occurrence** is the date of the first of these events. This is the date the event happened, which may be before the date **you** first became aware of it;

For proceedings for a criminal offence, the date the **insured** began, or is alleged to have begun, to break the law.

#### **Defence costs**

Legal costs and expenses, including the cost of expert witnesses, incurred with **our** prior agreement for investigating and defending a covered **claim** against **you**. This does not include **your** own overheads, including salaries and expenses.

# Defence cost(s)

For the purposes of Section 4 only, Defence cost(s) means:

- all legal costs, charges, fees, expenses including witness costs and advances in respect of the same (other than your directors, partners or employees' salaries, commissions, expenses or other benefits);
- reasonable fees, costs and expenses of accredited experts retained through
  defence counsel to prepare an evaluation, report, assessment, diagnosis or rebuttal
  of evidence in connection with the defence of a covered claim; and
- any premiums paid for insurance instruments or for bonds which are required in order to defend proceedings, institute an appeal or be released on bail but without any obligation to furnish or procure such insurance instruments or bonds;

incurred with **our** prior written and **our** continuing consent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or unreasonably delayed or unreasonably withdrawn) in the investigation, defence or settlement of any **claim** or **circumstance**.

#### **Documents**

**Documents** means deeds, wills, written agreements, maps, plans, books, letters, policies, certificates, forms and **documents** of any nature whatsoever, whether written, printed or reproduced by any method, but shall not include **data**, currency, cryptocurrency, bearer bonds, coupons, share certificates, stamps, money or other negotiable paper.

#### **Employee**

Anyone who is, or was at the time of any act, incident or event, under a contract of service or apprenticeship with **you**, whilst working under **your** direct control and supervision in the course of the Business.

#### **Employee**

For the purposes of Sections 2 & 3 only, **'employee'** means anyone who is, or was at the time of any act, incident or event:

- Under a contract of service or apprenticeship with you;
- Hired to or borrowed by you;
- Engaged in connection with a work experience or training scheme;

- A labour master or person supplied by such labour master;
- A self-employed person working on a labour only basis under your direct control or supervision; or
- A voluntary helper, whilst working for **you** in the course of the business.

#### **Employee**

For the purposes of Section 4 only; **employee** means any person including trainees and apprentices acting under a contract of service with **you** in respect of the conduct of **professional services**.

# **Endorsement(s)**

Any agreed alteration to the terms of the **policy**, shown on the **schedule**.

#### **Excess**

**Excess** means the first amount specified in the **schedule** payable by **you** in respect of each and every **claim** or **circumstance** as ascertained after the application of all other terms and conditions of this **policy**. The **excess** will be applied to **defence costs**, fees and expenses (unless expressly stated otherwise in the **schedule**).

#### **Excluded Goods**

A) Money, B) Live animals, C) Precious metals and/or precious stones.

#### Goods

Stock, merchandise or provisions owned by **you** and used in connection with **your** business. **property goods and tools** owned by **you** and used in connection with **your** business. **We** will also pay to replace up to 1 laptop or tablet per **insured event**.

#### Goods

For the purposes of Section 7 only, Goods means:

**Goods** and/or merchandise carried for Hire and Reward.

#### **Hired Plant**

- Plant hired by You;
- Site huts and temporary buildings hired by You

#### Home

Permanent buildings listed as your **home** address on your policy **schedule** including any permanent outbuildings within the defined boundary of the property at the same location.

#### **Incorrectly Received Goods**

**Goods** and/or merchandise (but not **Containers** and/or Trailers) in Your care, custody or control having been mistakenly identified by You or any **Employee** as **Goods**.

# Insured/you/your

For the purposes of Section 4 only; **insured/you/your** means the person or **company** named in the **schedule**; or

- Predecessors to the company conducting the business but excluding predecessors that are not disclosed to us prior to the inception of this policy; or
- The partners, directors or **members** during the **period of insurance** for their conduct in relation to the **business**; or
- Former partners, former directors or former **members** for their conduct in relation to the **business**; or
- Those persons named as consultants or former consultants **for** their conduct in relation to the **business**; or
- Any retired partner, director or member remaining as a consultant for their conduct in relation to the business; or
- Any employee and/or former employee and any self-employed person for their conduct in relation to the business;
- The estate, heirs and executors or legal and personal representatives of those
  parties mentioned above in the event of their death, incapacity, insolvency or
  bankruptcy for a claim covered by this policy;
- The lawful spouse of any natural person insured provided that the claim against such spouse is to enforce a judgment against such natural person for a claim covered by this policy.

#### **Insured Contracts**

The contract conditions which You have agreed with Your Customer and which would not have applied in the absence of such agreement) shown as covered in the **Schedule**.

#### **Insured event**

Fire, theft or damage to property.

#### **Insured event**

For the purposes of Section 7 only, Insured event means:

Fire, theft or damage to or mis-delivery of Goods.

# Insurer/we/our/us means:

Admiral Business, a trading name of Able Insurance Services Limited, on behalf of Admiral Insurance (Gibraltar) Limited.

#### **Legal Costs**

Any costs awarded against You or otherwise payable by You to other parties and Your legal fees, costs and expenses but only: A) in respect of that part of any dispute agreed by Us to be covered by this policy and; B) where We have exercised Our option under **Claims** condition 7 to take over and conduct in Your name investigation, negotiation, settlement of and litigation in respect of the **claim**.

#### **Limit of cover**

The amount shown as the **'limit of cover'** on the **schedule**, which is the most **we** will pay for the corresponding **claim**.

Limit of indemnity

Means the amount specified in the **schedule**, which shall be the maximum amount payable by **us** in respect of any one **claim**:

- regardless of the number of insured parties, persons or organisations bringing claims against you and
- regardless of the number of **claims** for cover under this **policy** made by **you**

Where a **limit of indemnity** is stated as in the aggregate, that aggregate is the maximum **we** will pay for all **insured events** during the **period of insurance**.

Where a **claim** can be brought under more than one (1) clause of this **policy, you** are free to choose the clause that will apply, but only one (1) clause, and the applicable **limit of indemnity** of that clause shall be the maximum amount payable by **us** under this **policy**.

Any **sub-limit of indemnity** stated applies as if it was the **limit of indemnity** for the **claims** specified for that sub-limit of indemnity and is deemed to be part of and not in addition to the **limit of indemnity** specified in the **schedule**.

#### Live animals

Livestock or any living animal.

#### Matter

**Matter** means any **data**, text, sounds, images or similar content disseminated, including but not limited to the content of **your** email, intranet, extranet, website, bulletin board, chat room or other on-line discussion or information forum, and the marketing and advertising of **your business** services.

#### Member

**Member** means any **member** of a limited liability partnership, including without limitation a designated **member**, save that any such **member** shall only be an **insured** for the purposes of this **policy** if and insofar as any **claim** arises out of their conduct in relation to the **business**.

#### Mis-delivery

Failure to deliver **Goods** in accordance with Your Customers' proper instructions by reason of any negligent: a) act and/or; b) error and/or; c) omission; by You, any **Employee** and/or **Subcontractor**.

#### **North America**

**North America** means the United States of America or its territories or possessions or Canada.

#### **Offshore**

From the time an **employee** boards a form of transport for departure to an **offshore** installation, rig or platform, until they disembark on their return from such installation, rig or platform.

#### **Own Plant**

- Plant owned by You;
- Site huts and temporary buildings owned by You

#### **Own Goods**

**Goods**, equipment and/or merchandise owned by or hired, leased or loaned to **You** and relating to Your business as a road haulier.

#### **Parent**

**Parent** means a **company** which by itself, or in concert with other **companies** with the same majority ownership or control as itself:

- Controls the composition of your board of directors; or
- Controls more than half your voting power; or
- Holds more than half of your issued share capital.

#### **Period of insurance**

**Period of insurance** means the period shown as such on the **schedule** which time is taken as Greenwich Mean Time unless otherwise stated.

#### **PFAS**

Any organic molecule, salt, free radical or ion, the composition of which includes at least one:

- perfluorinated methyl group (-CF3); or
- perfluorinated methylene group (-CF2-)

#### **Plant**

Non-portable tools and equipment for which You are responsible for.

# **Policy**

**Policy** means this document, the **schedule** (including any **schedule** issued in substitution) and any **endorsements** attaching to this document or the **schedule**.

#### **Pollutant**

**Pollutant** means any solid, liquid, gaseous, biological, radiological or thermal irritant, toxic or hazardous substance or contaminant including, but not limited to, **asbestos**, lead, smoke, vapour, dust, fibres, mould, spores, fungi, germs, soot, fumes, acids, alkalis, chemicals and waste. Waste is deemed to include materials to be recycled, reconditioned or reclaimed.

#### **Pollution**

**Pollution** means any actual, alleged, suspected, impending or threatened:

- Discharge, seepage, migration, dispersal, release or escape of pollutants at any time;
- Discharge, seepage, migration, dispersal, release or escape of pollutants at any
  time that you test to monitor, clean up, remove, contain, treat, detoxify or neutralise
  or in any way respond to or assess the effects of pollutants.

#### **Premises**

The address or addresses shown on the **schedule** that **you** supplied to **us** as the address where **you** run **your business** from.

# **Principal**

Any person, firm or **company you** have entered into a contract or agreement with to do work for, or to provide services for, in connection with **your** Business.

# **Property**

Physical property. Property does not include data held on any computer system or media.

#### **Property**

For the purposes of Section 6 only, **property** means:

**Goods** and **tools** owned by **you** and used in connection with **your business**. **We** will also pay to replace up to 1 laptop or tablet per **insured event**.

# **Property damage**

Loss or destruction of, or **damage** to, **property**.

#### **Product**

Any item (including its packaging, labels and instructions for use), which is:

- Manufactured, sold, supplied, processed, altered or treated;
- · Repaired, serviced, tested or maintained; or
- Installed, commissioned, constructed or erected, by **you** or on **your** behalf and which is no longer in **your** care or control.

#### **Professional services**

**Professional services** mean those services provided for a **client** under a contract of service in the conduct of **your business.** 

#### **Recorded Information**

Record information is defined as: a) Documents, b) business and/or personal records; or, c) similar information represented or stored upon or within paper, optical, electronic and/or other storage media.

#### **Retroactive date**

Retroactive date means the date (if any) stated in the schedule.

- Unlimited retroactive cover where no retroactive date is specified in the schedule, coverage under this policy shall be in respect of acts, errors or omissions committed or alleged to have been committed irrespective of when such acts, errors or omissions were committed or alleged to have been committed where Professional Indemnity Insurance has been purchased consecutively;
- Limited retroactive cover where a retroactive date is specified in the schedule, then coverage under this policy shall only be in respect of acts, errors or omissions first committed or alleged to have been first committed after the retroactive date where Professional Indemnity Insurance has been purchased consecutively.

#### **Road Transport**

The carriage of **Goods** by the **Vehicle**, including loading, unloading and incidental transshipment and/or temporary storage (whether on or off the **Vehicle**) during the ordinary course of transit between the collection and delivery addresses specified in the contract of carriage.

#### **Schedule**

**Schedule** means the document titled **schedule** that includes **your** name and address, details of the premium and other variables to this **policy** (including **endorsement** clauses) and is incorporated in this **policy** that **you** have accepted. The **schedule** may be re-issued from time to time whereupon each successor overrides the earlier document.

#### **Section Limit**

The maximum amount We will pay under each Section of this policy for any claim or series of claims arising out of any one Insured Event.

#### **Silicosis**

Silicosis means lung fibrosis caused by the inhalation of dust containing silica.

# **Specified Contracts**

Contracts agreed between You and Your Customers to deliver goods for hire and reward, within the territorial limits on an All risks cover basis.

#### Sub-limit

The maximum amount We will pay for any **claim** or series of **claims** arising out of any one **Insured Event**.

#### **Subcontractor**

Any party (other than an **Employee**) contracted to undertake or arrange **Road Transport** on Your behalf.

#### **Subsidiary company**

**Subsidiary company** means any **company** in respect of which **you** (either directly or indirectly through one or more of **your subsidiary companies**):

- control the composition of the board of directors; or
- · control more than half the voting power at a general meeting of shareholders; or
- hold more than half of the issued share capital (regardless of class of share);

Any **company** as defined above (other than any **company** part of whose issued share capital is offered to the public or otherwise traded on a recognised exchange in **North** 

**America**) which is acquired or created on or subsequent to the inception date of this **policy** and of which the total assets do not exceed the amount stated on the **schedule**.

Any other **company** that **we** have given prior written consent to for its inclusion as a **subsidiary company** under this **policy**.

#### **Terms of business**

The document which sets out the conditions and provisions of the agreement between the **insurer** and the **insured**, or the broker and their customer. This document details the rights, responsibilities, and obligations of both parties.

#### **Territorial limits**

Great Britain, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man or the territories defined as **'territorial limits'** in any section of the **policy**.

#### **Territorial limits**

For the purposes of Section 4 only; **territorial limits** means worldwide excluding **North America**.

#### **Terrorism**

- For England, Scotland and Wales, the acts of persons acting on behalf of, or in connection with, any organisation which carries out activities directed towards the overthrowing or influencing, by force or violence, of Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom or any other government de jure or de facto.
- For Northern Ireland, an act including but not limited to the actual or threatened use
  of force or violence of any person or group of persons, whether acting alone or on
  behalf of or in connection with any organisation or government, committed for
  political, religious, ideological or similar purposes. This includes the intention to
  influence any government or put the public or any section of the public in fear.
- For the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, an act of any person acting on behalf of
  or in connection with any organisation which carries out activities directed towards
  the overthrowing or influencing by force or violence any government de jure or de
  facto.

#### **Tools**

Hand **tools**, power **tools**, machinery, equipment, consumables, a laptop or tablet, spare parts or similar items owned by **you** for which **you** are responsible for and used by **you** or any **employee** in connection with **your business**.

#### **Total sum insured**

The **total sum insured** as shown in **your policy schedule** is the maximum amount **we** will pay for any **claim** or series of **claims** arising from the same **insured event.** 

#### **Under Constant Surveillance**

Where You, any **Employee**, **Subcontractor**, **Subcontractor**'s **employee**, or professional security guard have the **Goods** (or any **Vehicle** on which it is loaded) under constant observation and at the same time have a reasonable prospect of preventing any unauthorised interference with the **Goods** and/or **Vehicle**.

#### **United Kingdom**

**United Kingdom** means Great Britain, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man.

# Vehicle(s)

Any motor vehicle (other than a motorcycle), motor vehicle and attached Trailer.

#### **Virus**

Any code, instructions, software or program which contains unauthorised, criminal or malicious instructions to initiate an event on the infected **computer system** causing modification or unavailability of, or **damage** to, **data**, memory or media.

#### Virus or similar mechanism

**Virus or similar mechanism** means a computer program, program code, programming instruction or any set of instructions intentionally constructed with the ability to **damage**, interfere with or otherwise adversely affect computer programs, **data** files or operations, whether involving self-replication or not.

#### War

**War** means **war**, invasion, acts of foreign enemies, hostilities or warlike operations (whether **war** be declared or not), civil **war**, mutiny, revolution, rebellion, insurrection, uprising, military or usurped power or confiscation by order of any public authority or government de jure or de facto or martial law but not including **terrorism**.

# We/us/our

#### **Admiral Business**

#### **Works**

All **works** that have been completed or are to be completed by **you** or on **your** behalf, including any:

- Materials incorporated or intended to be incorporated into the works; and
- **Plant, tools** equipment and temporary buildings used or intended to be used, during the period **you** are responsible under any contractual condition.

# You/your

The person or entity shown on the 'policy schedule' as 'name of insured;' and

Anyone else within the definition of 'you/your' in any section of the policy.

# You/your

For the purposes of Sections 2 & 3 only, 'you/your' is extended to include any:

- Director or employee of yours;
- Officer, committee member or member or your canteen, sports, social or welfare
  organisation, or your fire, security, first aid, medical or ambulance services whilst
  acting in such capacity;
- Any director or senior official of yours in relation to private work undertaken for them by an employee; or
- Personal legal representative of anyone above, in the event of that person's death, but only to the extent of the deceased individual's liability.

#### **Your Customer**

The party contracting You to perform **Road Transport**.

# **Section 2** Employers Liability

This is an optional section of cover. Please refer to **your schedule** to confirm whether **you** have cover and to what extent under this section.

This section of the **policy** provides cover for **claims** against **you** arising from **bodily injury** to **your employees**.

Cover under this section is provided on an 'occurrence' basis. This means it covers **claims** arising from incidents occurring during the **period of insurance**, regardless of when the **claim** is brought against **you**.

# **Compulsory Insurance**

The cover under this section of the **policy** is intended to comply with any laws and regulations relating to the compulsory insurance of liability to **employees** in the country within the **territorial limits** where **you** are based. **you** must repay to **us** any amounts **we** pay which **we** would not have had to pay other than as a result of the compulsory insurance laws and regulations.

# What's covered

Where shown on the **schedule**, **we** provide the following cover up to the corresponding **limit of cover**.

# Claims for bodily injury to employees

We will cover you against compensation payable by you as a result of a claim brought against you for bodily injury to an employee occurring during the period of insurance

- Within the territorial limits; or
- While an employee resident within the territorial limits is temporarily employed in the European Union, in connection with the business conducted by you from premises within the territorial limits.

# Additional Employers Liability covers

**We** will also provide the additional covers shown below, up to the corresponding **limit of cover** where this section of cover is active.

#### **Unsatisfied court awards**

If an **employee**, or the personal representative of any **employee**, has obtained a judgment for **damages** in respect of **bodily injury** sustained by the **employee** and the judgment has not been paid in full 6 months after the date of judgment, then **we** will pay any outstanding amounts to the **employee** or their personal representative if **you** ask **us** to.

