



PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY SELECT

ACCOUNTANTS POLICY WORDING



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Thank you for choosing Allianz Insurance plc. We are one of the largest general insurers in the UK and part of the Allianz Group, one of the world's foremost financial services providers.

With Allianz Insurance plc, you can be confident that you're insured by a company which is relentless in its commitment to protecting and serving you. You can trust us to insure your business, as we've been providing leading insurance solutions in the UK for over 100 years.

We work in partnership with your insurance adviser to ensure you receive the highest levels of product and service excellence. Our technical experts understand how best to protect you against the risks your business faces.

If you need to make a claim you will be in safe hands. Our professionally trained staff aim to treat you, as you would expect, both promptly and fairly. By listening to you, and understanding your needs we will provide you with the most appropriate solutions to get your business trading again as quickly as possible.

Should you need further details or have any questions your insurance adviser will be delighted to help.

IMPORTANT

This document provides details of your Policy and the terms and conditions that apply. Please read it carefully and keep it in a safe place.

Insuring Clause

The Statement of Fact or Proposal Form where applicable together with any information supplied by or on behalf of the Insured forms the basis of this contract of insurance between the Insured and the Insurer.

All cover under the Professional Liability, Fraud/Dishonesty, Joint Venture and Specialist Consultants clauses is afforded solely with respect to Claims first made against an Insured during the Policy Period and notified to the Insurer as required by this policy.

For Allianz Insurance plc

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan Dye". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

Jonathan Dye
Chief Executive

Professional Indemnity Insurance – Accountants

Definitions

Bodily Injury means physical injury, sickness, disease or death of a natural person; and if arising out of the foregoing, nervous shock, emotional distress, mental anguish or mental injury.

Claim means any:

- (i) written or oral demand for compensation in respect of a Wrongful Act of an Insured
- (ii) civil, regulatory or administrative proceedings whereby a Wrongful Act of an Insured is alleged; or
- (iii) complaint or reference to any ombudsman appointed pursuant to the provisions of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, the Central Bank and Financial Services Authority of Ireland Act 2004 or any amendment or re-enactment thereof, which arises out of the performance of or failure to perform Professional Services.

Company means the Policyholder or any Subsidiary (including any predecessor business);

Damages means any amount that an Insured shall be legally liable to pay to a Third Party in respect of judgments or arbitral awards rendered against an Insured, or for settlements negotiated by the Insurer with the consent of the Policyholder.

Defence Costs means reasonable fees, costs and expenses incurred by or on behalf of an Insured, with the prior written consent of the Insurer, in the investigation, defence, adjustment, settlement or appeal of any Claim. It shall not include any element of an Insured's own time costs or lost profits incurred in dealing with a Claim.

Documents means all documents of any nature whatsoever including computer records and electronic or digitised data; but does not include any currency, negotiable instruments or records thereof.

Employee means any natural person who is, has been or during the policy period becomes expressly engaged under a contract of employment with the Company.

Employee shall not include any principal, partner, director or Member of any Insured in their capacity as such.

Extended Policy Period means the period starting from the day immediately following the expiration of the original Policy Period and ending with the earliest to occur of:

- (i) the date that the Insured obtains a replacement insurance policy that complies with the provisions of the Professional Indemnity Insurance regulations of the relevant Institute; or
- (ii) 30 days from receipt by the Institute of written notice from the Insurer of the commencement of the Extended Policy Period.

Fraud/Dishonesty means fraudulent or dishonest conduct of any Insured Person.

Institute means the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales, the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland or the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland, whichever the Insured is a member of.

Insured means the Company or any Insured Person.

Insured Person means:

- (i) any natural person, who is or has been a principal, partner, director or Member of the Company in their capacity as such;
- (ii) any Employee;
- (iii) any natural person employed by the Company to whom the Financial Conduct Authority has given its approval to perform Controlled Function 30 for the Company pursuant to Section 59 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 or any re-enactment thereof.
- (iv) any spouse, civil partner, estate or legal representative of any Insured Person for Loss arising from a Claim for a Wrongful Act of such an Insured Person listed in (i), (ii), (iii) above.
- (v) the administrator, heirs, legal representatives or executor of a deceased, incompetent, insolvent or bankrupt Insured Person's estate for Loss arising from a Claim for a Wrongful Act of such Insured Person listed in (i), (ii), (iii) above.

Insurer means Allianz Insurance plc.

Investment Products means all investment products including but not limited to pensions, endowments, precipice bonds, mortgages and investment activities as regulated by the Regulated Activities Order.

Legal Panel means the firms of solicitors appointed from time to time by the Insurer to provide representation on behalf of an Insured under this policy.

Limit of Liability means the amount specified as such in the Schedule.

Limited Liability Partnership means a partnership as determined by the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2000 and any subsequent amendments thereto.

Loss means Damages or Defence Costs. With regard to Fraud/Dishonesty, Loss shall include direct financial loss incurred by the Insured. However Loss shall not include and this policy shall not cover any:

- (i) taxes;
- (ii) non-compensatory damages, including punitive, multiple, exemplary or liquidated damages;
- (iii) fines or penalties unless insurable by law;
- (iv) the costs and expenses of complying with any order for, grant of or agreement to provide injunctive or other non-monetary relief;
- (v) benefits or overheads of, or charges or expenses incurred by any Insured including but not limited to the cost of any Insured's time;

- (vi) fees or commissions, for any Professional Services rendered or required to be rendered by an Insured or that portion of any settlement or award in an amount equal to such fees, commissions, or other compensation; or
- (vii) any matters which may be deemed uninsurable under the law governing this policy or the jurisdiction in which a Claim is brought.

Member means a member of a Limited Liability Partnership.

Policy Period means the period of time specified in the Schedule.

Policyholder means the entity specified as such in the Schedule.

Pollutants 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. Such waste includes, but is not limited to, materials to be recycled, reconditioned or reclaimed and nuclear materials.

Professional Services means the advice given or services performed of whatsoever nature.

Professional Services is extended to any Insured whilst holding an appointment as a company secretary, registrar or director but only in respect of:

- (i) tax matters;
- (ii) secretarial work;
- (iii) share registration;
- (iv) financial advice to management;
- (v) book-keeping;
- (vi) management accounting;
- (vii) financial investigation and reports;
- (viii) negotiation and settlement of financial claims;
- (ix) company formations;
- (x) investment advice;
- (xi) insurance and pension scheme advice; or
- (xii) computer consultancy.

Property Damage means damage to or loss of or destruction of tangible property or loss of use thereof.

Related Claim means any Claims alleging, arising out of, based upon or attributable to the same facts or alleged facts, or circumstances or the same Wrongful Act, or a continuous repeated or related Wrongful Act.

Retention means the amount specified as such in the Schedule.

Retroactive Date means the date specified as such in the Schedule.

Schedule means part of this policy that details information forming the basis of this contract and that shows the operative parts of this policy.

Settlement Value means in respect of any Claim covered under this policy:

- (i) the full amount claimed; or
- (ii) any settlement offer from the claimant(s) which is capable of acceptance.

Where the claimant(s)' costs, if applicable, are not quantified by the claimant, the Insurer will also pay a reasonable sum to an Insured to represent these costs.

Submission means:

- (i) each and every statement of fact, signed proposal form, the statements, warranties, and representations therein, its attachments;
- (ii) the financial statements of any Company; and
- (iii) other documents of any Company filed with a regulator and all other material information;

submitted to the Insurer in connection with this policy.

Subsidiary means any entity in which the Company, either directly or indirectly through one or more entities;

- (i) controls the composition of the board of directors;
 - (ii) controls more than half of the voting power; or
 - (iii) holds more than half of the issued share capital;
- on or before the inception date of this policy.

For any Subsidiary or any Insured thereof, cover under this policy shall only apply to Wrongful Acts committed while such entity is a Subsidiary of the Company.

Terrorism means an act, including but not limited to the use of force or violence and/or the threat thereof, of any person or group(s) of persons whether acting alone or on behalf of or in connection with any organisation(s) or government(s), committed for political, religious, ideological or similar purposes including the intention to influence any government and/or to put the public or any section of the public in fear.

Third Party means any entity or natural person except (i) any Insured; or (ii) any other entity or natural person having a financial interest or executive role in the operation of the Company.

Transaction means any one of the following events:

- (i) the Company consolidates with or merges into or sells all or a majority of its assets to any other person or entity or group of persons and/or entities acting in concert;
- (ii) an administrator, liquidator or receiver is appointed to the Company.

Wrongful Act means any actual or alleged act, error or omission committed solely in the performance of or failure to perform Professional Services.

Cover

All cover under the Fraud/Dishonesty, Joint Venture, Professional Liability and Specialist Consultants clauses is afforded solely with respect to Claims first made against an Insured during the Policy Period and notified to the Insurer as required by this policy.

Professional Liability

The Insurer will pay on behalf of an Insured all Loss resulting from any Claim against an Insured for a civil liability arising from an Insured's Professional Services.

Automatic Acquisition

If during the policy period the Policyholder obtains, either directly or indirectly:

- (i) control of the composition of the board of directors;
- (ii) control of more than half of the voting power; or
- (iii) a holding of more than half of the issued share capital;

of another entity then the definition of Subsidiary shall be extended to include such entity provided that:

- (a) the entity has annual revenue for the last complete accounting period prior to the acquisition, of less than 10% of the total annual revenue of the Company declared in the latest Annual Report and Accounts as at inception;
- (b) the entity is not incorporated, domiciled or providing Professional Services in the United States of America or Canada or any of their territories;
- (c) the entity is not regulated by the US Securities and Exchange Commission;
- (d) the entity is not aware of any claims (either paid or notified) or circumstances within the preceding five years of a type which may have been covered had they been notified under a professional liability policy similar in scope and breadth of coverage to the cover afforded hereunder;
- (e) the business activities of the entity fall within the definition of Professional Services; and
- (f) no fee income is derived from audit plc or Investment Products.