We will only make payment if:

- The **bodily injury** was suffered by the **employee**:
  - o During the **period of insurance**; and
  - o In the course of their employment with you in connection with the Business;
- The judgment:
  - o Was awarded in a court in the territorial limits; and
  - o Is not subject to an appeal; and
  - The employee or their personal representative assigns the judgment debt to us.

#### **Cross liabilities**

Where more than one person or entity is covered under this section, **we** will insure each as if a separate **policy** had been issued to each of them. However, this will not increase the amount **we** pay overall in the event of a **claim**.

# **Legal costs**

For any **claim** covered under the section, **we** will pay:

- Your liability for the claimant's legal costs and expenses; and
- Defence costs.

#### **Court attendance costs**

If **we** require any partner, **principal** or **employee** of **yours** to attend court as a witness in connection with a **claim** covered under this section, **we** will pay **you** £300 for each day they are required to attend.

# Health and safety and manslaughter defence costs

We will cover you against defence costs for:

- a. Representation at any Coroner's inquest or fatal inquiry in respect of any death;
- b. Defending any criminal prosecution alleging breach of statutory duty, including any prosecution under:
  - Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974; or
  - Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978; or
- c. Defending any criminal prosecution alleging manslaughter, corporate manslaughter or corporate homicide, in relation to any incident that could result in a covered **claim** under this section of the **policy**. **We** will also pay any recoverable prosecution costs, and the costs incurred with **our** prior agreement to appeal.

However, we do not cover:

- Any actual or alleged act, omission or incident, unless committed during the period of insurance;
- Proceedings arising from any deliberate act or omission by you;
- Compensation ordered or awarded by any court of criminal jurisdiction;
- Costs and expenses in connection with any inquest or inquiry or the defence of any criminal proceedings brought in any country outside the **territorial limits**
- Costs and expenses where cover is available from any other source or is provided by any other insurance or where, but for the existence of this **policy**, cover would have been provided by such other source or insurance
- Any incident if **bodily injury** or **property damage** has not occurred; or

• Costs under c. above after any connected civil **claim** has been resolved.

# Injury to working partners

If **you** are a working partner, **we** will cover **you** under this section as if **you** were an **employee** if:

- You suffer a bodily injury while working in connection with the business during the period of insurance;
- The **bodily injury** is caused by another partner or **employee** while working in connection with the Business; and
- You have a valid claim for negligence against the other partner or employee.

# What's not covered

The following exclusions apply to this section of the **policy**, in addition to the General Exclusions.

We do not cover liability:

#### **Motor vehicles**

For **bodily injury** suffered by an **employee** whilst:

- In or on; or
- Entering or getting onto or alighting from a vehicle for which insurance or security is required under any law relating to the compulsory insurance of motor vehicles, or where you are entitled to cover under any other insurance.

#### Offshore

For bodily injury suffered offshore.

# Fines and penalties

For:

- Fines or penalties;
- Costs of appeal against any improvement or prohibition notices;

- Fees for intervention payable under the Health and Safety Fees (Regulations) 2012;
- Compensation ordered or awarded by a Court of Criminal Jurisdiction; or
- Liquidated, punitive, aggravated, exemplary or multiplied damages awarded by any court outside the territorial limits.

#### Other insurance

That would be covered under any other insurance if this **policy** did not exist. This does not apply to any amount over the amount that would have been payable under the other insurance if this **policy** did not exist.

# Claims settlement

# Maximum payment

The most **we** will pay for any **claim** is the corresponding **limit of cover** shown on the **schedule**. This includes any amount payable for the claimant's legal costs and expenses and **defence costs**.

#### **Connected claims**

All **claims** arising from or connected with any one act, incident or event, or from the same source or original cause will be treated as one **claim**. This means **we** will only pay one **limit of cover** in respect of all such **claims**.

#### **Specific limit for terrorism**

For **claims** directly or indirectly due to **terrorism**, **we** will not pay more than £5,000,000 for any one **claim**.

# Specific limit for health and safety and manslaughter defence costs

The most **we** will pay for **claims** for health and safety and manslaughter **defence costs** is £1,000,000 in the aggregate for all **defence costs**.

#### Paying the limit

At any time during a **claim**, **we** can pay **you**:

- The limit of cover, or the remaining balance of that limit; or
- Any amount for which the **claim** can be settled.

If **we** make such a payment, it will be in full and final settlement of any liability **we** may have to indemnify **you** under this **policy**. **We** will then relinquish conduct and control of the **Claim** and have no further liability in respect of it. For the avoidance of doubt this means that **we** will not be liable for any **defence costs** that may be incurred after the date upon which any such payment is made by **us**.

# Section 3 Public Liability & Products Liability

This section of the **policy** provides cover for **claims** against **you** for **bodily injury** or **property damage** to **property** belonging to others, arising from work carried out during the **period of insurance**, regardless of when the **claim** is brought against **you**.

# What's covered

Where shown on the **schedule**, **we** provide the following cover up to the corresponding **limit of cover**.

# Claims for bodily injury & property damage

**We** will cover **you** against compensation payable by **you** as a result of a **claim** brought against **you** for:

- Bodily injury to any person;
- Property damage;
- Obstruction, trespass or nuisance;
- Interference with any right of way, air or light; or
- · wrongful arrest, detention, imprisonment or eviction,

Happening during the **period of insurance** within the **territorial limits** or the European Union, in connection with the **business** conducted by **you** from **premises** within the **territorial limits**.

Additional covers to the Public Liability & Products Liability Section

#### Indemnity to principals

Under this Section, We will provide cover:

- To any **principal** of **yours**:
  - o For whom **you** are undertaking activities in the course of a **business**;

- Where your contract with the principal requires you to provide such cover;
   and
- o Where the **claim** arises from carrying out **your business** for the **principal**.

However, **we** will only cover the **principal** if they comply with the terms of the **policy** as if they are **you**, including allowing **us** to retain sole conduct and control of all covered **claims**.

# **Contingent motor liability**

**We** will extend the cover under this section to include cover for **you** against compensation payable by **you**, as a result of a **claim** brought against **you** for:

- Bodily injury to any person; or
- Property damage, as a result of the use of a motor vehicle, including any trailer
  attached to it, during the period of insurance within the territorial limits and in the
  course of the business.

However, this does not include cover:

- As a result of the use of a vehicle that is owned, loaned, leased, hired or rented to you or provided by you;
- As a result of any use of a **vehicle** except on a road or in a public place;
- For liability arising from property damage to the vehicle itself or anything in or on the vehicle, including any trailer;
- For liability that results from **bodily injury** or **property damage** arising while the **vehicle** is being driven:
  - o By **you**, other than by an **employee**; or
  - With the consent of you or your representative by anyone who is not legally entitled to drive the vehicle; or
  - o For any liability that is covered under any other insurance.

In all other respects the definitions, conditions and exclusions in this section of the **policy** apply.

# Employees' and visitors' personal belongings

We will cover you for accidental property damage to employees' and visitors' vehicles and personal property which are in your custody or control, happening during the period of insurance. However, this does not include cover for any vehicle or personal property that is:

- Loaned, leased, hired or rented to you;
- Stored for a fee or other consideration by you; or
- In **your** custody or control for the purposes of being worked on.

# Health and safety defence costs

We will cover you against defence costs for:

- a. Representation at any Coroner's inquest or fatal accident inquiry in respect of any death;
- b. Defending any criminal prosecution alleging breach of duty, including any prosecution under:
  - o Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974; or
  - o Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978; or
- c. Defending any criminal prosecution alleging manslaughter, corporate manslaughter or corporate homicide, in relation to any incident that could result in a covered **claim** under this section of the **policy**. **We** will also pay any recoverable prosecution costs, and the costs incurred with **our** prior agreement to appeal.

However, we do not cover:

- Any actual or alleged act, omission or incident, unless committed during the period of insurance;
- Proceedings arising from any deliberate act or omission by you;
- Compensation ordered or awarded by any court of criminal jurisdiction;

- Costs and expenses in connection with any inquest or inquiry or the defence of any criminal proceedings brought in any country outside the territorial limits;
- Costs and expenses where cover is available from any other source or is provided by any other insurance or where, but for the existence of this **policy**, cover would have been provided by such other source or insurance;
- Any incident if **bodily injury** or **property damage** has not occurred; or
- Costs under c. Above after any connected civil **claim** has been resolved.

#### **Cross liabilities**

Where more than one person or entity is covered under this section, **we** will insure each as if a separate **policy** had been issued to each of them. However, this will not increase the amount **we** pay overall in the event of a **claim**.

#### **Contractual liability**

We will pay for your liability under any contract for **bodily injury** happening during the **period of insurance**, provided that the control of any **claim** falls to **us**.

However, this does not include cover for:

- Any contract for or including the carrying out of work outside of the territorial limits
  or the European Union; or
- **Claims** arising from any work completed under contract by **you** once this has been handed over to **your** employer.

# **Legal costs**

For any **claim** covered under this section, **we** will pay:

- Your liability for the claimant's legal costs and expenses; and
- Defence costs.

#### **Court attendance costs**

If **we** require any partner, **principal** or **employee** of **yours** to attend court as a witness in connection with a **claim** covered under this section, **we** will pay **you** £300 for each day they are required to attend.

#### **Bong Fide Subcontractors**

Where **you** have told **us** that bona fide sub-contractors undertake work on **your** behalf, **you** must comply with the following condition:

You must obtain evidence that bona fide sub-contractors have liability insurance which:

- Covers the work to be undertaken by the sub-contractor;
- Is subject to a limit of cover of not less than that provided by this policy;
- Includes an indemnity to principal clause; and
- Remains in force throughout the duration of the contract with you.

# Section conditions

The following conditions apply to this section of the **policy**, in addition to the General Conditions.

# Suspension of cover

In respect of any cover under Additional Covers, Health and Safety **defence costs**, **we** may:

- At any reasonable time inspect any premises or other relevant property; and
- In the event of any defect or danger being identified, give written notice to you that
  our liability is suspended in respect of any incident that may arise from any such
  defect or danger.

#### Appointment of independent service provider

For **claims** under Additional Covers, Health and Safety **defence costs**, **we** will pass the **claim** to a service provider to administer the **claims** settlement on **our** behalf, under the terms of **our** agreement with them.

# What's not covered

The following exclusions apply to this section of the **policy**, in addition to the general exclusions.

We do not cover liability:

# Warranties, indemnities and guarantees

Under any express warranty, indemnity or guarantee given or agreed by **you** in relation to any **product**, unless liability would have arisen in the absence of the warranty, indemnity or guarantee.

#### **Employees**

For **bodily injury** to any **employee**, including any **employee** engaged by **you** outside the **territorial limits.** 

# **Your property**

For property damage to any property:

- Belonging to you;
- leased, hired or rented to you;
- held in trust by **you** or which is in **your** care, custody or control;
- held in trust by or in the custody or control of any other party carrying out work on your behalf; or
- which must be insured under the terms of Clause 21.2.1 of the Standard Form of Building Contract issued by the Joint Contracts Tribunal or any similar clause in any contract.

#### This does not apply to:

- Vehicles or personal belongings of your employees or visitors whilst on your premises;
- any **premises** which **you** do not own or rent, where **you** are temporarily carrying out **your business**; or
- Premises you rent in respect of property damage that is not insured elsewhere
  and for which you are only liable under the terms of the lease or rental agreement.

#### **Vehicles**

Resulting from the ownership, possession or use by **you**, or by anyone on **your** behalf, of any:

- Aircraft, airborne device or hovercraft;
- Watercraft exceeding 8 metres in length;
- Motor vehicle, trailer or plant compulsory insurance or security is required under any legislation that governs the use of the vehicle.

This does not apply to:

- · Cover provided under additional covers, contingent motor liability; or
- The loading or unloading of any such vehicle, trailer or plant where cover is not provided by any other insurance.

# **Pollution specific exclusions**

Arising from **pollution** that is not caused by a sudden, identifiable, unintended and unexpected incident that takes place in its entirety at a specific time and place during the **period of insurance**.

All **pollution** which arises out of one incident will be deemed to have occurred at the time such incident takes place.

#### **Defective premises exclusions**

For the costs of remedying or rectifying any actual or alleged defect in any **premises** or other **property** sold, let or otherwise disposed of by **you**.

Under the Defective **premises** Act 1972 for:

- Bodily injury or property damage occurring before you disposed of the premises or property; or
- Any incident that is covered under any other insurance.

#### **Advice**

Directly or indirectly due to any advice, instruction, consultancy, design, specification, formula, inspection certificate or testing prepared or given by **you** for a fee.

#### Work offshore

Directly or indirectly due to:

- Any incident occurring while working on, in or travelling to or from; or
- The supply of any **products** to,

Any **offshore** accommodation, exploration, drilling or production rig, platform or support vessel.

#### **Deliberate acts**

For any deliberate act or omission by you.

# **Contractual liability**

Under any contract, unless liability would have arisen in the absence of the contract.

# Fines and penalties

For any:

- Fines Or Penalties;
- Costs Of Appeal Against Any Improvement or Prohibition Notices;
- Fees For Intervention Payable Under the Health And Safety Fees (Regulations) 2012;
- Compensation Ordered or Awarded by a Court of Criminal Jurisdiction; or
- Liquidated, Punitive, Aggravated, Restitutionary, Exemplary or Multiplied damages.

#### **Abuse**

For any **abuse** to any person.

#### Use of heat

Directly or indirectly due to the use of any:

- Electric oxy-acetylene or similar welding or cutting equipment;
- Cutting and grinding equipment using abrasive disks or wheels;
- Blow lamp, blow torch, hot air gun or hot air stripper;
- Asphalt, bitumen, tar or pitch heater; or

Thermal lance,

Unless disclosed to and accepted by **us** before the start of the **policy**, in which case, the following condition applies:

**We** will accept no liability under this **policy** unless the following precautions are complied with each time that hot work is undertaken away from **your premises**:

- The area where the work is to be completed must be cleared of all combustibles
- Combustible floors and other combustible property which cannot be moved, must be protected by non-combustible material and where welding, cutting or grinding equipment is being used, this must extend to at least 6 metres from or beneath the work area
- Where there is a danger of ignition either directly, or by conduction of heat, through any partitions or walls, the area on the other side must be inspected and combustible material must be removed
- At least one fire extinguisher of a type suitable for the use required, must be kept adjacent to the work or task and ready for immediate use
- No heat producing equipment is to be left out of view of its operator or firewatcher whilst lighted or powered or whilst hot
- A thorough safety check for signs of fire or combustion around, above or below the work area must be made at regular intervals, for at least 30 minutes after completion of each period of work.

#### **Outside territorial limits**

Directly or indirectly due to **business** conducted by **you** from **premises** outside the **territorial limits**.

#### **Avionics**

Directly or indirectly due to Avionics.

#### Claims in North America

Arising from any **claim**, loss, liability, or action brought:

- Within the United States of America or Canada or any territories which come within the jurisdiction of the United States of America or Canada;
- To enforce a judgment obtained in any Court of the United States of America or Canada or any territories which come within the jurisdiction of the United States of America or Canada.

## **Financial difficulty**

Directly or indirectly due to **your** insolvency, liquidation, dissolution, or **your** entry into administration or any arrangement with **your** creditors.

#### **Directors' duties**

Of any director or **principal** for a breach of their duty to manage the **business** in accordance with their legal or regulatory obligations.

## **Competition laws**

Directly or indirectly due to a breach of competition or anti-trust laws.

## **Connected parties**

Arising from any **claim** brought by any person or organisation **insured** under this **policy** or organisation whose board of directors is controlled by **your** board of directors.

However, we will still cover the claim if it originates from an independent third party.

#### Communicable disease

For all actual or alleged **claim**, loss, liability, **damage**, compensation, injury, sickness, disease, death, medical payment, **defence costs**, cost, expense or any other amount directly or indirectly and regardless of any other cause contributing concurrently or in any sequence, originating from, caused by, arising out of, contributed to by, resulting from, or otherwise in connection with a **communicable disease** or the fear or threat (whether actual or perceived) of a **communicable disease**.

For the purposes of this exclusion, **claim**, loss, liability, **damage**, compensation, injury, sickness, disease, death, medical payment, **defence costs**, cost, expense or any other amount, includes, but is not limited to, any cost to clean-up, detoxify, remove, monitor or test for a **communicable disease**. This exclusion overrides any contrary term of this **policy**.

## Tobacco products and/or smoking device products

The manufacture, distribution, retailer or supply of tobacco products, derivatives of, or tobacco product alternatives or any equipment / devices used to consume these products.

## **Medical products**

Any medical or medicine (established or alternative) **products** including but not limited to blood or blood alternatives

#### **Exports**

Any overseas exports

## **Retail and Wholesale products**

**Products** not manufactured or fitted as part of a contract by **you** and bought in specifically to retail and / or wholesale

## Consequential loss or damage

Any **consequential loss or damage** not directly resulting from the incident that caused **you** to claim

## Claims settlement

## **Maximum payment**

The most **we** will pay for any **claim** is the corresponding **limit of cover** shown on the **schedule**. This includes any amount payable for the claimant's legal costs and expenses and for **defence costs**.

#### **Connected claims**

All **claims** arising from or connected with any one act, incident or event, or from the same source or original cause will be treated as one **claim**. This means:

- We will only pay one limit of cover; and
- You will only pay one excess, in respect of all such claims.

## Specific limit for products and pollution

For **claims** directly or indirectly due to **products and pollution**, we will not pay more than the **limit of cover** in total for all **claims**. This does not apply to **defence costs**.

## Specific limit for Health and Safety defence costs

For cover under Additional covers, Health and Safety **defence costs**, **we** will not pay more than £250,000 in total for all **claims**.

## **Specific limit for terrorism**

For **claims** directly or indirectly due to **terrorism**, **we** will not pay more than either the **limit of cover** as stated in the **schedule** or £2,000,000 (whichever is lower).