In all other circumstances, the Company may request an extension of this policy for such entity. The Insurer shall have the right but not the duty to offer cover for such entity and the Company shall give the Insurer sufficient details to permit the Insurer to assess and evaluate the potential increase in exposure. In the event that coverage is provided, the Insurer shall be entitled to amend the policy terms and conditions, during the Policy Period, including but not limited to, the charging of a reasonable additional premium.

Court Attendance

For any person described in (i) and (ii) below who actually attends a court or an arbitration or an adjudication hearing as a witness in connection with a Claim notified under and covered by this policy, Insurers will pay the following rates per day for each day on which attendance in court has been required:

- (i) for any principal, partner, director or Member of an Insured: £300
- (ii) for any Employee: £150

No Retention shall apply to this clause.

Fraud and Dishonesty

The Insurer will pay all Loss which arises from Fraud/Dishonesty, which is first discovered during the Policy Period and is reported to the Insurer as required by this policy up to the date of discovery by an Insured of reasonable cause of suspicion of Fraud/Dishonesty. The Insurer will not pay such Loss to any person committing or condoning such Fraud/Dishonesty and Loss payable hereunder shall be in excess of amounts recoverable from the dishonest or fraudulent person or persons or their estates or legal representatives.

Joint Ventures

The Insurer will pay on behalf of any Insured all Loss resulting from any Claim where liability results directly from a Wrongful Act of an Insured arising out of the Professional Services carried out by an Insured for and in the name of any joint venture of which an Insured forms part, provided that an Insured has declared in the submission all fees/turnover received from any joint venture.

The liability of the Insurer shall be proportionate to the lowest of:

- (i) the percentage of the share capital of the joint venture owned by an Insured; or
- (ii) the percentage of the voting control of the joint venture exercised by an Insured;

unless the Insurer's written agreement has been first obtained to an alternative proportion and an endorsement made upon this policy.

This clause shall provide cover to an Insured only. No other participant in such joint venture, and no other Third Party, shall have any rights under this policy, and neither shall the Insurer be liable to pay a contribution to any insurer of any other participant in such joint venture.

Lost Documents

The Insurer shall indemnify an Insured for costs and expenses reasonably incurred with the Insurer's prior written consent in replacing or restoring any Documents which are the property of an Insured and which during the Policy Period have been destroyed, damaged, lost, distorted, erased or mislaid provided that:

- (i) such loss or damage is sustained while the Documents are either: (1) in transit; or (2) in the custody of an Insured or of any person to whom an Insured has entrusted them in the ordinary course of their Professional Services;
- (ii) the Documents have been the subject of a diligent search by or on behalf of an Insured;
- (iii) the amount of any claim for such costs and expenses shall be supported by evidence of expenditure that shall be subject to approval by a competent person to be nominated by the Insurer with the consent of the Policyholder; and
- (iv) the Insurer shall not be liable for any costs and expenses arising out of wear, tear and/or gradual deterioration, moth and vermin.

This cover will be subject to a Sub-limit of Liability of £100,000 in the aggregate during the Policy Period. A retention of £250 each and every claim shall apply to this cover.

Ombudsman Awards

The Insurer will pay on behalf of an Insured any Loss which arises from the performance of or failure to perform Professional Services, in respect of any final and binding award or determination (including liability for claimants' costs) of any ombudsman appointed pursuant to the provisions of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, the Central Bank and Financial Services Authority of Ireland Act 2004 or any amendment or re-enactment thereof and the cost of taking any steps which an Insured is directed to take in relation to a claimant up to a maximum of £150,000.

Specialist Consultants

The Insurer will pay on behalf of an Insured all Loss resulting from any Claim for any Wrongful Act of specialist consultants, designers or sub-contractors of an Insured who are engaged in the performance of an Insured's Professional Services.

The Insurer will only pay Loss to the extent that an Insured has not waived or otherwise impaired any rights of recourse against such specialist designers, consultants or sub-contractors.

Limit and Retention

Limit of Liability

- (i) The total amount payable by the Insurer under this policy (excluding Defence Costs) for any one Claim during the Policy Period shall not exceed the Limit of Liability.
- (ii) Sub-limits of liability are part of and not payable in addition to the Limit of Liability.
- (iii) Defence Costs are payable in addition to the Limit of Liability. In the event that the amount paid by or on behalf of any Insured to dispose of a Claim exceeds this policy's Limit of Liability for any one Claim, then this policy shall only cover the same proportion of Defence Costs as this policy's Limit of Liability for any one Claim bears to the total amount paid to dispose of the Claim (exclusive of Defence Costs).
- (iv) Where a Claim is made against more than one Insured under this policy, this shall not operate to increase the total amount payable by the Insurer for any one Claim under this policy.
- (v) The Limit of Liability is the total sum payable by the Insurer for any one Claim. Any Damages paid by the Insurer under this policy in respect of a Claim shall erode the Limit of Liability for that Claim. In no circumstances shall the liability of the Insurer for any one Claim exceed the Limit of Liability.

Other Insurance / Indemnification

Unless otherwise required by law, cover under this policy is provided only as excess over any self-insurance or other valid and applicable insurance, unless such other insurance is written only as specific excess insurance over the Limit of Liability. This policy shall not cover Defence Costs of any Claim where another insurance policy imposes upon another insurer a duty to defend such Claim.

Retention

The Insurer shall be liable only for Loss, which exceeds the Retention. For the avoidance of doubt, the Retention does not apply to Defence Costs. It is to be borne by an Insured and shall remain uninsured. The Retention is not part of the Limit of Liability. A single Retention shall apply per Claim.

Exclusions

This policy shall not cover Loss in connection with any Claim:

Bodily Injury/ Property Damage

unless arising from an actual or alleged failure to achieve the legally required standard of care, diligence and expertise in performing Professional Services.

Conduct

arising out of, based upon or attributable to any actual or alleged dishonest, fraudulent or criminal conduct of an Insured.

This exclusion shall not apply to Fraud and Dishonesty cover.

Contractual Liability

arising out of, based upon or attributable to any:

- (i) liability assumed or accepted by an Insured under any contract or agreement; or
- (ii) guarantee or warranty;

except to the extent such liability would have attached to an Insured in the absence of such contractual duty, term or agreement.

Directors' and Officers' Liability

arising out of, based upon or attributable to any Claim made against an Insured in their capacity as a director, officer, trustee, Member or partner of the Company in respect of the performance or non-performance of their duties as a director, officer, trustee, Member or partner of the Company.

Employers Liability

by any person for bodily injury, sickness, disease or death incurred, contracted or occurring whilst under a contract of service or apprenticeship with an Insured or for any breach of any obligation owed by an Insured as an employer.

Employment Practice Violation

arising out of, based upon or attributable to any act, error or omission with respect to any employment or prospective employment of any past, present, future or prospective employee or Insured Person of any Company.

Financial Return

arising out of any express or implied warranty or guarantee made by an Insured in respect of any financial return of any investment or portfolio of investments.

Infrastructure

arising out of, based upon or attributable to:

- (i) software or mechanical failure;
- (ii) electrical failure, including any electrical power interruption, surge, brown out or black out; or
- (iii) telecommunications or satellite systems failure;

outside the direct control of an Insured.

Insolvency

arising out of, based upon or attributable to the insolvency, liquidation, administration or receivership of the Company.

Pollution

arising out of, based upon or attributable to any direction, request or effort to: (a) test for, monitor, clean up, remove, contain, treat, detoxify or neutralise Pollutants, or (b) respond to or assess the effects of Pollutants.

Prior Claims/circumstances

made prior to the inception of this policy including any Related Claims thereto, or arising out of, based upon or attributable to a circumstance which has been properly notified under any other policy or certificate of insurance attaching prior to the inception of this policy including any Related Claims thereto.

Prior Acts

arising out of based upon, attributable to or in any way involving any Wrongful Act which first takes place before the Retroactive Date.

Trade Debts

arising out of, based upon or attributable to any:

- (i) trading debt incurred by an Insured; or
- (ii) guarantee given by an Insured for a debt.

This exclusion will not apply to any Claim made against an Insured for negligence in the normal course of the conduct of any receivership or procedures under the Insolvency Act 1986 or any equivalent legislation.

U.S.A./Canada

made or pending within or to enforce a judgment obtained in the United States of America, Canada, or any of their territories or possessions.

War/Terrorism

arising out of, based upon or attributable to any war (declared or otherwise), Terrorism, warlike, military, terrorist or guerrilla activity, sabotage, force of arms, hostilities (declared or undeclared), rebellion, revolution, civil disorder, insurrection, usurped power, confiscation, nationalisation or destruction of or damage to property by or under the order of, any governmental, public or local authority or any other political or terrorist organisation.

Claims

Allocation

In the event that any Claim involves both covered matters and matters or persons not covered under this policy, a fair and proper allocation of any cost of defence, damages, judgments and/or settlements shall be made between each Insured and the Insurer taking into account the relative legal and financial exposures attributable to covered matters and matters not covered under this policy.

Circumstances

The Policyholder shall as soon as reasonably practicable during the Policy Period notify the Insurer at the address listed in the Claims Notifications Clause below of any circumstance of which any Insured becomes aware during the Policy Period which is reasonably expected to give rise to a Claim. The notice must include at least the following:

- (i) a statement that it is intended to serve as a notice of a circumstance of which an Insured has become aware which is reasonably expected to give rise to a Claim;
- (ii) the reasons for anticipating that Claim (including full particulars as to the nature and date(s) of the potential Wrongful Act(s));
- (iii) the identity of any potential claimant(s);
- (iv) the identity of any Insured involved in such circumstance; and
- (v) the date on and manner in which an Insured first became aware of such circumstance.