## Paying the limit

At any time during a claim, we can pay you:

- The limit of cover, or the remaining balance of that limit;
- Or any amount for which the claim can be settled. If we make such a payment, it
  will be in full and final settlement of any liability we may have to indemnify you
  under this policy. We will then relinquish conduct and control of the Claim and have
  no further liability in respect of it. For the avoidance of doubt this means that we will
  not be liable for any defence costs that may be incurred after the date upon which
  any such payment is made by us.

#### **Excess**

We will not cover the amount of the excess.

## **Section 4 Professional indemnity**

This is an optional section of cover. Please refer to **your schedule** to confirm whether **you** have cover and to what extent under this section.

This is a **claims** made **policy**, which means that for cover to apply, **you** must notify **us** of **Claims** or **circumstances** in accordance with the **Claims** Procedure Section in this **policy**.

## What's covered

## Professional Indemnity cover (Civil Liability)

We agree to indemnify you for liability imposed by law to pay damages and defence costs relating to any Claim first made against you during the period of insurance and notified to us during the period of insurance for performance of professional services, and where the Claim arises out of any actual or alleged:

Breach by **you** of professional duty, negligent act, negligent error, negligent omission, negligent misstatement or negligent misrepresentation.

Infringement by **you** of intellectual **property** rights including a breach of a hold harmless, or indemnity agreement specified in a written contract for the supply of **professional services**.

#### **Limit of Indemnity**

Our liability under this **policy** in respect of any one **Claim** shall not exceed the amount stated as the **limit of indemnity** in the **schedule**, excluding **defence costs** unless **defence costs** are expressly stated in any clause as included within the **limit of indemnity**.

# Additional covers in relation to the Professional Indemnity Section

#### **Court attendance costs**

We will pay you compensation in the event that the legal advisers acting on your behalf require any insured, any employee or any other relevant party (not including expert witnesses), to attend court or any arbitration or adjudication hearing as a witness of fact in connection with a covered Claim made against you, and you first seek our prior written consent, at the following rates for each day or part thereof on which attendance is required:

- Any **principal** partner, **member** or director of the **insured**: £250,
- Any employee: £150,
- Other relevant party: up to £150.

Provided that the amount **we** shall pay under this clause shall not exceed the **sub-limit of indemnity** of £5,000 in the aggregate for the **period of insurance**.

#### Loss of documents or data.

We will cover you for any claim and associated defence costs that arise from the conduct of your professional services, where the claim is first made against you during the period of insurance and notified to us during the period of insurance, arising from the destruction, erasure, loss or damage of any documents or data.

We will pay reasonable costs and expenses for replacing or restoring your own documents or data that have been destroyed, erased, lost, or damaged in the conduct of your professional services provided that the destruction, loss or damage is discovered by you and notified to us during the period of insurance.

The amount **we** shall pay under this clause shall not exceed the **sub-limit of indemnity** of £10,000 in the aggregate for the **period of insurance** and this is subject to an **excess** of £500 which will apply to each, and every **Claim** or loss covered under this clause.

## What's not covered

This **policy** does not cover the amount of the **excess** stated in the **schedule** or any actual or alleged **claim**, liability, loss, expense or **defence costs** directly or indirectly arising out of, resulting from, or in consequence of, or in any way involving:

#### **Associated company**

Any **claim** brought or maintained by or on behalf of:

- You or any parent or any subsidiary company; or
- Any firm, partnership or entity in which you or any director or partner of yours has a financial or executive interest; or
- Any person who, at the time of the act, error or omission giving rise to the Claim, is a
  family member unless such a person is acting without any prior or indirect

solicitation or co-operation of **yours** (for the purposes of this clause, family member means any spouse, domestic partner, parent, parent of a spouse or domestic partner, sibling or child);

Provided that this exclusion shall not apply to any such **Claim** originating from an independent third party.

## **Assumed duty or obligation**

Any liability, duty or obligation incurred or assumed by **you** which is not incurred or assumed in the normal conduct of **your business**.

## **Bodily injury**

Any **bodily injury** unless directly arising from a breach of duty through a negligent act, error or omission by **you** in the course of **your** Business.

#### **Collateral warranties**

- Your acceptance of an express obligation, or an express guarantee you provide, of fitness for purpose.
- Any express guarantee you give including any relating to the period or completion date (including the completion in part) of a project.
- Any express penalty contained in a contract between you and another party.
- Any express acceptance **you** give of liability for liquidated **damages**.
- Any agreement to provide service credits or vouchers.

## **Cladding and Fire Combustibility**

The combustibility or fire safety of any external cladding or façade **product**, or any external wall system. This includes any associated core, filler or insulation material.

## **Contractual Liability**

Any breach of contract, including but not limited to breach of any express warranty or guarantee, except that this exclusion shall not apply to any liability which **you** would have incurred in the absence of such contract, warranty or guarantee.

## **Cyber & electronic data**

Any:

- Cyber act or cyber incident including but not limited to any action taken in controlling, preventing, suppressing, or remediating any cyber act or cyber incident.
- Breach or alleged breach of data protection law.

## Deliberate acts and omissions exclusion

Any deliberate, spiteful or reckless act, error or omission you commit, condone or ignore.

## Directors' and Officers' liability

Any actual or alleged breach of duty made against **you** or **your** directors, officers, or trustees for breach of their duties.

## **Employment exclusion**

Any kind of employment related dispute or any kind of defamation, discrimination, harassment or unfair treatment relating to any current, former or prospective **employees**.

## **Faulty Workmanship**

Any:

- Defective workmanship, including without limitation, defective physical construction work, erection, installation, repair or service;
- Defective materials, defective products, or any defective materials, workmanship or production techniques used in the actual manufacture of any product;
- Supervision by the insured of its own or its sub-contractors' workmanship where such supervision is no different from that which would be expected of an insured if it only had a workmanship and/or a management obligation.

#### **Financial services**

Regulated Activities, as defined in the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (as amended), including any insurance distribution activities authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority, the Prudential Regulation Authority, or their predecessors or successors. Any financial or investment-related advice, planning, management, analysis, or strategy services, whether regulated or unregulated, including any service that involves

the assessment, recommendation, arrangement, structuring, or review of financial products, investments, or financial strategies.

## Fines and penalties exclusion

Any fines, penalties, punitive, multiple, aggravated or exemplary **damages** where these can be identified separately within any award of a Court or tribunal;

Any compensation ordered or awarded by any court of criminal jurisdiction.

## Gaming, gambling or lotteries

Any **Claim**, liability, loss or **defence costs** directly or indirectly due to your use or provision of any gaming, gambling or lotteries.

#### Insolvency

Your actual, alleged, suspected or impending insolvency.

## Legislation and regulation

**Your** actual, alleged, suspected or impending breach of any taxation, competition, restraint of trade or anti-trust legislation or regulation.

## Negotiable paper

Any loss, **damage** or destruction of currency, cryptocurrency, bearer bonds, coupons, share certificates, stamps, money or other negotiable paper.

#### **North America**

Any proceedings (including court, arbitration or regulatory proceedings), judgment, award, payment, **defence costs** or settlement delivered, made or incurred within countries which operate under the laws of **North America** (or any order made anywhere in the world to enforce such judgment, award, payment, **defence costs** or settlement either in whole or in part).

#### Other insurance

Any **Claim**, liability, loss or **defence costs** where **you** are or would be entitled to indemnity under any other **policy** if this **policy** did not exist, except in respect of any **excess** beyond the amount which would have been payable under such **policy** had this **policy** not been affected.

## Pension, benefit, trust fund management

**Your** operation or administration of any pension or **employee** benefit scheme or trust fund, or the sale or purchase of or dealing in any stocks, shares or securities or the misuse of any information relating to them, or **your** breach of any legalisation or regulation related to these activities.

#### **Previous claims**

Any **Claim** or any **circumstance** that has been notified or should have been notified under any other **policy** before the start of this **policy** or that **you** were aware of or should have been aware of before the start of this **policy**.

#### **Pollution**

Any:

**Bodily injury**, loss of or **damage** to, or loss of use of, **property** directly or indirectly caused by seepage, **pollution** or contamination

cost of removing, nullifying or cleaning-up, seeping, polluting or contaminating substances.

## **Products liability**

**Goods** or **products**, sold, supplied, recalled, repaired, altered, treated, manufactured, constructed, installed or maintained by **you** or by any **employee**, consultant, subcontractor or agent of **yours**.

## **Property damage**

Any loss of or **damage** to **property** unless directly arising from a breach of duty through a negligent act, error or omission by **you** in the course of **your** Business.

#### **Radioactive contamination**

lonising radiation or contamination by radioactivity from any irradiated nuclear fuel or from any nuclear waste from the combustion of nuclear fuel.

#### **Retroactive date**

Any act, error or omission committed, or alleged to have been committed, prior to the inception date, during which time Professional Indemnity Insurance must have been consistently maintained.

#### **Territorial limits**

An act committed or omission occurring outside the **territorial limits**.

## **Trading losses**

- Your lost profit, mark-up or liability for VAT or its equivalent;
- Your trading loss or trading liability including those arising from the loss of any client, account or business;
- Your decision to notify individuals or procure credit monitoring services following any form of **data** breach.

## **Utility provider**

Any **Claim**, liability, loss or **defence costs** directly or indirectly due to the failure of the service provided by an internet service or telecommunications provider or other utility provided, other than any services you provide as part of your **Professional services**.

## Vehicles or buildings

- The ownership, possession or use by or on **your** behalf of any aircraft, watercraft or mechanically propelled **vehicle**;
- The ownership or possession by or on your behalf of any buildings, structures,
   premises, land or property (mobile or immobile) or that part of any building you lease, occupy or rent.

#### Virus or similar mechanism

Any virus or similar mechanism.

#### War and terrorism

**War** or **terrorism** regardless of any other cause or event contributing concurrently or in any other sequence to the **Claim**.

#### Additional exclusion – actions taken

These exclusions also exclude any actual or alleged **Claim**, liability, loss, expense, or **defence costs** directly or indirectly arising out of, resulting from, or in consequence of, or in any way involving, any action taken in controlling, preventing, minimising, mitigating or

suppressing, or in any way relating to any **Claim**, liability, loss, expense or **defence costs** referred to in What Is Not Covered set out above.

## Section conditions

## Applicable law and jurisdiction

Unless it is agreed otherwise and specified in the **schedule**, the law that applies to this contract is the law of that part of the United Kingdom where the head office (or if there is no head office, the **principal** place of **business**) of the **insured** is located.

It is agreed that any legal proceedings between the **insured** and the **insurer** in connection with this contract will only take place in the courts of that part of the United Kingdom where the head office of the **insured** is located (or if there is no head office, the **principal** place of **business**), and they are subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of that court.

## **Assignment**

Assignment of interest under this **policy** will not bind **us** unless and until **we** confirm **our** consent to such assignment in writing.

## **Dispute resolution**

Any dispute between the **insured** and the **insurer** arising out of or in connection with the construction or formation of this **policy** will be referred to a mediator to be agreed by the parties within fourteen (14) working days of a written notice served on one party by the other requesting such an agreement. If a mediator is not agreed, then either party may apply to the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution ('CEDR') for the appointment of a mediator. The parties shall share equally the costs of CEDR and of the mediator and the reference, conduct and any settlement of the dispute at mediation will be conducted in confidence.

The parties shall continue to perform their respective continuing obligations under this **policy**, if any, while the dispute is resolved unless the nature of the dispute prevents such continued performance of those obligations.

If any such dispute is not resolved by mediation or the parties cannot agree upon the appointment of a mediator or the form that the mediation will take, the dispute will be referred by either party to courts, subject to the law and jurisdiction set down in the Applicable law clause above.

#### Minimisation of risk

**You** will take all reasonable steps at **your** own expense to prevent or minimise a **claim** under this **policy**.

#### **Non-Contribution:**

If at the time of any **claim** under this **policy** there is any other valid and collectible insurance available to the **insured**, other than insurance that is specifically stated to be in the **excess** of this **policy**, then the insurance afforded by this **policy** will be in **excess** of and will not contribute with such other insurance.

## Representation

Any person falling within the definition of the **insured** agrees that the first named **insured** is their agent for the purpose of giving and receiving of any notices from **us** or **our** representatives including any notice of cancellation. The payment to the first named **insured** of any return premium that may be payable under this **policy** will satisfy **our** obligations to return premium to **you**.

## **Severability**

The proposal shall be construed as a separate application for insurance under this **policy** by each **insured**. No knowledge possessed by an **insured** shall be imputed to any other **insured**.

For the purpose of determining the applicability of the exclusions or limitations, the act or knowledge of an **insured** shall not be imputed to any other **insured**.

#### Sanction limitation and exclusion

**We** shall not provide cover nor be liable to pay any **claim** or provide any benefit hereunder to the extent that the provision of such cover, payment of such **claim** or provision of such benefit would expose **us** or any **member** of **our** group to any sanction, prohibition or restriction under United Nations resolutions or the trade or economic sanctions, laws or regulations of any country.

#### **Subscribing insurers**

The subscribing **insurers'** obligations under this **policy** are several and not joint and are limited solely to the extent of their individual subscriptions. The subscribing **insurers** are not responsible for the subscription of any co-subscribing **insurer** who for any reasons does not satisfy all or part of its obligations.

## Claims conditions

On the happening of any event which may give rise to a claim you must:

- Give all information and assistance **we** may require and forward all **documents** and **data**, to enable **us** to investigate, settle or resist any **claim** as **we** may require;
- Not make or allow to be made on **your** behalf any admission offer promise payment of indemnity without **our** written consent;
- Take all practicable steps to recover property lost and otherwise minimise the claim;
- Not incur any expense without the consent of us except at the insured's own cost;
   and
- Within thirty (30) days or such further time as we may allow in writing deliver to us a
  written claim providing at your own expense all details proofs and information
  regarding the cause and amount of damage as we may reasonably require
  together with details of any other insurances on any property or liability covered by
  this policy and (if demanded) a statutory declaration of the truth of the claim and
  or any related matters;
- Not destroy evidence, supporting information, documents or data without our prior consent; nor destroy any plant or other property relating to an occurrence, loss or proceeding that may give rise to a claim under this policy.
- In respect of any event which may give rise to legal or regulatory proceedings or arbitration, **you** must:
- Immediately forward to us every letter, claim, writ, summons and process immediately upon receipt without acknowledgement;
- Advise us in writing immediately you have knowledge of any pending prosecution inquest fatal accident or ministry inquiry;
- Co-operate with us or our appointed agents to allow them to comply with such relevant practice directions and pre-action protocols as may be issued and approved from time to time by the Head of Civil Justice or their equivalent.

## All loss, liability, expenses, and costs resulting from:

- One and the same act error or omission; or
- A series of acts, errors or omissions arising out of or attributable to the same originating cause, source or event; or
- The acts, errors or omissions of one person or persons acting together or in which such person or persons is/are concerned or implicated shall jointly constitute one claim under this policy, and only one excess shall be applicable in respect of such claim.

## Disputed defence or appeal:

If any dispute arises between **you** and **us** as to whether a **claim** should be defended or an appeal made, such dispute will be referred to a Queen's Counsel to be mutually agreed between the parties (or in default of agreement to be nominated by the Chairman of the Bar Council) whose decision will be final.

## Separate representation

In the event of conflict between any persons falling within the definition of **insured**, separate representation will be arranged for each party. The cost of such legal opinion shall be regarded as part of the **defence costs**.

## **Our rights**

**Claims** will be defended and settled by **us** or such parties as **we** in **our** absolute discretion may determine.

**We** shall only be liable to pay **defence costs** to which **we** have given **our** prior written consent, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld.

**We** will be under no obligation to investigate any potential **claim** or to undertake the conduct of any proceedings in connection with such **claim** and will be at liberty in all cases to leave the conduct of such proceedings wholly to **you**, upon such conditions as regards the payment of costs and with such liberty to bind **us** by compromise as **we** may in **our** absolute discretion determine.

We may at any time pay the **limit of indemnity** (after deduction of any sums already paid) or such lesser sum for which the **claim** can be settled and will relinquish the conduct and control of the **claim** and be under no further liability, except (where payable under the relevant clause) for payment of **defence costs** incurred prior to the date of payment.

#### **Recoveries**

Recoveries (except from insurance, reinsurance, sureties or indemnity), will be allocated in the following order:

- First, any costs and expenses reasonably and necessarily incurred in relation to the recovery will be reimbursed;
- Second, you will be reimbursed for any loss or costs exceeding the limit of indemnity specified in the schedule;
- Third, we will be reimbursed for any settlement made; and
- Lastly, you will be reimbursed for loss or costs in respect of the excess specified in the schedule.

## **Subrogation**

For each and every **claim you** and any person acting on **your** behalf must not waive any rights of recourse or recovery against any other person relating to an occurrence, loss or suit that may give rise to a **claim** under this **policy** and must assist **us** in all respects in exercising such rights if requested to do so.

**We** agree not to exercise such rights against **your principal**, partner, director or **employee** unless the **claim** or loss is brought about or contributed to by the dishonest, fraudulent, criminal or malicious act or omission of that **principal**, partner, director or **employee**.

# Section 5 Contract works, own plant and hired plant

This is an optional section of cover. Please refer to your schedule to confirm whether you have cover and to what extent under this section.

## What's covered

## **Contract works operative clause**

Subject to the exclusions, conditions and definitions of this **policy** as far as they can apply unless otherwise stated, **we** will cover **you** under this section against physical loss of, destruction of or **damage** to **contract works** arising from any accidental cause occurring in the **United Kingdom** and during the **Period of Insurance**.

## Limit of Indemnity / limit of cover

**Our** liability to **you** under this section in respect of physical loss of, destruction of or **damage** to **contract works** in respect of any one accident or series of accidents resulting from or attributable to one source or original cause will not exceed the sum in the **schedule** as the **limit of cover** for **contract works** under this section.