Provided that notice has been given in accordance with the requirements of this clause, any later Claim arising out of such notified circumstance (and any Related Claims) shall be deemed to be made at the date when the circumstance was first notified to the Insurer.

Claim Notifications

The Policyholder shall give written notice to the Insurer of any Claim first made against an Insured as soon as practicable and in any event not later than 7 days after the end of the Policy Period. All notifications must be in writing to:

Claims Division
Allianz Insurance plc
500 Avebury Boulevard
Milton Keynes
MK9 2XX

or by telephone to **0344 893 9500**

Lines are open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

If posted, the date of posting shall constitute the date that notice was given, and proof of posting shall be sufficient proof of notice.

Cooperation

An Insured will at their own cost:

- (i) render all reasonable assistance to the Insurer and co-operate in the defence of any Claim and the assertion of indemnification and contribution rights;
- (ii) use due diligence and do and concur in doing all things reasonably practicable to avoid or diminish any Loss under this policy; and
- (iii) give such information and assistance to the Insurer as the Insurer may reasonably require to enable it to investigate any Loss or determine the Insurer's liability under this policy.

Defence

The Insurer does not assume any duty to defend, and an Insured shall defend and contest any Claim made against them unless the Insurer, in its sole and absolute discretion, elects in writing to take over and conduct the defence and settlement of any Claim. If the Insurer does not so elect, it shall be entitled, but not required, to participate fully in such defence and the negotiation of any settlement that involves or appears reasonably likely to involve the Insurer. In the event that the Insurer decides that representation by a solicitor is necessary (such decision to be at the sole discretion of the Insurer) then an Insured shall select one of the Legal Panel to provide such legal representation.

Insured's Consent

The Insurer may make any settlement it deems expedient of any Claim against any Insured, subject to such Insured's written consent. Where an Insured does not consent the Insurer may elect to pay to an Insured the Settlement Value less the applicable Retention that the Insurer wishes to accept. Upon such payment being made there is no further cover available under the policy for that Claim.

Insurer's Consent

No Insured shall admit or assume any liability, enter into any settlement agreement, or consent to any judgment without the prior written consent of the Insurer, other than where provided for under the terms of the Mitigation Cover.

Fraudulent Claims

If any Insured shall give any notice or claim cover for any Loss under this policy knowing such notice or claim to be false or fraudulent as regards amounts or otherwise, such Loss shall be excluded from cover under the policy, and the Insurer shall have the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to avoid its obligations under or void this policy in its entirety, and in such case, all cover for Loss under the policy shall be forfeited, all premium shall be deemed fully earned and non-refundable and the Policyholder shall reimburse the Insurer for any payments made under this policy.

Payment of Defence Costs

The Insurer shall pay Defence Costs covered by this policy promptly after sufficiently detailed invoices for those costs are received by the Insurer. The Policyholder shall reimburse the Insurer for any payments which are ultimately determined not to be covered by this policy.

Related Claims

If during the Policy Period a Claim is made or a circumstance is notified in accordance with the requirements of this policy any Related Claim made after expiry of the Policy Period will be accepted by the Insurer as having been:

- (i) made at the same time as the notified Claim was made or the relevant circumstance was notified; and
- (ii) notified at the same time as the notified Claim or circumstance.

All Related Claims shall be deemed to be one single Claim and deemed to be made at the date of the first Claim of the series or at the first circumstance notified, whichever is first.

Settlement

The Insurer shall be under no obligation (save where requested by the Policyholder) to make any payment to an Insured other than the Policyholder and shall unless otherwise requested by the Policyholder make payment of all losses insured hereunder to the Policyholder and such payment shall constitute a full and complete release and discharge of the Insurer's liabilities in respect of all and any such loss whether suffered directly by the Policyholder or not.

General Provisions

Assignment

This policy and any rights under or in respect of it cannot be assigned by an insured without the prior written consent of the Insurer.

Cancellation

This policy may be cancelled:

- (i) by the Insurer pursuant to the Premium Payment clause for non-payment of premium; or
- (ii) if no notice of a Claim or circumstance which is reasonably expected to give rise to a Claim has been provided to the Insurer under this policy, by the Policyholder with effect immediately upon the Insurer's receipt of written notice of such cancellation; the Insurer shall retain a pro rata premium in respect of the unexpired period of insurance and an administration charge of £50 to cover the Insurer's operational cost. If notice of a Claim or circumstance which is reasonably expected to give rise to a Claim has been provided to the Insurer under this policy, the Premium shall not be returnable and shall be deemed fully earned at cancellation;
- (iii) by mutual agreement between the Insurer and the Policyholder.

Change of Control

The Insurer shall not be liable to make any payment or to provide any services in connection with any Claim arising out of, based upon or attributable to a Wrongful Act committed after the occurrence of a Transaction.

If during the policy period an administrator, liquidator or receiver is appointed to a Subsidiary, then the cover provided under this policy with respect to such Subsidiary is amended to apply only to Wrongful Acts committed prior to the date of such appointment.

Complaints

Our aim is to get it right, first time every time. If you have a complaint we will try to resolve it straight away but if we are unable to we will confirm we have received your complaint within five working days and do our best to resolve the problem within four weeks. If we cannot we will let you know when an answer may be expected.

If we have not resolved the situation within eight weeks we will issue you with information about the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS) which offers a free, independent complaint resolution service.

If you have a complaint, please contact our Customer Satisfaction Manager at:

Customer Satisfaction Manager
Allianz Insurance plc
57 Ladymead
Guildford
Surrey
GU1 1DB

Telephone number: 01483 552438

Fax Number: 01483 790538

Email: accsm@allianz.co.uk

You have the right to refer your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman, free of charge – but you must do so within six months of the date of the final response letter.

If you do not refer your complaint in time, the Ombudsman will not have our permission to consider your complaint and so will only be able to do so in very limited circumstances. For example, if the Ombudsman believes that the delay was as a result of exceptional circumstances.

The Financial Ombudsman Service
Exchange Tower
London
E14 9SR

Website: www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk

Telephone: 0800 023 4567 or 0300 123 9123

Email: complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk

Using our complaints procedure or contacting the FOS does not affect your legal rights.

The European Commission has an online dispute resolution service for consumers who have a complaint about a product or service bought online. If you choose to submit your complaint this way it will be forwarded to the Financial Ombudsman Service.

Visit <https://ec.europa.eu/odr> to access the Online Dispute Resolution Service. Please quote our e-mail address: accsm@allianz.co.uk

Alternatively, you can contact the Financial Ombudsman Service directly.

Contract Rights

Nothing in this policy is intended to confer an enforceable benefit on any Third Party, whether pursuant to the Contract (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 or otherwise.

Dispute Resolution

Where, following receipt by the Insurer of all information reasonably required to provide such decision;

- (i) a final decision has been given by the Insurer regarding any aspect of this policy or any matter relating to cover thereunder;
- (ii) that decision is disputed between the Insurer and an Insured; and
- (iii) such dispute can not be resolved within 14 days of the date on which such decision is communicated to the Policyholder,

the dispute shall be referred to arbitration under The Insurance & Reinsurance Arbitration Society ("A.R.I.A.S (UK)") Arbitration Rules.

The Arbitration Tribunal (the "Tribunal") shall consist of three arbitrators, one to be appointed by an Insured party involved in the arbitration, one to be appointed by the Insurer and the third to be appointed by the two appointed arbitrators. The third member of the Tribunal shall be appointed as soon as practicable (and no later than 28 days) after the appointment of the two party-appointed arbitrators. The Tribunal shall be constituted upon the appointment of the third arbitrator.

The arbitrators shall be persons (including those who have retired) with not less than ten years' experience of insurance or reinsurance within the industry or as lawyers or other professional advisers serving the industry.

Where a party fails to appoint an arbitrator within 14 days of being called upon to do so or where the two party-appointed arbitrators fail to appoint a third within 28 days of their appointment, then upon application, A.R.I.A.S (UK) will appoint an arbitrator to fill the vacancy. At any time prior to the appointment by A.R.I.A.S (UK) the party or arbitrators in default may make such appointment.

The Tribunal may at its sole discretion make such orders and directions as it considers necessary for the final determination of the matters in dispute. The Tribunal shall have the widest discretion permitted under the law governing the arbitral procedure when making such orders or directions. The seat of arbitration shall be London, England and the law governing the arbitration shall be under the law of England & Wales.

Minimum Approved Wording

In any dispute in connection with the terms, conditions, exclusions or limitations of this policy, it is understood and agreed that the Institute's Minimum Approved Wording contained in the Institute's Prospectus for Participating Insurers, in force at the inception date of this policy as stated in the schedule, will take precedence over any terms, conditions, exclusions or limitations contained herein.

Plurals, Headings and Titles

The descriptions in the headings and titles of this policy are solely for reference and convenience and do not lend any meaning to this contract. Words and expressions in the singular shall include the plural and vice versa. In this policy, words defined under Definitions have special meaning and are denoted by a capital first letter throughout this policy. Words that are not specifically defined in this policy have the meaning normally attributed to them.

Premium Payment

The Policyholder undertakes that the premium (including mid-term amendment premium) shall be paid to the Insurer on request (or, in respect of instalment premiums, when they are due). The Policyholder shall have the burden of establishing that such payment has been made.

If the Premium (including mid term amendment premium) has not been paid to the Insurer as requested (and, in respect of mid term amendment premium, by the date they are due) the Insurer shall have the right to cancel this policy by notifying the Policyholder in writing direct. In the event of cancellation by the Insurer pursuant to this clause, premium is due to the Insurer on a pro-rata basis for the period that the Insurer was on risk but the full premium is due to the Insurer in the event that prior to the date of termination a Claim is made, or a circumstance is notified in accordance with the requirements of this policy.

It is agreed that the Insurer shall give 14 days prior notice of cancellation under this clause to the Policyholder in writing direct. If the premium due is paid in full to the Insurer before the notice period expires, notice of cancellation shall automatically be revoked. If not, the policy shall automatically terminate and be of no effect at the end of the notice period.