Contractors' Plant and Temporary Buildings Operative Clause (Own Plant)

Subject to the exclusions, conditions and definitions of this **policy** as far as they can apply unless otherwise stated, **we** will cover **you** under this section against **damage** to Contractors' **Plant** and/or Temporary Buildings arising from any accidental cause occurring in the **United Kingdom** and during the **period of insurance**.

## Limit of Indemnity /Limit of Cover

**Our** liability to **you** under this section in respect of physical loss of, destruction of or **damage** to Contractors **Plant** or Temporary Buildings will not exceed the sum in the **schedule** as the **limit of cover** for Contractors **Plant** and Temporary Buildings under this section.

## **Hired Plant Operative Clause**

Subject to the exclusions, conditions and definition of this **policy** as are as they can apply unless otherwise stated, **we** will cover **you** under this section against **physical loss of**,

**destruction of or damage** to **Hired Plant** arising from any accidental cause occurring in the **United Kingdom** and during the **period of insurance**.

In respect of any individual item **our** liability under this section shall not exceed the market value of the item at the time of the loss. This applies to all clauses in this section of the Wording.

## Limit of Indemnity / limit of cover

Our liability to you under this section in respect of physical loss of, destruction of or damage to Hired Plant in respect of any one accident or series of accidents resulting from or attributable to one source or original cause will not exceed the sum in the schedule.

## Additional covers

#### **Debris Removal**

This section includes costs and expenses necessarily and reasonably incurred by **you** with the prior consent of **us** in respect of Debris Removal. **We** shall not cover any **claim** in **excess** of 10% of the **limit of cover** in respect of the **contract works** Operative Clause.

## **Defects Liability Period**

Notwithstanding the provisions of Defective premises exclusion, we will cover you:

For loss of or damage to any permanent works comprising the contracts works occurring during any maintenance or defects liability period not exceeding 12 months duration but only in respect of loss or damage for which you are liable arising from a cause occurring prior to the commencement of the maintenance or defects liability period.

 For loss of or damage to the contracts works or Contractors' Plant occurring during such maintenance or defects liability period and arising from or in connection with work actually undertaken by you during such maintenance or defects liability period, solely in connection with your contractual obligations to remedy a defect or complete any snagging list.

#### **Plans**

The **contracts works** shall be deemed to include plans, specifications and other documentation necessary for the execution of the Contract but cover under this clause for loss of or **damage** to such plans, specifications and documentation shall be limited to the cost of reproducing such plans, specifications and documentation and shall not exceed £50,000.

#### **Professional Fees**

This section includes Professional Fees necessarily and reasonably incurred with **our** consent in the reinstatement of the **damage**.

#### Provided that:

- Such Professional Fees shall not exceed those authorised under the scale of the appropriate professional body or institute regulating such charges prevailing at the time of the damage;
- We shall not provide indemnity against any fees incurred in preparing or pursuing any claim.

## **European Union and Public Authorities**

We will cover you for such additional costs of reinstatement of the lost, destroyed or damaged contracts works as may be incurred with our consent in complying with the stipulations of European Union legislation or building or other regulations under or framed in pursuance of any Act of Parliament or by-laws of any public authority first imposed upon you following damage, provided that the reinstatement is completed within 12 months of the occurrence of the damage or within such further time as we may in writing allow.

Provided that we shall not be liable in respect of costs for:

- Requirements relating to any undamaged part of the contracts works other than foundations (unless foundations are specifically excluded from this Insurance).
- Any rate, tax, duty, development or other charge or assessment which may arise
  out of capital appreciation as a result of complying with any of the regulations or
  requirements referred to above.
- Our liability shall not exceed 10% of the Contract's Value.

## **Expediting Expenses**

In the event of loss of or **damage** to the **contract works** or Contractors' **Plant**, the cost of repair, reinstatement or replacement admitted under this section shall, subject to **our** consent, include the additional costs of overtime, weekend shift working, **plant** hire charges, express delivery (including air freight) necessarily and reasonably incurred in expediting repair, reinstatement or replacement of such loss or **damage** (but excluding any such costs solely to expedite the completion of any construction, erection or installation of

**insured property** not **damaged**) provided that **our** liability of the **insurers** shall not exceed 25% of the **limit of cover** in respect of the **contract works operative clause**.

#### **Immobilised Plant**

The cover provided for Contractors' **Plant** shall include the cost of recovery or withdrawal of any Contractors' **Plant** which is unintentionally immobilised provided that such recovery or withdrawal is not necessitated solely by reason of electrical or mechanical breakdown or derangement. The **limit of cover** under this clause shall not exceed the lesser of:

- The market value of the item at the time of the immobilisation; or
- £25,000.

#### **Additional Interest**

This **policy** duly notes the interest of any Bank, Finance Company, Building Society or other institution or concern that has a financial interest in the **contracts works** or Contractors' **Plant** covered by this section including **plant** owners to the extent required by hire conditions.

#### **Testing and Commissioning**

The cover under this section will not apply to **damage** caused by or arising out of electrical or mechanical testing of any machinery or **plant** comprising the **contracts works** except during a period not exceeding 45 (not necessarily consecutive) days from the commencement of such testing.

## **Subrogation Waiver**

Where **you** are awarded a Contract under the Joint Contracts Tribunal Standard Form of Building Contract 1998 (or the equivalent thereof) the understated agreement applies to the **contracts works** and to the extent required by the Contract. In respect of loss of or **damage** to the **contracts works** by any of the Specified Perils defined in the above mentioned Standard Form of Building Contract it is agreed that so far as is required by a sub-contract **we** will not pursue any right of in the event of speculative housing being completed but unsold, cover shall continue for a period of 6 months from the date of Substantial Completion or until the expiry of the **period of insurance** whichever shall occur first.

## Continuing Hire Charges/Negligent Breakdown

This **policy** is extended to cover **you** in respect of **your** legal liability for the payment of hiring charges in respect of **Hired Plant** whilst such **Hired Plant** is out of use following loss or **damage** for which cover is provided by this Section.

When **Hired Plant** is Hired by **you** under the Model Conditions for Hiring of **Plant** of the Construction **Plant** Hire Association this Section is extended to cover **you** against legal liability under clause 9(d) of such conditions.

The cover provided by this clause will also apply to liability for loss of or **damage** to and/or breakdown of **Hired Plant** Hired by **you** under conditions other than the Model Conditions for Hiring of **Plant** of the Construction **Plant** Hire Association to the extent that **you** would have been legally liable for such loss, **damage** and/or breakdown had the hire been subject to their conditions. Provided that **we** will not be liable under this Extension for liability for sums in **excess** of GBP 25,000 in respect of any one item of **plant** during anyone hiring period.

## **Speculative Housing and Show Properties**

In the event of speculative housing being completed but unsold, cover shall continue for a period of 6 months from the date of Substantial Completion or until the expiry of the **period of insurance** whichever shall occur first.

## Fire Brigade Charges

The cost of charges arising from the activities of the Fire Brigade in dealing with the consequences of loss or **damage** for which **we** have admitted liability.

Provided that our liability shall not exceed £10,000

## Offsite Storage

Loss of or **damage** to **contracts works** while in store at any location in the **United Kingdom** other than the **contract site** for a period not exceeding six months.

#### Provided that:

- The contracts works are ready for delivery to the contract site allocation to an insured contract can be proved and.
- The value of the **contracts works** in store at any one location shall not exceed the lesser of:

- o 25% of the contracts value; or
- o £250,000 unless **our** prior consent has been obtained.

## **Joint Names or Multiple Insureds**

Indemnity to any party that is required under the terms of the Contract to be a joint named **insured** to this **policy**.

If there is more than one **insured** party each operating as a separate and distinct entity, then cover shall apply in the same manner and to the same extent as if individual policies had been issued to each party.

#### Provided that:

- Our total liability to all of your parties collectively shall not exceed the limit of indemnity under the section.
- Any payment or payments by us to any one or more insured party shall reduce to
  the extent of that payment liability to all parties arising from any one event giving
  rise to a claim under this policy.
- **Your** parties shall at all times preserve any available contractual rights agreements and remedies in the event of loss or **damage**.
- The Contract is performed in the agreed **territorial limits**. It is however agreed that:
  - A voiding act committed by one **insured** party shall not prejudice the right to indemnity of any other **insured** party who has an insurable interest and who has not committed a voiding act.
  - We agree to waive all rights of subrogation which they may have or acquire.
  - Any lenders to the project shall not be entitled to any indemnity under this
     policy for loss or damage in respect of which the Insurers are by reason of a
     voiding act no longer liable to indemnify any one or more other insured
     party.

## **Breakdown or Explosion**

**Damage** to new and unused machinery forming part of the **contracts works** caused by electrical or mechanical breakdown or explosion.

This Extension shall continue for a period of:

- i) seven days from the commencement of testing of an individual item; and
- ii) one calendar month from the commencement of Commissioning.

## **Payments on Account**

Payment as agreed between **you** and **us** in advance of final settlement of a **claim** under this **policy** where **we** have admitted liability.

## Avoidance of Impending damage

The cost incurred by **you** in taking exceptional measures that are reasonable to avoid or reduce impending loss or **damage** which would have resulted in a **claim** under this Section.

#### Provided that:

- The impending loss or damage did not arise from any defect in the Insured property.
- The impending loss or **damage** did not arise from a reasonably foreseeable cause.
- The loss or **damage** would have been the natural outcome to be expected in the absence of the measures taken.
- We are satisfied that loss or damage which would have been insured under this
  policy has been avoided or reduced in consequence of the measures taken.
- Our cover shall not exceed the cost which would have been incurred had the measures not been taken and loss or damage insured by this policy had occurred.

## Additional Cost (Supplementary Expenses)

Necessary and reasonable cost incurred by **you** following loss or **damage insured** by the Contractors' **Plant** and Temporary Buildings Operative Clause in electing a temporary repair or expediting a permanent repair.

Provided that:

- Our agreement has been obtained; and
- Our cover shall not exceed £10,000.

The following additional covers apply to the Contractors' **Plant** and Temporary Buildings Operative Clause.

## Damage to security devices

The cost incurred in repairing or replacing any immobiliser locating tracking or other security device permanently fitted to the **insured property** following loss or **damage** due to theft or attempted theft for which **we** have admitted liability.

#### Provided that:

- i) Our liability shall not exceed £1,000; and
- ii) No **excess** shall apply to this Extension.

#### **Loss of Keys**

The cost incurred in replacing the lock cylinder of any security device permanently fitted to any **insured property** following loss of or **damage** to the keys operating the security device.

#### Provided that:

- Our liability shall not exceed £1,000; and
- No excess shall apply to this Extension.

## **Repair Cost Investigation**

The cost incurred in repair investigations and tests by consulting engineers following loss of or **damage** to **Insured property** for which **we** have admitted liability.

#### Provided that:

- Our prior written agreement has been obtained.
- Our liability does not exceed £25,000 during any one period of insurance.
- We shall not be liable under this Extension for any cost incurred in preparing a claim under this policy.

Provided that our liability for:

- Loss or damage and continuing hire charges in respect of any Hired Plant which is more than one year old shall be no more than the liability which would be incurred under the Model Conditions for the hiring of Plant approved by The Construction Plant-hire Association.
- Loss of or damage to Hired Plant while loaned or hired out is conditional on the
  terms of the agreement under which the loan or hiring out takes place being no less
  onerous than the terms under which the Hired Plant has been hired by you unless
  otherwise agreed by us.

## What's not covered

We will not cover you in respect of:

## Consequential loss or damage

Any **consequential loss or damage** not directly resulting from the incident that caused **you** to **claim** 

#### **Aircraft and Watercraft**

Loss of or damage to:

- Aircraft, aero spatial devices or hovercraft.
- Waterborne craft other than safety boats or other craft up to 4 metres in length on or about the contract site.

#### **Vehicles**

Loss of or **damage** to mechanically propelled **vehicles**, including trailers attached thereto, other than:

- Vehicles designed primarily to operate as tools of trade (which term shall be deemed to include any plant primarily designed to operate on or about a contract site); or
- Vehicles not licensed for road use and used in circumstances which do not require
  insurance under any road traffic legislation, damage to any tyres by punctures, cuts
  or bursts.

## **Defective Design**

Loss of or **damage** to or the cost necessary to replace, repair or rectify:

- a. Insured property which is in a defective condition due to a defect in design, plan, specification, materials or workmanship of such Insured property or any part thereof.
- b. **Insured property** lost or **damaged** to enable the replacement, repair or rectification of **Insured property** other than **matters** excluded by exclusion a above.

Exclusion a above shall not apply to other **Insured property** which is free of the defective condition but is **damaged** in consequence thereof.

For the purposes of this Section and not merely this Exclusion the **insured property** shall not be regarded as lost or **damaged** solely by virtue of the existence of any defect in design, plan, specification, materials or workmanship in the **insured property** or any part thereof.

## Breakdown, Wear and Tear

The cost of making good:

- Mechanical or electrical breakdown or derangement.
- Wear, tear, rust or other gradual deterioration.

But this Exclusion shall be limited to the parts immediately affected and shall not apply to **damage** arising in consequence thereof.

## Stock in Trade and Money

- Loss of or damage to Stock in Trade whilst at any premises owned, leased or rented by you unless specifically designated for use in the contracts works.
- Loss of or damage to deeds, bonds and/or Money of whatsoever nature or other securities for Money.

#### Taken into Use

Loss of or **damage** to the **contracts works** after being taken into use by any **principal** with **your** consent or any **employee** of **yours** other than:

a. During Testing and Commissioning when applicable.

b. During the period of 14 days from the date of hand over or the date of certified completion where so required by the terms of the Contract.

Where **you** have engaged sub-contractors the reference in b above to a **policy** of Completion does not include any **policy** of Completion issued in respect of sub-contract **works** for the purpose of transferring responsibility for such **works** to **you**.

#### **Shortages**

Any loss of **insured property** either by disappearance or by shortage if such disappearance or shortage is only revealed when a routine inventory is made or is not traceable to a **circumstance**.

## **Existing Structures**

Loss of or damage to any property forming or which has formed part of any structure

(including contents thereof) existing at the time of the commencement of the **contracts** works.

## **Relieved of Responsibility**

damage for which you are relieved of responsibility under the terms of any Contract.

## **Nuclear Material/Decommissioning**

Loss of or **damage** to:

- Nuclear material.
- Any works including decommissioning in or of any building, plant, equipment or other property which has been used or is designated to be.

### **Transit**

Loss of or **damage** to **property** in Transit:

- By sea other than by recognised 'roll-on roll-off' vehicle ferries provided no unloading or reloading of the vehicle(s) is involved.
- Caused by theft or any attempt thereat arising whilst any vehicle(s), belonging to
  or under your control and containing the insured property, is left unattended
  unless:

- All doors have been securely locked, all windows and other openings securely and adequately fastened, and any immobiliser and any alarm fitted to the said **vehicle**(s) correctly set to operate and all keys removed;
- After the last business transit of the day until collected by the driver for the next business transit, the vehicle(s) is housed in a securely locked building of substantial construction or a compound which has secure walls and/or fences and securely locked gates.

## **Overloading or Abnormal Conditions**

Damage to any item of Hired Plant.

- Caused by or arising from the imposition of abnormal conditions, deliberate overloading or overload testing other than overload testing in accordance with the Code of Practice for the Safe Use of Cranes BS 7121-1 including any subsequent amendments or revisions.
- During overload testing in accordance with the Code of Practice for the Safe Use of Cranes BS 7121-1 including any subsequent amendments or revisions and caused by or arising from a defect in the item.

## **Excluded Parts and Components**

Loss of or **damage** to cutting edges, machine **tools**, trailing cables, flexible pipes, driving belts and chains or conveyor bands unless accompanied by the loss of or **damage** to the complete item.

#### **Materials Processed or Foreign Bodies**

Loss or **damage** caused by materials processed or treated by the **insured** or foreign bodies entering the **insured property** with the materials.

## Scratching

The scratching scouring or spoiling of glass painted polished smooth or similar finished surfaces but not **damage insured** by this **policy** resulting from such Occurrence unless otherwise excluded.

## Section conditions

#### **Insured Contracts**

This **policy** applies to loss or **damage** occurring during the **period of insurance** to Contracts that are current at the start of the **period of insurance** or are commenced during the **period of insurance**. **Our** liability shall cease:

- At the end of the **period of insurance** if the insurance is not renewed; or
- On cancellation of this **policy** whichever is earlier.

#### 72 Hours Clause

It is hereby agreed that **damage** caused by storm, tempest, flood, subsidence or landslip occurring in any one period of 72 consecutive hours during any one **period of insurance** shall constitute one Occurrence for the purposes of this Section. The **excess** under Section 5 shall apply separately to each selected period as follows:

**You** shall select the time from which any such period shall commence but no two such selected periods shall overlap.

#### **Joint Code of Practice**

**You** undertake to comply with The Joint Code of Practice for the Protection from Fire of Construction Sites and Buildings Undergoing Renovation Seventh Edition dated May 2009 or a subsequent edition or version (referred to as The Joint Code).

**We** shall have the right at all reasonable times to enter and inspect the Contract site for the purpose of checking whether the conditions comply with The Joint Code.

In the event of a breach of The Joint Code **we** will inform the site management of the Contractor specifying the nature of the breach the remedial measures required by **us** and the period within which these must be completed.

Where **we** consider a breach is of sufficient importance written notice shall be sent to the Employer and the Contractor at their respective addresses by registered post, recorded postal delivery, facsimile transmission or by hand.

The notice may suspend or cancel cover 30 days from the date of the notice.

It being understood that following suspension, cover shall be reinstated when **we** are satisfied that remedial measures have been completed.

#### **Series Loss**

If the development or discovery of a defect in any part of the **contracts works** shall indicate that a similar defect exists elsewhere In the **contract works you** shall Immediately investigate and if necessary, rectify the defects in any **contracts works insured** under this **policy** at their own expense or alternatively bear the cost of all loss or **damage** arising out of the defect.