Scope and Governing Law

Where legally permissible and subject to all terms and conditions of this policy, this policy shall apply to any Claim made against any Insured anywhere in the world. Any interpretation of this policy relating to its construction, validity or operation shall be made exclusively in accordance with the laws of England and Wales and in accordance with the English text as it appears in this policy.

Subrogation

An Insured shall take all steps necessary or such steps as are required by the Insurer before or after any payment by the Insurer under this policy to preserve the rights and remedies which an Insured may have to recover the Loss. If any payment is to be made under this policy in

respect of a Claim, the Insurer shall be subrogated to all rights of recovery of an Insured whether or not payment has in fact been made and whether or not an Insured has been fully compensated for its actual Loss. The Insurer shall be entitled to pursue and enforce such rights in the name of an Insured, who, both before and after payment under this policy, shall provide the Insurer with all reasonable assistance and co-operation in doing so, including the execution of any necessary instruments and papers. An Insured shall do nothing to prejudice the Insurer's rights under this subrogation clause.

The Insurer agrees not to exercise any such rights of recovery against any Employee unless the Claim is brought about or contributed to by the dishonest, fraudulent, intentional criminal or malicious act or omission of the Employee. In its sole discretion, the Insurer may, in writing, waive any of its rights set forth in this Subrogation Clause.

Any amounts recovered in accordance with this clause shall be applied in the following order:

- (i) to compensate the Insurer and an Insured for the costs incurred in making the recovery (such payment to be allocated between the Insurer and an Insured in the same proportions as they have borne the costs thereof); and
- (ii) to the Insurer up to the amount of the Loss paid by the Insurer; and
- (iii) to an Insured in respect of any uninsured element of the Claim (including the Retention under this policy).

Extended Policy Period

The Policy Period shall be extended by the Extended Policy Period where the Insured has not, prior to the expiration of the original Policy Period, obtained insurance complying with the provisions of the Professional Indemnity Insurance regulations of the relevant Institute, incepting on and with effect from the day immediately following the expiration of the original Policy Period.

Innocent Non-Disclosure

In granting cover to an Insured, the Insurer has relied upon the material statements and particulars in the Submission together with its attachments and other information supplied. These statements, attachments and information are the basis of cover and shall be considered incorporated into and constitute part of this policy.

The Insurer will not exercise its right to avoid this policy on the grounds of any alleged non-disclosure or misrepresentation of facts or alleged untrue statements in any information supplied to it, provided that an Insured shall establish to the Insurer's reasonable satisfaction that such alleged non-disclosure, misrepresentation or untrue statement was free of any fraudulent conduct or intent to deceive. Where such nondisclosure, misrepresentation or untrue statement has prejudiced the Insurer's consideration of terms under this policy, the Insurer shall be entitled to charge a reasonable additional premium and/or amend policy terms and conditions in light of such prejudice.

Should an Insured have failed to inform the Insurer before inception of this policy or increase in cover or other variation of its terms of any circumstance of which an Insured was aware which might give rise to a Claim or payment of Loss hereunder, and such failure is accepted by the Insurer as having been free of any fraudulent conduct or intent to deceive, the Insurer's liability under this policy shall not extend beyond that which would have been owed pursuant to the earliest such previous insurance under which the circumstance could have been notified or that which was available prior to any increase in cover or variation of terms. Furthermore, where such failure to notify a circumstance, as described above, results in prejudice to the handling or settlement of any Claim under this policy, the Insurer shall be entitled to reduce the indemnity afforded under this policy in respect of such Claim (including Defence Costs) to such sum as in the Insurer's reasonable opinion would have been payable by them in the absence of such prejudice.

Policy Administration

The Policyholder shall act on behalf of each and every Insured with respect to:

- (i) negotiating the terms and conditions of and binding cover; and
- (ii) the exercise of all rights of Insured's under this policy; and
- (iii) all notices; and
- (iv) premiums; and
- (v) endorsements to this policy; and
- (vi) the appointment of a member of the Legal Panel to defend a Claim; and
- (vii) dispute resolution; and
- (viii) the receipt of all amounts payable to an Insured by the Insurer under this policy.

Financial Services Compensation Scheme

Allianz Insurance plc contributes to the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS).

The Insured may be entitled to compensation from the FSCS if the Insurer is unable to meet its liabilities. Further information about compensation scheme arrangements is available at www.fscs.org.uk, by emailing enquiries@fscs.org.uk or by phoning the FSCS on 0800 678 1100 or 0207 741 4100.

Fair Processing Notice – how we use personal information

1. Who we are

When **we** refer to “**we**”, “**us**” and “**our**” in this notice it means Allianz Insurance plc or Allianz Engineering Inspection Services Limited.

When **we** say, “**individuals**” in this notice, **we** mean anyone whose personal information **we** may collect, including:

- anyone seeking an insurance quote from **us** or whose details are provided during the quotation process
- policyholders and anyone named on or covered by the policy
- anyone who may benefit from or be directly involved in the policy or a claim, including claimants and witnesses.