## Section 6 Tools and Materials

This is an optional section of cover. Please refer to **your schedule** to confirm whether **you** have cover and to what extent under this section.

## What's covered

You will be covered up to the **total sum insured** for **property** that is **damaged** as a result of a road traffic accident. You will also be covered for any **damage** to **property** caused by fire, theft or attempted theft from a **vehicle** or from **home**.

The amount we will pay shall be:

- The replacement value if the **property** can't be repaired in a cost-effective way.
- The cost to replace the **damaged** part of the **property**.
- The cost of repairing the **property**.

For the replacement value of **tools and materials**, **we** will pay the original purchase price stated on **your** purchase receipt or invoice.

## What's not covered

## **Specified property**

The following **property** is not covered:

- · Money, credit or debit cards, stamps, tickets, vouchers, securities or anything similar.
- **Documents** or **business** records (including those stored electronically).
- Computer hardware and components of a similar nature (other than 1 laptop or tablet covered in the **policy**) used in or in connection with a computer or other device. We will not cover any claim for loss of data stored on any storage device.
- Satellite navigation equipment, games consoles or televisions.

 Mobile phones, electronic organisers, digital cameras or other electronic devices which are designed for recording, storage, management, processing, use, display, playing, transmission or communication of data, images or sound.

#### **Unattended Vehicle**

**We** won't pay any **claim** for **property**, which was stolen or **damaged** by an attempted theft from an unattended **vehicle**, where:

- The property was in the open cargo area of a vehicle unless it was stored in a
  toolbox or chest which was permanently fixed to the vehicle and was securely
  locked with the keys removed.
- The doors, windows or other openings were left open or unlocked or the keys weren't removed.
- Your vehicle was unattended for more than 24 consecutive hours at any location
  that isn't the home address unless your vehicle is kept in a secure locked garage or
  locked secure site.

## No evidence of forced or violent entry

**We** won't pay any **claim** for theft from the **home** or a **vehicle** where no forced or violent entry has occurred.

## **Specific Exclusions**

We won't pay for property:

- For theft from an unattended home where all doors and window are not securely locked.
- That was damaged or destroyed because it wasn't packed well enough to withstand transit or because it was carried in an unsafe, insecure or illegal manner.
- Carried by you under a contract of hire or reward, handling or storage.
- While it is being driven under its own motive power or towed on its own wheels.
- That has suffered a mechanical, electrical or electronic breakdown or failure unless
  external damage to that property has occurred, and such damage is covered
  under this policy.

- That was damaged or destroyed because of; deterioration, mildew, mould, moth, vermin, ordinary wear and tear or any characteristic of the property that in itself leads to loss or damage irrespective of any other cause.
- That has pre-existing damage or has been damaged by wear and tear unless additional damage is caused during an insured event in the vehicle.
- Which is covered under any other insurance except in respect of any excess beyond the amount which would have been covered under such other insurance had this policy not been affected.
- If you don't give us the information we need.
- For theft from the **home** or a **vehicle** where no forced or violent entry has occurred.

## Any consequential loss or damage

Any **consequential loss or damage** not directly resulting from the incident that caused **you** to **claim** 

## Section conditions

## Care of your vehicle, home and property

#### You must:

- Protect the vehicle, home and property from loss or damage.
- Allow us to inspect the vehicle, or home at any reasonable time we ask.
- Make sure the **vehicle** is roadworthy.
- Remove the keys or secure any device that allows access to the **vehicle** if it is left unattended.

**We** will not pay for any **claims** where **you** fail to protect the **vehicle**, **home** or **property** from loss or **damage** through:

- The inappropriate conduct of the driver; or
- The condition of the **vehicle** caused or contributed to the accident; or

• The **vehicle** or **home** being left unlocked or unsecured.

## Notification to the police

**You** must notify the police as soon as **you** become aware of any malicious **damage**, theft or attempted theft and obtain a crime reference number.

# Section 7 Goods in Transit (Haulage)

This is an optional section of cover. Please refer to **your schedule** to confirm whether **you** have cover and to what extent under this section.

## What's covered

**You** will be covered for **All Risks cover** up to the **total sum insured** shown in the **schedule** as follow:

## 1. Loss or damage

For **Your** liability under contract in respect of the carriage of **goods** for hire and reward, and within the **territorial limits**.

## 2. Mis-delivery

## 3. Consequential Loss and accidental delay

**We** will cover **your** liability under any contract for the carriage of **goods**, for hire and reward, and within the **Territorial limits**. or for **Consequential Loss** arising from:

- a. Loss or damage as described in Cover 1 (Loss or damage) or Cover 2 (Misdelivery) provided that Your liability for the loss, damage or Misdelivery is covered by this Section and We have admitted liability for it under this policy.
- b. Accidental delay in delivering **Goods** occurring during the **Period of Insurance**.

**We** will not pay more than twice the amount charged by **You** for the **Road Transport** of the

Goods lost, damaged, mis-delivered or delayed.

This cover is subject to a **Sub-limit** of £5,000 any one **claim**.

#### 4. Redirection costs

for reasonable additional freight costs incurred by **You** in redirecting **Goods** that has been misdirected as the result of an error committed by **You**, any **employee**, any **Subcontractor** or any **Subcontractor**'s **employee** during the **Period of Insurance**.

**You** are not covered for extra costs incurred by **You** for use of any expedited method of redirecting the **Goods** unless agreed by **Us** beforehand.

This cover is subject to a **Sub-limit** of £5,000 any one claim.

#### 5. Handheld Scanners

This cover is subject to a **Sub-limit** of £5,000 any one claim.

## 6. Transhipment and removal costs

for reasonable costs incurred by **You** following damage to **Goods** and/or Third Party Equipment for which **We** have admitted liability under this Section of the policy or an accident to the **Vehicle** occurring within the Geographical Limits during the **Period of insurance** for:

- a. transshipment and/or recovery of Goods and/or Third Party Equipment and/or;
- b. removal and/or clearance of damaged **Goods**, and/or Third Party Equipment from the site of the accident and/or;
- c. disposal of damaged **Goods** and/or Third Party Equipment provided **Your** liability for the damage to the **Goods** and/or Third Party Equipment is covered under this Section and **We** have admitted liability under this policy for such damage.

This cover is subject to a **Sub-limit** of £5,000 any one claim.

### 7. Recorded Information

for **Your** liability under the **Insured Contracts** under which **You** contracted with **Your customer** or; for physical loss of or damage to **Recorded Information** during **Road Transport** occurring within the **territorial Limits** during the **Period of Insurance**.

This cover is subject to a **Sub-limit** of £1,000 any one claim.

but we will not pay more than the:

- a. replacement cost of the medium upon and/or within which such **Recorded Information** was represented or stored and;
- clerical and/or administrative cost of copying such Recorded Information on to fresh stationery or other storage medium.

# 8. Incorrectly Received Goods

For **Your** liability for physical loss of or damage to **Incorrectly Received Goods** occurring within the Geographical Limits during the **Period of Insurance**.

This cover is subject to a **Sub-limit** of £5,000 any one **claim**.

# 9. Legal Costs

For Legal Costs.

# **Exclusions**

You are not covered for any claim:

# 1. Excluded Goods

In respect of Excluded Goods.

## 2. Excluded Business Activities

In respect of:

- a. Goods whilst stored at a rental, or under a contract for storage and distribution, or held awaiting delivery instructions, or held for any other reason at the request of Your Customer or any other party.
- b. household, office, factory or similar removals arranged or undertaken by **vou**.
- c. **Recorded Information** except as provided for in Cover 11 (**Recorded Information**) of Section 1 (**Goods** Liability and Extensions).
- d. Live animals.
- e. **Goods** whilst being driven under its own motive power except whilst being loaded onto or off-loaded from any **Vehicle**.

For the purposes of this exclusion 2 E) loading commences when the wheels or tracks of the **Goods** or **Own Goods** touch the ramp of the conveying **Vehicle** and unloading ceases when the wheels or tracks leave the ramp of the conveying **Vehicle**.

- i. **Goods** or **Own Goods** being towed other than on a Trailer.
- ii. property other than **Goods**, **Own Goods**, and/or Third Party Equipment.
- iii. Any activity outside of the territorial limits.

# 3. Cover is excluded under the following circumstances for:

- a. Loss caused by a quality in the items being transported that causes it to damage or destroy itself.
- b. Deterioration of **Goods** unless caused by fire, theft, or as a direct result of the collision or overturning of the conveying **Vehicle**.
- c. Hardening of tarmac, concrete or Goods of a similar nature.
- d. Liability or costs arising from the emission, discharge, dispersal, release or escape of any **Pollutant** into or upon land, sea, the atmosphere, any watercourse or body of water (including: soil, sub-soil, sub-surface, coastal

waters, surface water, lake, river or sea water, international waters or ground water).

## 4. Subcontractors

In respect of:

- Goods Insured Trailers and/or Third Party Equipment in the care, custody or control of Subcontractors unless:
  - i. The respective section and,
  - ii. Vehicles of Subcontractors;

are shown in the **Schedule** as covered

b. **Goods** entrusted to any **Subcontractor** unless they have agreed in writing to accept no less liability than **You** have for such **Goods**.

This exclusion does not apply to any **Subcontractor** when acting as a shipping line, airline, port, terminal, or railway operator.

# 5. Replacement exceeding manufacturing cost

In respect of cards (including credit, charge, debit cards and items in similar form), vouchers, tokens or similar items entitling the holder to receipt of services, money or **goods**; tax or duty stamps, tickets, scratch cards or similar items for more than the manufacturing cost of any such item.

# 6. Misconduct

Caused by or arising from any reckless or willful misconduct by **You** and/or any of **Your** directors or partners

# 7. War and radioactivity

Caused by, or contributed to by, or arising from:

- a. war, invasion, **Terrorism**, act of foreign enemy, hostilities (whether war be declared or not), military or usurped power, revolution, rebellion, insurrection or civil war.
- b. ionising radiation from or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear fuel or from any nuclear waste or from the combustion of nuclear fuel.
- c. any weapon or device employing atomic or nuclear fission and/or fusion or other like reaction or radioactive force or matter.
- d. the radioactive, toxic, explosive or other hazardous or contaminating properties of any:
  - i. Nuclear installation, reactor or other nuclear assembly or nuclear component thereof.
  - ii. Radioactive matter, but not radioactive isotopes, other
  - iii. Than nuclear fuel, when such isotopes are carried, stored, or used for commercial, agricultural, medical, scientific or other similar peaceful purposes.
  - iv. Any chemical, biological, bio-chemical or electromagnetic weapon.

#### 8. Authorities

- a. Caused by, or contributed to by, or arising from destruction, damage, confiscation, seizure, expropriation, nationalisation, detention or requisition by any Authority.
- b. For **Your** liability to any Authority for duty, taxes, fines and/or penalties.

#### 9. Other insurance

That is covered by any other policy (or would but for the existence of this policy be covered under any other policy) except for the difference between the amount payable under such other policy and the amounts payable under this policy.

#### 10. All risk

In respect of **All Risks cover** for:

- a. Loss or damage caused by or arising as a result of packing which was inadequate to withstand normal handling during transit.
- b. Wear, tear or gradual deterioration.
- c. Mechanical, electrical and/or electronic breakdown, failure and/or derangement.

#### 11. Recorded Information

In respect of Cover 7 (Recorded Information) for:

- Loss of or damage to **Recorded Information** unless caused by physical loss or damage to the storage medium.
- b. The cost of retrieving and/or rebuilding and/or reworking any lost or damaged **Recorded Information** beyond the cost of copying.

#### 12. Sanction Exclusion

To the extent that the provision of such cover would expose **Us** to any sanction, prohibition or restriction under United Nations resolutions or the trade or economic sanctions, laws or regulations of the European Union or United Kingdom.

# Section 8 Electronic Business Equipment

This is an optional section of cover. Please refer to **your schedule** to confirm whether **you** have cover and to what extent under this section.

# What's covered

You are covered up to the **total sum insured** for **Electronic Business Equipment** that is damaged as a result of a road traffic accident.

You are also covered for damage to **Electronic Business Equipment** caused by fire, theft, or attempted theft:

- from the vehicle,
- from the home, or
- while being carried or used by you away from the **home** or **vehicle**.

The amount we will pay shall be the lesser of:

- the replacement value if the Electronic Business Equipment cannot be repaired in a cost-effective manner;
- the cost to replace the damaged part of the Electronic Business Equipment; or
- the cost of repair.

For replacement value, we will pay the original purchase price as stated on your purchase receipt or invoice.

# **Exclusions**

# **Specified Property**

The following property is not covered:

• Money, credit or debit cards, stamps, tickets, vouchers, securities, or similar items.

- Documents, images, or business records (including those stored electronically).
- Loss of data stored on any device.
- Games consoles or personal entertainment devices.
- Items primarily designed for personal use, unless declared as Electronic Business
   Equipment (e.g. digital cameras, professional audio equipment, specialist electronic devices used in creative or service-based trades).

### **Unattended Vehicle**

We will not pay for **Electronic Business Equipment** stolen or damaged by attempted theft from an unattended **vehicle** unless:

All doors, windows, or other openings were securely locked, and keys removed; and

The **vehicle** was not left unattended for more than **24 consecutive hours** at any location other than the **home** address, unless kept in a locked garage or secure site.

# No Evidence of Forced or Violent Entry

We will not pay any **claim** for theft from the **home** or **vehicle** where there is no evidence of forced or violent entry.

# **Specific Exclusions**

We will not pay for Electronic Business Equipment:

- Stolen from an unattended home where doors or windows were not securely locked.
- Damaged or destroyed due to poor packaging or unsafe/insecure/illegal transport.
- Carried under a contract of hire, reward, handling, or storage.
- Suffering mechanical, electrical, or electronic failure unless external damage covered under this policy has occurred.
- Damaged or destroyed due to deterioration, mildew, mould, moth, vermin, wear and tear, or any inherent defect.
- Where any available security/tracking feature (e.g. passcode, "Find My Device") was not activated.

- With pre-existing damage or wear and tear unless further damage occurred during an **insured event**.
- That is covered under any other insurance (except for any **excess** beyond what would have been paid by that policy).
- If required information is not provided to us.
- Where theft occurred and reasonable care to prevent it was not taken (e.g. item left unattended in a public place).

### Consequential Loss

We do not cover **any consequential loss** or damage not directly resulting from the insured incident.

# **Section Conditions**

# Care of Vehicle, Home and Property

#### You must:

- Take reasonable care to protect the vehicle, home, and property from loss or damage.
- Activate any available device security or tracing functionality (e.g. passcode, "Find My Phone").
- Allow us to inspect the **vehicle** or **home** at any reasonable time.
- Ensure the **vehicle** is roadworthy.
- Remove keys or secure access devices when the **vehicle** is unattended.

# We will not pay any claims where:

- You failed to protect the **vehicle**, **home**, or property;
- Loss or damage was caused by the driver's inappropriate conduct;
- The condition of the **vehicle** contributed to the accident; or

• The **vehicle** or **home** was left unlocked or unsecured.

# Notification to the Police

You must report any malicious damage, theft, or attempted theft to the police as soon as you are aware of it and obtain a crime reference number.

# **Section 9 Legal Expenses**

This section is only operative if shown in the schedule.

## Helplines, Employment Manual and ARAG Business law

**You** can contact **our** UK-based call centre 24 hours a day, seven days a week during the **period of insurance**. However, **we** may need to arrange to call **you** back depending on the enquiry. To help **us** check and improve **our** service standards, **we** may record all calls. When phoning, please quote **your** policy number **TS5/6971171** and the name of the insurance provider who sold **you** the policy.

Legal advice Call 0117 927 5209

Advice can be provided on any commercial legal problem affecting **your business** under the laws of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, any European Union country, the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands, Switzerland and Norway.

Wherever possible the Legal Advice helpline aims to provide immediate advice from a qualified legal adviser. However, if this is not possible, they will arrange to call **you** back at a time to suit **you**.

Advice on the laws of England and Wales can be provided 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Beyond this jurisdiction, or for very specialist legal matters, **we** will refer **you** to one of **our** specialist advisers.

Specialist advice is provided 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday, excluding public and bank holidays. If calls are made outside of these times, we will arrange to call you back.

Tax advice Call 0117 927 5209

Advice can be provided on any tax matters affecting the business, under UK law.

This service is provided 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday, excluding public and bank holidays. If calls are made outside these times, we will arrange to call you back.

## Counselling service

Call 0344 893 9012

**We** will provide the **insured person** (and any members of their immediate family who permanently live with them) with a confidential counselling service over the phone if they are aged 18 or over (or aged between 16 and 18 and in full-time employment). This includes,

where appropriate, onward referral to relevant voluntary and/or professional services. Any costs arising from the use of these referral services will not be paid by **us**.

The counselling service helpline is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

# **Employment Manual**

Visit www.arag.co.uk/ customer/business-legal-expenses-insurance/ employment-manual

The ARAG Employment Manual offers comprehensive, up to date guidance on employment law.

To view it, please visit www.arag.co.uk/customer/business-legal-expenses-insurance/employment-manual/

If you'd like notifications of when updates are made to the Employment Manual, please email us at employmentmanual@arag.co.ukquoting your policy number TS5/6971171.

#### **ARAG Business law**

Visit www.aragbusinesslaw.co.uk

## What is ARAG Business law?

**ARAG Business law** contains a range of regularly updated **business** and legal guides, document builders, interactive checklists and videos that can help **you** with the day-to-day running of **your business**, including comprehensive, current guidance on employment law, as well as helping **you** to manage its exposure to legal risk.

ARAG Business law's document builders can help **you** quickly create documents such as:

- HR policies
- T&C documentation
- Privacy statements
- Copyright and trademark licences
- Data protection policy
- Employee contracts

• Debt recovery letters

In addition, ARAG Business law contains hundreds of regularly updated expert guides and videos on topics such as branding, crowdfunding, financial and tax planning, and marketing strategy to help build and grow **your business**.

# How do I get started?

- 1. Visit www.aragbusinesslaw.co.uk
- 2. Enter DASBRES100 into the 'voucher code' text box and press Validate Voucher.
- 3. Fill out your name and email address, create a password, and specify what type of business you have.
- 4. Validate your email address by pressing the link in the confirmation email that you receive.

We will not accept responsibility if the helpline services are unavailable for reasons we cannot control.

# The meaning of words in this policy

The following words have these meanings wherever they appear in this policy in bold:

# **Appointed representative**

The **preferred law firm**, law firm, tax consultancy, accountant or other suitably qualified person we appoint to act on the **insured person's** behalf.

#### **Business**

The business declared to us and covered by the commercial policy to which this policy attaches.

# **Costs and expenses**

- (a) All reasonable, proportionate and necessary costs chargeable by the **appointed** representative and agreed by us in accordance with the ARAG Standard Terms of Appointment.
- (b) The costs incurred by opponents in civil cases if the **insured person** has been ordered to pay them, or the **insured person** pays them with **our** agreement.

#### Countries covered.

(a) For insured incidents **Legal defense** (excluding 5 **Statutory notice appeals**), and **Personal injury** 

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the European Union, the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands, Albania, Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Gibraltar, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, San Marino, Serbia, Switzerland and Turkey.

(b) For all other insured incidents

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands.

# **ARAG Standard Terms of Appointment**

The terms and conditions (including the amount **we** will pay to an **appointed representative**) that apply to the relevant type of claim, which could include a conditional fee agreement (no win, no fee). Where a law firm is acting on **your** behalf the amount **we** will pay is currently £100 per hour. This amount may vary from time to time.

#### **Date of occurrence**

- a) For civil cases (other than as specified under **(c)** to **(e)** below), the date of the event that leads to a claim. If there is more than one event arising at different times from the same originating cause, the **date of occurrence** is the date of the first of these events. (This is the date the event happened, which may be before the date **you** or an **insured person** first became aware of it.)
- b) For criminal cases, the date the **insured person** began, or is alleged to have begun, to break the law.
- c) For insured incident **Statutory licence appeal**, the date when **you** first became aware of the proposal by the relevant licensing or regulatory authority to suspend, alter the terms of, refuse to renew or cancel **your** licence, mandatory registration or British Standard Certificate of Registration.
- d) For insured incident **Tax protection**, the date when HM Revenue & Customs, or the relevant authority, first notifies **you** of its intention to carry out an enquiry. For **VAT** or **employer compliance disputes**, the date the dispute arises during the **period of insurance** following the issue of an assessment, written decision or notice of a civil penalty.

e) For insured incident **Legal defence Statutory notice appeals**, the date when the **insured person** is issued with the relevant notice and has the right to appeal

# **Employer compliance dispute**

A dispute with HM Revenue & Customs concerning **your** compliance with Pay As You Earn, Social Security, Construction Industry or IR35 legislation and regulations.

# **Insured person**

**You** and the directors, partners, managers, employees and any other individuals declared to **us** by **you**.

A person contracted to work for **you** who works for **you** on the same basis as **your** employees and performs that work under **your** supervision and direction.

#### **Period of insurance**

The period for which **we** have agreed to cover the **insured person** and for which **we** have accepted the premium.

#### Preferred law firm

A law firm, barrister or tax expert we choose to provide legal or other services.

These specialists are chosen as they have the proven expertise to deal with the **insured person**'s claim and must comply with **our** agreed service standard levels, which **we** audit regularly. They are appointed according to the **ARAG Standard Terms of Appointment**.

# Reasonable prospects

- a) For civil cases, the prospects that the **insured person** will recover losses or damages or a reduction in tax or National Insurance liabilities (or obtain any other legal remedy that **we** have agreed to, including an enforcement of judgment) or make a successful defence, must be at least 51%. **We**, or a **preferred law firm** or tax consultancy on **our** behalf, will assess whether there are **reasonable prospects**.
- b) For criminal cases there is no requirement for there to be prospects of a successful outcome.
- c) For civil and criminal appeals the prospects of a successful outcome must be at least 51%.

# Tax enquiry

A written notice of enquiry, issued by HM Revenue & Customs, to carry out an Income Tax or Corporation Tax compliance check which either:

- a) includes a request to examine any aspect of your books and records; or
- b) advises of a check of your whole tax return.

## **VAT dispute**

A dispute with HM Revenue & Customs following the issue of an assessment, written decision or notice of a civil penalty relating to **your** VAT affairs.

## We, us, our, ARAG

ARAG Legal Expenses Insurance Company Limited.

### You, your

The **business** that has taken out this policy.

#### Welcome to ARAG

Thank you for purchasing this ARAG Commercial legal expenses insurance policy.

ARAG Legal Expenses Insurance Company Limited ('ARAG) is the underwriter and provides the legal protection insurance and additional services under your policy.

To make sure that **you** get the most from **your ARAG** cover, please take time to read this policy wording which explains the insurance cover and additional services available to **you**. Please follow the procedures throughout the policy and in particular those applying to **Employment disputes and compensation awards** cover.

# How your policy can help

Please find below information about the services **your** policy offers and details of how to make a claim.

If **you** wish to speak to **us** about:

- **Legal Advice you** can get telephone legal advice on any legal issue affecting **your business.**
- Insurance Claims you can report a claim 24/7.

 Tax Advice – dedicated tax advisers can provide advice on tax issues affecting your business.

Please phone us on **0117 927 5209**. **We** will ask **you** about **your** legal issue and if necessary, call you back to deal with **your** query.

# Access to online legal documents and guides

You have access to **ARAG Business law** as part of **your** policy. ARAG Businesslaw is an online resource that provides vital **business** and legal support. It contains a range of regularly updated **business** and legal guides, document builders, interactive checklists and videos that can help **you** with the day-to-day running of **your business**, as well as helping **you** to manage **your** exposure to legal risk.

Visit www.aragbusinesslaw.co.uk and use the following voucher code to sign up:

# DASBRES100

# Reporting a claim

Important information

Please do not ask for help from a lawyer, accountant or anyone else before **we** have agreed that **you** should do so. If **you** do, **we** will not pay the costs involved even if **we** accept the claim.

#### Report your claim.

- Visit www.claims.araginsurance.co.uk have your policy number ready.
- Alternatively, call us on 0117 927 5209, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

#### We will assess the claim

- To check your claim is covered by your policy.
- And, if it is, we will send it to a lawyer who specialises in your type of claim.

The lawyer will

• Assess your case and tell you how likely it is you will win

If you are more likely than not to win, the lawyer will

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Manage the case from start to finish.

Please note this is an overview of the claims process for guidance purposes only. Please visit **www.claims.araginsurance.co.uk**for more details on how to claim.

## **Our agreement**

This policy, the policy schedule and any endorsement shall be read together as one document and describe the contract between **you** and **us**.

**We** agree to provide the insurance described in this policy for **you** (or where specified, the **insured person**) in respect of any insured incident arising in connection with the **business**, in return for payment of the premium and subject to the terms, conditions, exclusions and limitations set out in this policy, provided that:

- 1. **reasonable prospects** exist for the duration of the claim
- 2. the date of occurrence of the insured incident is:
  - a. during the period of insurance, or
  - b. during the currency of a previous equivalent legal expenses insurance policy, provided that:
    - i. the previous legal expenses insurance policy required you to report claims during its currency.
    - ii. you could not have notified a claim previously as you could not have reasonably been aware of the insured incident.
    - iii. cover has been continuously maintained in force.
    - iv. any claim that should have been covered under a previously operative legal expenses insurance policy will not be covered by us, and
    - v. the available limit of indemnity shall be limited to the lesser of the sums payable under this or your previous policy.
- 3. any legal proceedings will be dealt with in the countries covered by:

- a. a court; or
- b. employment tribunal or employment appeal tribunal; or
- arbitration where parties to a dispute appoint an arbitrator to determine the evidence and issue a decision which is recognised by and enforceable through a court; or
- d. the Equality and Human Rights Commission, Equality Commission for Northern Ireland; or
- e. any other body which replaces any of the above or which we agree to, and
- 4. the insured incident happens within the **countries covered**.

# What we will pay

**We** will pay an **appointed representative**, on **your** behalf, **costs and expenses** incurred following an insured incident, and any compensation awards that **we** have agreed to, provided that:

- 1. the most **we** will pay in respect of all claims resulting from one or more event arising at the same time or from the same originating cause, for **costs and expenses** and compensation awards claims, is £100,000.
- 2. the most **we** will pay for the total of all compensation awards under insured incident **Employment disputes and compensation awards Compensation awards** in any one **period of insurance** shall not exceed £1,000,000.
- 3. the most **we** will pay in **costs and expenses** is no more than the amount **we** would have paid to a **preferred law firm** or tax consultancy. The amount **we** will pay a law firm (where acting on **your** behalf) is currently £100 per hour. This amount may vary from time to time.
- 4. in respect of an appeal or the defence of an appeal, you must tell us as soon as possible and within the statutory time limits allowed that you want to appeal.
  Before we pay the costs and expenses for appeals, we must agree that reasonable prospects exist.
- for an enforcement of judgment to recover money and interest due to you after a successful claim under this policy, we must agree that reasonable prospects exist.

- 6. where an award of damages is the only legal remedy to a dispute and the cost of pursuing legal action is likely to be more than any award of damages, the most we will pay in costs and expenses is the value of the likely award, and
- 7. in respect of insured incident Legal defence 6 Jury service and court attendance the maximum we will pay is the insured person's net salary or wages for the time that the insured person is attending court or tribunal, less any amount you, the court or tribunal pays.

# What we will not pay

- In the event of a claim, if you decide not to use the services of a preferred law firm or tax consultancy, you will be responsible for any costs that fall outside the ARAG Standard Terms of Appointment and these will not be paid by us.
- If you are registered for VAT, we will not pay the VAT element of any costs and expenses.
- 3. The first £500 of any contract dispute claim where the amount in dispute exceeds £5,000 (including VAT). If **you** are using a **preferred law firm**, **you** will be asked to pay this within 21 days of **your** claim having been assessed as having **reasonable prospects**. If **you** are using **your** own law firm, this will be within 21 days of their appointment (following confirmation **your** claim has **reasonable prospects**). If **you** do not pay this amount the cover for **your** claim could be withdrawn.

# Your cover - insured incidents

#### What is covered

Employment disputes and compensation awards

• Employment disputes

#### Costs and expenses to defend your legal rights:

- 1. before the issue of legal proceedings in a court or tribunal:
  - a. following the dismissal of an employee; or
  - b. where an employee or ex-employee has contacted ACAS ('Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service') to commence the Early Conciliation procedure; or

- 2. in unfair dismissal disputes under the ACAS Arbitration Scheme; or
- 3. in legal proceedings in respect of any dispute relating to:
  - a. a contract of employment with you; or
  - b. an alleged breach of the statutory rights of an employee, ex-employee or prospective employee under employment legislation.

# **Compensation awards**

In respect of a claim we have accepted under insured incident Employment disputes we will pay:

- a) any basic and compensatory award; and/or
- b) an order for compensation or damages following a breach of your statutory duties under employment legislation.

#### **Provided that:**

- a) in cases relating to performance and/or conduct, you have throughout the employment dispute either:
- b) followed the ACAS Code of Practice on Disciplinary and Grievance Procedures; or
- c) followed equivalent codes of practice issued by the Labour Relations Agency in Northern Ireland; or
- d) sought and followed advice from our legal advice service (telephone 0117 927 5209)
- e) for an order of compensation following your breach of statutory duty under employment legislation you have at all times sought and followed advice from our legal advice service since the date when you should have known about the employment dispute (telephone 0117 927 5209)
- f) for any compensation award for redundancy or alleged redundancy or unfair selection for redundancy, you have sought and followed advice from our legal
- g) advice service before starting any redundancy process or procedure with employees (telephone 0117 927 5209)

h) any sum of money in settlement of a dispute is awarded by a court, tribunal or through the ACAS Arbitration Scheme, under a judgment made after full argument and otherwise than by consent or default, or is payable under settlement approved in writing in advance by us.

Please note that the total amount payable by **us** for all compensation awards and any sums of money in settlement of a dispute, in aggregate and in any one **period of insurance** is £1,000,000.

# Employee civil legal defence

Costs and expenses to defend the insured person's (other than your) legal rights if:

- a) an event arising from their work leads to civil action being taken against them under legislation for unlawful discrimination; or
- b) civil action is being taken against them as trustee of a pension fund set up for the benefit of your employees.

Please note that **we** will only provide cover for an **insured person** (other than you) at your request.

# **Service occupancy**

**Costs and expenses** to recover possession of premises owned by **you**, or for which **you** are responsible, from **your** employee or ex-employee.

#### Legal defence

Costs and expenses to defend the insured person's legal rights:

(provided that for each of the following sections of Legal defence cover **you** request **us** to provide cover for the **insured person**.)

# **Criminal pre-proceedings cover**

Prior to the issue of legal proceedings, when dealing with the Police or other body with criminal investigatory powers, where it is alleged that the **insured person** has or may have committed a criminal offence.

Provided that:

for claims relating to the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 the **countries covered** shall be any place where the Act applies.

Please note **we** will only cover criminal investigations which arise in direct connection with the activities of the **business** shown in the policy schedule. Please see Our agreement.

# **Criminal prosecution defence**

Following an event which leads to the **insured person** being prosecuted in a court of criminal jurisdiction.

Provided that:

for claims relating to the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 the **countries covered** shall be any place where the Act applies.

Please note **we** will only cover criminal prosecutions which arise in direct connection with the activities of the **business** shown in the policy schedule. Please see Our agreement.

# **Data protection**

If civil action is taken against the **insured person** for compensation under data protection legislation, when handling personal data in their capacity as a data controller and/or a data processor by:

- a) An individual. We will also pay any compensation award in respect of such a claim.
- b) Another data controller and/or data processor, which arises out of, or relates to, a claim made by an individual for compensation against that data controller and/or data processor. Please note we will not pay any compensation award in respect of such a claim.

Provided that:

in respect of (a) any sum of money in settlement of a dispute is awarded by a court under a judgment made after full argument and otherwise than by consent or default or is payable under settlement approved in advance by **us**.

Please note **we** will not cover the cost of fines imposed by the Information Commissioner, or any other regulatory and/or criminal body. Please see General exclusion 3.

# Wrongful arrest

If civil action is taken against the **insured person** for wrongful arrest in respect of an accusation of theft alleged to have been carried out during the **period of insurance**.

# Statutory notice appeals

In an appeal against the imposition or terms of any statutory notice issued under legislation affecting **your business**.

# Jury service and court attendance

An **insured person's** absence from work:

- a) to perform jury service
- b) to attend any court or tribunal at the request of the appointed representative in relation to a claim that is an insured incident under this policy.

The maximum **we** will pay is the **insured person**'s net salary or wages for the time that they are absent from work less any amount **you**, the court or tribunal, have paid them.

**We** will reimburse **you** for net salary or wages that **you** have paid the **insured person** for that time, less any amount they have been paid by, or can recover from, the court or tribunal.

## Statutory licence appeal

#### Costs and expenses for:

An appeal to the relevant statutory or regulatory authority, court or tribunal following a decision by a licensing or regulatory authority to suspend, or alter the terms of, or refuse to renew, or cancel **your** licence, mandatory registration or British Standard Certificate of Registration.

# **Contract disputes**

#### Costs and expenses for:

A contractual dispute arising from an agreement or an alleged agreement which has been entered into by **you** or on **your** behalf for the purchase, hire, sale or provision of goods or of services.

Provided that:

- a) the amount in dispute exceeds £500 (incl VAT)
- b) if the amount in dispute exceeds £5,000 (incl VAT), **you** must pay the first £500 of any claim. If **you** are using a **preferred law firm**, **you** will be asked to pay this within 21 days of **your** claim having been assessed as having **reasonable prospects**. If **you** are using **your** own law firm, this will be within 21 days of their appointment (following confirmation **your** claim has **reasonable prospects**). If **you** do not pay this amount the cover for **your** claim could be withdrawn
- c) if the amount in dispute is payable in instalments, the instalments due and payable at the time of making the claim exceed £500 (incl VAT)
- d) if the dispute relates to money owed to **you**, a claim under the policy is made within 90 days of the money becoming due and payable.

## **Debt recovery**

#### Costs and expenses for:

A dispute relating to the recovery of money and interest due from the sale or provision of goods or services, including enforcement of judgments.

#### Provided that:

- a) the debt exceeds £500 (incl VAT)
- b) a claim is made within 90 days of the money becoming due and payable
- c) **we** have the right to select the method of enforcement, or to forego enforcing judgment if **we** are not satisfied that there are, or will be, sufficient assets available to satisfy judgment.

# **Property protection**

### Costs and expenses for:

A civil dispute relating to physical property which is owned by you, or is your responsibility following:

- a) any event which causes physical damage to such physical property; or
- b) a legal nuisance; or

c) a trespass.

Please note that **you** must have, or there must be reasonable prospects of establishing **you** have, the legal ownership or right to the physical property that is the subject of the dispute.

# **Personal injury**

At **your** request, **costs and expenses** for an **insured person'**s and their family members' legal rights following a specific or sudden accident that causes the death of, or bodily injury to them.

# **Tax protection**

Costs and expenses for:

- a) A tax enquiry
- b) An employer compliance dispute
- c) A VAT dispute.

Provided that:

**you** have taken reasonable care to ensure that all returns are complete and correct and are submitted within the statutory time limits allowed.

Please note **we** will only cover tax claims which arise in direct connection with the activities of the **business** shown in the policy schedule. Please see Our agreement.

## **Tenancy disputes**

A civil dispute between you and your landlord relating to premises leased or rented by you.

# What is not covered

## **Employment disputes**

- 1. unless equivalent legal expenses insurance was continuously in force before:
  - a. any dispute where the originating cause of action arises within the first 90 days of the start of this policy;

- any dispute with an employee who was subject to a written or oral warning (formal or informal) within 180 days immediately preceding the inception date of this policy if the **date of occurrence** was within the first 180 days of the start of this policy and the dispute relates directly to the same matter(s) which gave rise to that warning;
- c. any note of redundancy or alleged redundancy or unfair selection for redundancy which occurs within the first 180 days of the start of this policy
- 2. employee internal disciplinary or grievance procedures
- 3. damages for personal injury
- 4. Transfer of Undertakings Regulations (TUPE) or the Transfer of Employment (Pension Protection) Regulations
- 5. pursuing your legal rights.

# **Compensation awards**

- 1. Any compensation award relating to the following:
  - a. trade union activities, trade union membership or non-membership;
  - b. pregnancy or maternity rights, paternity, parental or adoption rights;
  - c. health and safety related dismissals brought under section 44 of the Employment Rights Act 1996;
  - d. statutory rights in relation to trustees of occupational pension schemes.
- 2. Non-payment of money due under a contract.
- 3. Any award ordered because you have failed to provide relevant records to employees under National Minimum Wage legislation.
- 4. A compensation award or increase in a compensation award relating to failure to comply with a current or previous recommendation made by a tribunal.

5. A settlement agreed and payable following conciliation under the ACAS Early Conciliation procedure.

# Service occupancy

A claim relating to the following:

 Defending your legal rights, other than defending a counter-claim that is an insured incident under this policy

## Legal defence

# **Criminal pre-proceedings cover**

- 1. any criminal investigation or enquiry by, with or on behalf of HM Revenue & Customs
- 2. investigations due to alleged infringement of road traffic laws or regulations in connection with the ownership, driving or use of a motor **vehicle**.

# **Criminal prosecution defence**

A claim relating to the following:

1. prosecution due to alleged infringement of road traffic laws or regulations in connection with the ownership, driving or use of a motor **vehicle**.

## **Data protection**

A claim relating to the following:

- 1. the loss, alteration, corruption or distortion of, or damage to stored personal data, or
- 2. a reduction in the functionality, availability, or operation of stored personal data

resulting from hacking (unauthorised access), malicious or negligent transfer (electronic or otherwise) of a computer program that contains any malicious or damaging code, computer virus or similar mechanism.

## **Statutory notice appeals**

A claim relating to the following:

 an appeal against the imposition or terms of any statutory notice issued in connection with your licence, mandatory registration or British Standard Certificate of Registration (please refer to insured incident Statutory licence appeal) 2. a statutory notice issued by an **insured person**'s regulatory or governing body.

## Jury service and court attendance

A claim relating to the following:

1. any claim if **you** or the **insured person** are unable to prove the loss.

### Statutory licence appeal

A claim relating to the following:

- the original application or renewal application of a statutory licence, mandatory registration or British Standard Certificate of Registration
- 2. the ownership, driving or use of a motor vehicle.

# **Contract disputes**

- a dispute arising from an agreement entered into prior to the start of this policy if the date of occurrence is within the first 90 days of the start of this policy, unless equivalent legal expenses insurance was in force immediately before:
  - a dispute relating to an insurance policy, other than when your insurer refuses your claim
  - a lease, licence, or tenancy of land or buildings, or the sale or purchase of land or buildings. However, we will cover a dispute with a professional adviser in connection with these matters.
  - a loan, mortgage, pension, guarantee or any other financial product.
     However, we will cover a dispute with a professional adviser in connection with these matters.
  - d. a motor **vehicle** owned by, or hired or leased to **you** other than agreements relating to the sale of motor **vehicles** where **you** are engaged in the **business** of selling motor **vehicles**.
- a dispute with an employee or ex-employee which arises out of, or relates to, a contract of employment with you. (Please refer to insured incident Employment disputes and compensation awards.)

- 3. a dispute which arises out of the:
  - a. sale or provision of computer hardware, software, systems or services; or
  - b. the purchase or hire of computer hardware, software, systems or services tailored by a supplier to **your** own specification
- 4. the recovery of money and interest due from another party, other than disputes where the other party indicates that a defence exists.

# **Debt recovery**

A claim relating to the following:

- any debt arising from an agreement entered into prior to the start of the policy if the debt is due within the first 90 days of the start of this policy, unless equivalent legal expenses insurance was in force immediately before
  - (a) the settlement payable under an insurance policy
  - (b) a lease, licence, or tenancy of land or buildings, or the sale or purchase of land or buildings
  - (c) a loan, mortgage, pension, guarantee or any other financial product.

    However, **we** will cover a dispute with a professional adviser in connection with these matters.
  - (d) a motor vehicle owned by, or hired or leased to you other than agreements relating to the sale of motor vehicles where you are engaged in the business of selling motor vehicles.
- a dispute which arises out of the sale or provision of computer hardware, software, systems or services
- 3. the recovery of money and interest due from another party where the other party indicates that a defence exists.
- 4. any dispute which arises from debts you have purchased from a third party.

## **Property protection**

- a contract you have entered into (please refer to insured incident Contract disputes)
- 2. physical property which is in transit or which is lent or hired out
- 3. physical property at premises other than those occupied by **you** unless the physical property is at the premises for the purpose of installations or use in work to be carried out by **you**
- 4. defending **your** legal rights other than the defence of a counter-claim that is an insured incident under this policy
- a motor vehicle owned or used by, or hired or leased to an insured person (other than damage to motor vehicles where you are in the business of selling motor vehicles).

# **Personal injury**

A claim relating to the following:

- 1. any illness or bodily injury that happens gradually.
- 2. psychological injury or mental illness unless the condition follows a specific or sudden accident that has caused physical bodily injury.
- 3. defending an **insured person'**s or their family members' legal rights other than in defending a counter-claim
- 4. clinical negligence or the failure or alleged failure to correctly diagnose an **insured person**'s or their family members' condition.

# **Tax protection**

- 1. a tax avoidance scheme
- 2. any failure to register for Value Added Tax or Pay As You Earn
- 3. any investigation, enquiry, or prosecution relating to suspected or alleged dishonesty or suspected or alleged criminal offences.

4. any claim relating to import or excise duties and import VAT.

# **Tenancy disputes**

A claim relating to the following:

- 1. the negotiation, review or renewal of the lease of tenancy agreement
- 2. a dispute arising from rent or service charges.

# General exclusions

We will not pay for the following:

## 1. Late reported claims

A claim where the **insured person** has failed to notify **us** of the insured incident within a reasonable time of it happening and where this failure adversely affects the **reasonable prospects** of a claim or **we** consider **our** position has been prejudiced.

### 2. Costs we have not agreed

Costs and expenses incurred before our expressed acceptance.

#### 3. Court awards and fines

Fines, penalties, compensation or damages which the **insured person** is ordered to pay by a court or other authority, other than compensation awards covered under insured incidents **Employment disputes and compensation awards Compensation awards** and **Legal defence**.

#### 4. Legal action we have not agreed

Legal action an **insured person** takes which **we** or the **appointed representative** have not agreed to, or where the **insured person** does anything that hinders **us** or the **appointed representative**.

#### 5. Intellectual property rights

Any claim relating to patents, copyrights, trademarks, merchandise marks, registered designs, intellectual property, secrecy and confidentiality agreements.

#### 6. Wilful acts

Any wilful act or omission of an **insured person** deliberately intended to cause a claim under this policy.

#### 7. Franchise or agency agreements

Any claim relating to rights under a franchise or agency agreement entered into by **you**.

#### 8. A dispute with ARAG

Any claim under this policy for a dispute with **us**. For disagreements with **us** about the handling of a claim refer to Policy Condition 8.

#### 9. Shareholding or partnership disputes

Any claim relating to a shareholding or partnership share in the **business**.

# 10. Judicial review, coroner's inquest or fatal accident inquiry

**Costs and expenses** arising from or relating to judicial review, coroner's inquest or fatal accident inquiry.

#### 11. Nuclear, war and terrorism risks

Any claim caused by, contributed to by or arising from:

- a. ionising radiation or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear fuel or from any nuclear waste from burning nuclear fuel;
- b. the radioactive, toxic, explosive or other hazardous properties of any explosive nuclear assembly or nuclear part of it;
- c. war, invasion, act of foreign enemy, hostilities (whether war is declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, military force or coup, or any other act of terrorism or alleged act of terrorism as defined in the Terrorism Act 2000;
- d. pressure waves caused by aircraft or any other airborne devices travelling at sonic or supersonic speeds.

## 12. Bankruptcy

Any claim where either at the start of, or during the course of a claim:

- a. you are declared bankrupt
- b. **you** have filed a bankruptcy petition
- c. you have filed a winding-up petition

- d. you have made an arrangement with your creditors
- e. you have entered into a deed of arrangement
- f. **you** are in liquidation
- g. part or all of **your** affairs or property are in the care or control of a receiver or administrator.

#### 13. Defamation

Any defamation claim brought by or against you or an insured person.

#### 14. Litigant in person

Any claim where an **insured person** is not represented by a law firm, barrister or tax expert.

# Policy conditions

#### 1. Your representation

- a. On receiving a claim, if representation is necessary, we will appoint a preferred law firm or tax consultancy as the insured person's appointed representative to deal with their claim. They will try to settle the insured person's claim by negotiation without having to go to court.
- b. If the appointed **preferred law firm** or tax consultancy cannot negotiate settlement of the **insured person**'s claim and it is necessary to go to court and legal proceedings are issued or there is a conflict of interest, then the **insured person** may, if they prefer, choose a law firm or tax expert of their own choice to act as the **appointed representative**. We will choose the **appointed representative** to represent the **insured person** in any proceedings where we are liable to pay a compensation award.
- c. If the insured person chooses a law firm as their appointed representative who is not a preferred law firm or tax consultancy, we will give their choice of law firm the opportunity to act on the same terms as a preferred law firm or tax consultancy. However if they refuse to act on this basis, the most we will pay is the amount we would have paid if they had agreed to the ARAG Standard Terms of Appointment. The amount we will pay a law firm (where

- acting on the **insured person**'s behalf) is currently £100 per hour. This amount may vary from time to time.
- d. The **appointed representative** must co-operate with **us** at all times and must keep **us** up to date with the progress of the claim.

#### 2. Your responsibilities

An insured person must:

- a. co-operate fully with us and the appointed representative;
- b. give the **appointed representative** any instructions that **we** ask them to.

#### 3. Offers to settle a claim

- a. An **insured person** must tell **us** if anyone offers to settle a claim and must not negotiate or agree to any settlement without **our** expressed consent.
- b. If an insured person does not accept a reasonable offer to settle a claim,
   we will not pay further costs and expenses.
- c. We may decide to pay an insured person the reasonable value of the claim that the insured person is claiming or is being claimed against them instead of starting or continuing legal action. In these circumstances an insured person must allow us to take over and pursue or settle a claim in their name. An insured person must allow us to pursue at our own expense and for our benefit, any claim for compensation against any other person and an insured person must give us all the information and help we need to do so.

#### 4. Assessing and recovering costs

- a. An insured person must instruct the appointed representative to have costs and expenses taxed, assessed or audited if we ask for this.
- b. An **insured person** must take every step to recover **costs and expenses** and court attendance and jury service expenses that **we** have to pay and must pay **us** any amounts that are recovered.

# 5. Cancelling an appointed representative's appointment

If the **appointed representative** refuses to continue acting for an **insured person** with good reason or if an **insured person** dismisses the **appointed representative** without good reason, the cover **we** provide will end at once, unless **we** agree to appoint another **appointed representative**.

## 6. Withdrawing cover

- a. If an insured person settles a claim or withdraws their claim without our agreement, or does not give suitable instructions to the appointed representative, we can withdraw cover and will be entitled to reclaim any costs and expenses we have paid.
- b. If during the course of a claim reasonable prospects no longer exist the cover we provide will end at once. We will pay any costs and expenses and compensation awards we have agreed to, up to the date cover was withdrawn.

## 7. Expert opinion

If there is a disagreement between an **insured person** and **us** on the merits of the claim or proceedings, or on a legal principle, **we** may suggest the **insured person** obtains at their own expense an opinion on the matter from an independent and appropriate expert. The expert must be approved in advance by **us** and the cost expressly agreed in writing between the **insured person** and **us**. Subject to this **we** will pay the cost of getting the opinion if the expert's opinion indicates that it is more likely than not that the **insured person** will recover damages (or obtain any other legal remedy that **we** have agreed to) or make a successful defence. This does not affect the **insured person**'s rights under Policy Condition 8.

#### 8. Arbitration

- a. If there is a disagreement about the handling of a claim and it is not resolved through **our** internal complaints procedure the Financial Ombudsman Service may be able to help. This is a free complaint resolution service for eligible complaints. (Details available from <u>www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk</u>)
- Alternatively, there is a separate arbitration process available that can be used to settle any dispute with us. The arbitrator will be a jointly agreed barrister, solicitor or other suitably qualified person. If there is a

disagreement over the choice of arbitrator, **we** will ask the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators to decide. The arbitrator will decide who will pay the costs of the arbitration. For example, costs may be split between the parties or one party may pay all the costs.

# 9. Keeping to the policy terms

An insured person must:

- a. keep to the terms and conditions of this policy
- b. take reasonable steps to avoid and prevent claims
- c. take reasonable steps to avoid incurring unnecessary costs
- d. send everything we ask for in writing, and
- e. report to **us** full and factual details of any claim as soon as possible and give **us** any information **we** need.

### 10. Cancelling the policy

**You** can cancel this policy by telling **us** at any time as long as **you** tell **us** at least 14 days beforehand. **We** can cancel this policy at any time as long as **we** tell **you** at least 14 days beforehand.

Subject to the terms of **business** between **you** and the person who sold **you** this policy, **you** may be entitled to a partial refund of the premium.

It is important to note that charges may apply to any refund subject to the individual terms of **business** between **you** and the person who sold **you** this policy. Please contact them directly for full details of charges.

# 11. Fraudulent claims

**We** will, at **our** discretion, void the policy (make it invalid) from the date of claim, or alleged claim, and/or **we** will not pay the claim if:

- a. a claim the **insured person** has made to obtain benefit under this policy is fraudulent or intentionally exaggerated, or
- b. a false declaration or statement is made in support of a claim.

# 12. Claims under this policy by a third party

Apart from **us**, **you** are the only person who may enforce all or any part of this policy and the rights and interests arising from or connected with it. This means that the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 does not apply to the policy in relation to any third-party rights or interest.

#### 13. Other insurances

If any claim covered under this policy is also covered by another policy, or would have been covered if this policy did not exist, **we** will only pay **our** share of the claim even if the other insurer refuses the claim.

#### 14. Law that applies

This policy is governed by the law that applies in the part of the United Kingdom, Channel Islands or Isle of Man where **your business** is registered. Otherwise the law of England and Wales applies.

All Acts of Parliament mentioned in this policy include equivalent laws in Scotland, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands as appropriate.

# Privacy

When you purchase and use a ARAG product **we** will process personal information about you and anyone else whose details are provided to **us** to provide you with a service or a claim.

**We** process your personal information in accordance with **our** Privacy Notice. You can find **our** Privacy Notice online at <u>www.arag.co.uk/privacy</u>. Alternatively you can make a request for a printed copy to be sent to you by contacting <u>dataprotection@arag.co.uk</u>.

# How to make a complaint

**We** always aim to give you a high quality service. If you think **we** have let you down, you can contact **us** by:

- l. phoning **0344 893 9013**
- 2. emailing <a href="mailto:customer-relations@arag.co.uk">customer-relations@arag.co.uk</a>

- 3. writing to the Customer Relations Department | ARAG Legal Expenses Insurance Company Limited | Unit 4a | Greenway Court | Bedwas | Caerphilly | CF83 8DW
- 4. completing our online complaint form at www.arag.co.uk/complaints

Further details of our internal complaint-handling procedures are available on request.

If you are not happy with the complaint outcome or if **we**'ve been unable to respond to your complaint within 8 weeks, you may be able to contact the Financial Ombudsman Service for help. This is a free complaint resolution service for eligible complaints. (Details available from www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk)

You can contact them by:

- 1. phoning **0800 023 4567** (free from mobile phones and landlines) **or 0300 123 9123**
- 2. emailing complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk
- 3. writing to The Financial Ombudsman Service | Exchange Tower | London | E14 9SR

Further information is available on their website:www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk

Using this service does not affect your right to take legal action.

# **About ARAG**

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# **Financial Services Compensation Scheme**

**We** are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). Compensation from the scheme may be claimed if **we** cannot meet **our** obligations. This will be dependent on the type of **business** and the circumstances of the claim. More information on the compensation scheme arrangements can be found on the FSCS website, **www.fscs.org.uk** 

# **Section 10 General exclusions**

The following exclusions apply to all **claims** and losses under the **policy**, except for **claims** and losses under the Employers' Liability (unless stated in the exclusion below) section if shown as **insured** in the **schedule**.

We do not cover any claim, loss or liability:

#### War

Directly or indirectly due to **war**, including any action taken by a government as a direct consequence of **war**.

## **Commotion in Northern Ireland**

Directly or indirectly due to civil commotion in Northern Ireland.

#### Sonic bangs

Directly or indirectly due to pressure waves caused by aircraft or other airborne devices travelling at sonic or supersonic speeds.

#### Irradiation or contamination by nuclear material

Directly or indirectly due to:

- Ionising radiation or contamination by radioactivity from any:
  - o Nuclear fuel or from the combustion of nuclear fuel; or
  - o Nuclear waste; or
- The radioactive, toxic, explosive or other hazardous properties of any explosive nuclear assembly or nuclear component of such assembly.

#### Asbestos

We will not cover any claim for actual or alleged loss, liability, damage, compensation or bodily injury directly or indirectly in connection with Asbestos (applicable to all Sections including Employers Lability).

#### **Prior circumstances**

That have been, or should have been, notified under any other insurance in place before the start of the **period of insurance**.

# Virus or hacking

Directly or indirectly due to any **virus** or hacking. However, this does not apply to any otherwise covered loss, which is caused directly by:

- Fire, lightning or explosion.
- Aircraft, aerial devices or anything dropped from them.
- Riot, civil commotion, strikers, locked-out workers or anyone taking part in a labour disturbance.
- Earthquake.
- Storm, flood or escape of water from any tank, apparatus or pipe.
- Impact from any motor **vehicle** or anything falling from them.
- Animals; or
- Theft, attempted theft or acts of malicious persons involving physical force or violence.

# **Cyber liability**

Directly or indirectly due to any cyber loss or any business activity via:

- The internet
- Your own website, internet site or web address; or

• The transmission of e-mail, or **documents** by electronic means.

#### **Electronic risks**

Directly or indirectly arising from:

- **Damage** to, unavailability of, or loss of **data**. This includes:
  - o **Damage** to, or loss or corruption of, **data**.
  - Unauthorised processing, storage, retention, exfiltration, appropriation, use or modification of, or access to, data.
  - o Unauthorised disclosure or transmission of **data** to any third party.
  - o **Damage** or loss arising from the misinterpretation or misuse of **data**; or
  - o **Damage** or loss arising from any operator error in relation to **data**; or
- Due to:
  - o The transmission of a **virus**.
  - o Unauthorised access to a **computer system**.
  - Interruption of, or interference with, any means of communication used in the conduct of **your business**, including any reduction in the performance of any website.
  - The complete or partial failure or inability to perform or function of a computer system; or

#### **Environmental Impairment Liability**

Directly or indirectly due to

- Soil pollution
- Air pollution
- Water pollution

- Offensive odour
- Oil storage pollution
- Noise pollution
- Damage to natural resources
- Other pollution and environmental damage

#### Other insurance

That would be covered under any other insurance if this **policy** did not exist. This does not apply to any amount over the amount that would have been payable under the other insurance if this **policy** did not exist.

#### Confiscation

Directly or indirectly due to the confiscation, nationalisation, requisition or destruction of any **property** by or under the order of any government or public authority.

## **Dishonesty**

Directly or indirectly due to any dishonest, deliberate or malicious act by **you** or any **employee**.

#### **Hazardous Locations**

Directly or indirectly due to work at, or in relation to:

- Power stations or nuclear establishments;
- Oil, gas or chemical refineries, bulk storage facilities or production **premises**;
- Aircraft;
- Watercraft;
- Railways or airports;
- Underground or underwater locations, piling work or water diversion;
- The use of explosives;

- Construction work on towers, steeples, chimneys, shafts, blast
- furnaces, viaducts, bridges, docks, tunnels, dams or reservoirs;
- Any work undertaken at more than 20 metres in height; or
- Excavation work more than 3 metres in depth, unless disclosed to and accepted by
  us before the start of the policy.
- Hospitals and other medical facilities
- Quarries
- The Pharmaceutical Industry
- Laboratories

# **Exclusion of prior circumstances**

This policy excludes indemnity for any **claims** made, related to events or activities:

- Directly prior to the inception of this policy,
- Prior to the inception of this policy and unrelated to the Insured Business, and were either:
- Notified or should have been notified prior to the policy inception, or
- Work carried out by a party other than the Business named in the Policy Schedule, regardless of the date of the act. (Note: This exclusion does not apply to Section 4 -Professional Indemnity.)

#### **PFAS**

**We** will not cover any **claim** for actual or alleged loss, liability, **damage**, compensation or **bodily injury** directly or indirectly in connection with any **PFAS** (applicable to all Sections including Employers Lability).

#### **Silicosis**

**We** will not cover any **claim** for actual or alleged loss, liability, **damage**, compensation or **bodily injury** directly or indirectly in connection with **Silicosis** (applicable to all Sections including Employers Lability).

# **Section 11 Endorsements**

The following endorsements are only applicable, if noted on your policy schedule:

# **00X1TR1 - Abseiling Endorsement**

This endorsement applies to Section 2 of this policy:

**We** will accept no liability under this **policy** unless all persons involved in abseiling are suitably trained and experienced in this activity and that abseiling is only to be undertaken from anchorage points that conform to BS 5845 or any subsequent British Standard that applies. If no such anchorage point is available, the **insured** will use an anchorage point in accordance with IRATA rules and regulations.

#### 0061TR1 - Safety Harness Endorsement

This **endorsement** applies to Section 2of this **policy**:

We will accept no liability under this **policy** unless **you** ensure that any **employee(**s) working at heights exceeding 5 metres are provided with and use fall-arrest equipment, where a suitable anchorage point or Mansafe system is available.

This equipment must consist of a full body harness, a shock-absorbing lanyard, and connecting hook that meets CEN standards.

However, this **endorsement** does not apply if the work area, including any access platforms or scaffolding, has edge protection consisting of:

- A main guard rail at least 910mm high
- A toe board at least 150mm high
- An intermediate guard rail or barrier so that gaps are no more than 470mm
- Void protection safety netting installed and tested to standard EN 1263-1 and/or ISO 1806.

#### 00X2TR1 - Treatment endorsement

This **endorsement** applies to Section 3 of this **policy**:

We will accept no liability under this **policy** arising directly or indirectly from:

- Using or applying any lotion, hair dye, or other preparation or product that you have wholly or partly manufactured or altered in any way.
- Using or mixing any product that doesn't follow the manufacturers or vendor's instructions.
- Any treatment performed by someone with less than 2 years of continuous experience.
- Any procedure that involves the removal or piercing of skin.
- Any laser and / or light treatment.

#### 6085TR1 - IT operations endorsement

This **endorsement** applies to Section 4 of this **policy**.

**We** will accept no liability, loss, or **defence costs** directly or indirectly due to the failure of the service provided by an internet service or telecommunications provider or other utility provided, other than any services **you** provide as part of **your professional services**.

#### 0014TR1 - Damp proofing, dry rot and timber treatment Endorsement

This **endorsement** applies to Section 3 of this **policy**.

**We** will accept no liability under this **policy** unless **you** follow these safety precautions when performing damp proofing, dry rot, or timber treatment and similar processes:

- The use of artificial lighting in the treatment areas be limited to specially constructed flame proof double encased lamps connected without junction boxes to points outside the area being treated
- Any other electrical equipment you use must also be connected without junction boxes to points outside the treatment area.

- You must inform the customer in writing that it is their responsibility to ensure all
  electrical circuits and installations in the treatment area are safe and in good
  condition before work begins.
- Ensure that electricity to any circuits within the treatment area is cut off and remains off during the treatment.
- No naked flames or other electrical equipment, except those stated, should be taken into the treatment area for at least 48 hours after the treatment is completed.
- Follow all instructions provided with the **products** used.
- Provide polythene sheeting or other protective coverings to the customer to protect nearby property from staining.

## 0077TR1 - Tree felling and lopping endorsement

This **endorsement** applies to Section 3 of this **policy**.

**We** will not cover **you** for any legal liability arising directly or indirectly from or in connection with any work involving tree felling or tree lopping.

# 0068TR1 - Spray drift endorsement

This **endorsement** applies to Section 3 of this **policy**.

**We** will not cover **you** for any legal liability arising directly or indirectly from or in connection with any spray drift or wind drift from the use of grit, sand or shot blasting operations or equipment, paint spraying operations or surface preparation equipment.

#### 0083TR1 - Waste endorsement

This **endorsement** applies to Section 3 of this **policy**.

**We** will not cover **you** for any legal liability arising directly or indirectly from or in connection with:

- The ownership, management, or operation of landfill sites or incineration plants.
- Any work involving the storage, handling, removal, stripping out, demolition, or disposal of toxic, hazardous, or notifiable goods, substances, or waste materials.

**We** will accept no liability under this **policy** unless **you** ensure that all waste is taken to licensed sites and transported only by licensed carriers.

If you do not comply with an endorsement that has been applied to your policy, you will not be covered, and we will not pay your claim.

# **Section 12 General conditions**

The following conditions apply to all sections of the **policy** unless otherwise stated in the section specific conditions.

#### Presentation of the risk

Before any cover under this **policy** can start, renewed or whenever changes are made to it, **you** must provide **us** with a 'fair presentation of the risk' to be **insured**.

The presentation must:

- Include all material facts which are known, or ought to be known, by you, your senior management or anyone arranging the policy on your behalf.
- be made following a reasonable search; and
- be reasonably clear and accessible.

This is the information that **we** have taken from **you** during the quotation process and any subsequent communication that **we** had where **we** have needed to clarify points, either on the phone or via emails.

Failure when presenting the risk which is deliberate or reckless

If **you** deliberately or recklessly fail to comply with the obligation under Presentation of the risk above, **we** can avoid the **policy**. **We** will be entitled to:

- Refuse to cover any claim under the policy and treat it as if it never came into existence.
- b. Require you to repay all payments already made by us under the policy; and
- c. Keep any premium payments you have made.

Failure when presenting the risk which is neither deliberate nor reckless

If **you** fail to comply with the obligation under Presentation of the risk above, but the failure was neither deliberate nor reckless, **our** rights will depend upon what would have happened if **you** had provided a fair presentation.

#### If we would have:

- Refused to insure you, we can avoid the policy. This means we will have the rights under a. and b. above, although we will return any premium payments you have made.
- Insured you, but the terms of the policy would have been different, the policy will
  remain in force as if those alternative terms had applied since the start of the
  period of insurance. This does not apply to anything that only affects the premium;
  or
- Insured you, but charged a higher premium, the amount we pay for any claim
  under the policy will be proportionately reduced or we will require any additional
  premium to be paid by you prior to settling the claim, by reference to the difference
  between the premium charged and the premium we would have charged if you
  had provided a fair presentation.

We will apply the following calculation to any proportionate reduction:

(Premium **we** would have charged, minus actual premium charged) X amount of the **claim**. Please note that both b. and c. above can apply at the same time.

# Change of risk

If during the **period of insurance** there are any material changes or additions to the information contained in the presentation of the risk, **you** must let **us** know as soon as possible. **We** may:

- Confirm the **policy** remains in force with no changes.
- Change the terms of the **policy**, including the premium and any **excess**; or
- Cancel the policy with effect from the date of the material changes or additions if
  the new information that you have provided to us means that we would not offer an
  insurance quote. We do not cover any changes to the business unless you have
  told us about them, and we have agreed to provide cover.

#### **Precautions**

You must at your expense:

- Take all reasonable precautions to prevent or minimise the likelihood of any act, incident or event that could lead to a claim under this policy.
- Ensure that all **property** covered under the **policy** is maintained in a good state of repair.
- Exercise reasonable care in the selection of employees and give them adequate resources and training to maintain a sufficient level of competence to fulfil their duties.
- Comply with all relevant legal requirements, manufacturers' recommendations and other regulations relating to the use, inspection and safety of **property** and people.
- Take all reasonable precautions to prevent unauthorised use of or access to your records, computer system and website; and
- Ensure all data is backed up.

**We** do not cover any **claim**, loss or liability arising while **you** are not in full compliance with these conditions. However, **we** will still cover **you** if **you** can prove that **your** failure could not have increased the risk of the **claim** or loss arising.

#### **Premium payment**

**We** will not make any payment under the **policy** unless all due premium payments, including any premium instalment payments, have been paid.

# **Rights of third parties**

Save as provided by this **policy**, anyone who is not a party to the **policy** has any right to enforce its terms under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999, which would not exist other than under the Act.

#### Interests of third parties

Where **you** are required under any mortgage, lease, hire or hire purchase agreement to include the interest of any third party under this **policy**, **we** will note the interest of such third party provided **you** tell **us** about their interest as soon as possible.

# Governing law and jurisdiction

Unless agreed otherwise in writing:

- The **policy** will be governed by the laws; and
- All disputes relating to the **policy** shall be submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction;

of the courts, of the country within the territorial limits where you are based.

#### Excess for claims under more than one section

If any single act, incident or event gives rise to cover under more than one section of the **policy**, **you** will only be liable to pay for one **excess**, being the highest that applies.

We can deduct the excess from any claim's payment.

#### **Compulsory insurance**

If the Employers' Liability section is shown as **insured** in the **schedule**, these Common Conditions apply subject to the laws and regulations relating to the compulsory insurance of liability to **employees** in the country within the **territorial limits** where **you** are based. **you** must repay to **us** any amounts **we** are required by such legislation to pay in respect of any **claim** which **we** would not otherwise have had to pay as a result of a breach of any of these Common Conditions.

#### **Arbitration**

If there is a dispute between **you** and **us** as to the amount to be paid if there is a **claim** (where **we** agree the **claim** is covered), the dispute will be referred to a single arbitrator, who shall be appointed in accordance with the relevant statutory provisions in place at the time. **You** cannot commence legal proceedings against **us** unless an arbitrator has been appointed and has made an award in accordance with this condition.

# Section 13 How to make a claim

# How to Report a Claim

If you need to report a claim, please either:

Complete and return the relevant claims form at

www.admiralbusiness.com/make-a-claim.

**Email** your claim details to <u>claims@admiralbusiness.com</u>.

**Call** 020 3808 7099 to report your claim.

You must report any claim you wish to bring under this policy, any claim made against you, or any incident or act that could result in a claim, as soon as reasonably possible, and in any case, within 14 days of becoming aware of the event. If you fail to report the claim within this timeframe, it may not be covered under this policy.

# **Section 14 Cancellation**

# This cover ends automatically as soon as one of the following happens:

- If you fail to make your agreed monthly payments.
- If you don't renew the policy before the expiry date as shown in your policy schedule.
- If **your policy** is cancelled due to fraud, dishonesty or non-compliance with **policy** conditions.

# **Your rights**

- You can cancel your policy at any time by calling our customer service team.
- If **you** cancel before the **policy** inception date, **you** will be entitled to a full refund of premium.
- Once cover has commenced, you will be charged for each month or partial month used.
- For customers paying annually, you will be entitled to a refund of full unused months.
- For customers paying monthly, you will not be charged any further payment after the policy has been cancelled. Please note: There is no refund for partially unused months.

# **Example of charges:**

- If **your** annual premium is £120, each month will represent £10 of premium (£120/12 = £10 per month).
- If **you** cancel the **policy** during the 1st month of cover, **you** will receive a refund of 11 full unused months =£110 refund.
- If **you** cancel the **policy** during the 5th month of cover, **you** will receive a refund of 6 full unused months = £60 refund.

For the purposes of cancellation charges a month will run e.g. If **your policy** start date is the 5th of the month, the new month will be calculated from the 5th of the following month regardless of how many days are in the particular month.

If **you** made a **claim** during the **period of insurance**, the full premium is payable, and no refund will be given.

# **Our rights**

We may cancel this **policy** at any time by sending 7 days' notice in writing if:

- You are in breach of any of the conditions of this **policy**.
- You fail to respond to written requests for further information or documentation.
- You don't pay any monies owed.
- If we cancel your policy, you'll be charged in line with the cancellation charges set out above.
- If **you** or anyone acting for **you** misleads **us** during the **policy** in a way that would impact either the terms and conditions or **our** ability to offer cover, **your policy** and any other policies **you** have with **us** will be cancelled and **you** won't get a refund.

**We** will at **our** option cancel the **policy** from the original inception of this insurance if a false declaration or statement is made or fraudulent device put forward.

# Section 15 How to make a complaint

**We** are fully committed to giving **you** a first-class level of service. But if **you** ever feel like **we** have fallen short of the mark, please address **your** concerns or complaints to:

Complaint Manager
Admiral Business Complaint Manager
Able Insurance Services Limited
Ty Admiral
David Street
Cardiff
CF10 2EH

Tel: 020 3808 7099

Email: complaints@admiralbusiness.com

If **we've** given **you our** final response but **you're** still unhappy, or more than 8 weeks have passed since **we** received **your** original complaint, **you** can refer **your** complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS). Here are their details:

The Financial Ombudsman Service Exchange Tower London E14 9SR

Tel: **0800 023 4567** Or **0300 123 9123** 

Email: complaint.info@financialombudsman.org.uk

Website: www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk

# Section 16 Extra Information about your policy

Rest assured, any decision **we** make in respect of a **claim** made by **you** under this product has no bearing on any decision **we** may make in respect of any other **policy you** may have with **us**.

# **Governing law and language**

This insurance shall be subject to English Law, unless specifically agreed otherwise. All communication is to be conducted in English.

## **Transfer of your policy**

**You** can't transfer **your** rights or interests in this **policy** to anyone else. This **policy** won't have any value at the end date or if it is cancelled.

# **Rights of third parties**

This agreement is made for the benefit of the parties to it and is not intended to benefit, or be enforceable by, any other person in accordance with the Contracts (Rights of Third parties) Act 1999 or otherwise.

# **Rights of recovery**

Upon conclusion of a **claim** under this **policy**, **we** can take over and if necessary, conduct proceedings in **your** name to recover any amount paid from the responsible party (e.g. another insurance company).

# **Providers and suppliers**

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# The Financial Services Compensation Scheme

**We** are **members** of the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. If **we** are unable to meet **our** obligations **you** may be entitled to compensation from the scheme, depending on the type of insurance and **circumstances** of the **claim**. Cover for the **claim** or **policy** is provided at 90%.

**You** can get more information about the compensation scheme arrangements from the FSCS.

#### The contact information is:

The FSCS 10th Floor, Beaufort House 15 St Botolph Street London EC3A 7QU

Tel: 0207 741 4100 or 0800 678 1100

Email: enquiries@fscs.org.uk