2. How we use personal information

We use personal information in the following ways:

- to provide quotes, administer policies and policyholder claims to fulfil **our** contract
- to administer third party claims and prevent financial crime to meet **our** legal obligations
- to manage **our** business and conduct market research to meet the legitimate needs of **our** business
- to send marketing information about **our** products and services if **we** have received specific consent.

There is no obligation to provide **us** with personal information, but **we** cannot provide **our** products and services without it.

Anyone whose personal information we hold has the right to object to us using it.

They can do this at any time by telling us and we will consider the request and either stop using their personal information or explain why we are not able to.

Further details can be found below.

3. Automated decision making, including profiling

We may use automated decision making, including profiling, to assess insurance risks and administer policies. This helps **us** decide whether to offer insurance, determine prices and validate claims.

Anyone subject to an automated decision has the right to object to it. To do so they should contact **us** by emailing **us** at accsm@allianz.co.uk and **we** will review the decision.

4. The personal information we collect

We collect the following types of personal information so **we** can complete the activities in section 2, “How **we** use personal information”:

- basic personal details such as name, age, address and gender
- family, lifestyle and social circumstances, such as marital status, dependants and employment type
- financial details such as direct debit or payment card information
- photographs and/or video to help **us** manage policies and assess claims
- tracking and location information if it is relevant to the insurance policy or claim
- identification checks and background insurance risk details including previous claims information
- medical information if it is relevant to the insurance policy or claim
- criminal convictions if it is relevant to the insurance policy or claim
- accessibility details if **we** need to make reasonable adjustments to help
- business activities such as goods and services offered.

5. Where we collect personal information

Direct from **individuals**, their representatives or information they have made public, for example, on social media.

From other persons or organisations, for example:

- credit reference and/or fraud prevention agencies
- emergency services, law enforcement agencies, medical and legal practices
- insurance industry registers and databases used to detect and prevent insurance fraud, for example, the Motor Insurance Database (MID), the Motor Insurers Anti-Fraud and Theft Register (MIAFTR) and the Claims and Underwriting Exchange (CUE)
- insurance investigators and claims service providers
- other insurers or service providers who underwrite the insurance or provide the services for **our** products
- other involved parties, for example, claimants or witnesses.

6. Sharing personal information

We may share personal information with:

- other companies within the global Allianz Group www.allianz.com
- credit reference, fraud prevention and other agencies that carry out certain activities on **our** behalf, for example, the Motor Insurance Database (MID), the Insurance Fraud Bureau (IFB) and marketing agencies if agreed
- **our** approved suppliers to help deal with claims or provide **our** benefit services, for example, vehicle repairers, legal advisors and loss adjusters
- other insurers, third party underwriters, reinsurers, insurance intermediaries, regulators, law enforcement and the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS); and other companies that provide services to **us** or you, for example, the Employers Liability Tracing Office (ELTO) and the Claims and Underwriting Exchange (CUE)
- prospective buyers in the event that **we** wish to sell all or part of **our** business.

7. Transferring personal information outside the UK

We use servers located in the European Union (EU) to store personal information where it is protected by laws equivalent to those in the UK. **We** may transfer personal information to other members of the global Allianz Group to manage the insurance policy or claim; this could be inside or outside the EU. **We** have Binding Corporate Rules (BCR's) which are **our** commitment to the same high level of protection for personal information regardless of where it is processed. These rules align with those required by the European Information Protection authorities. For more information about BCR's, contact **our** Data Protection Officer.

Some of **our** suppliers have servers outside the EU. **Our** contracts with these suppliers require them to provide equivalent levels of protection for personal information.

8. How long we keep personal information

We keep information only for as long as **we** need it to administer the policy, manage **our** business or as required by law or contract.

9. Know your rights

Any **individual** whose personal information **we** hold has the right to:

- object to **us** processing it. **We** will either agree to stop processing or explain why **we** are unable to (the right to object)
- ask for a copy of their personal information **we** hold, subject to certain exemptions (a data subject access request)
- ask **us** to update or correct their personal information to ensure its accuracy (the right of rectification)
- ask **us** to delete their personal information from **our** records if it is no longer needed for the original purpose (the right to be forgotten)
- ask **us** to restrict the processing of their personal information in certain circumstances (the right of restriction)
- ask for a copy of their personal information, so it can be used for their own purposes (the right to data portability)
- complain if they feel their personal information has been mishandled. **We** encourage **individuals** to come to **us** in the first instance but they are entitled to complain directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) www.ico.org.uk
- ask **us**, at any time, to stop processing their personal information, if the processing is based only on **individual** consent (the right to withdraw consent).

If you wish to exercise any of these rights please contact our Customer Satisfaction Manager:

Address: Customer Satisfaction Manager, Allianz,
57 Ladymead, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 1DB
Email: accsm@allianz.co.uk
Phone: 01483 552438

10. Allianz (UK) Group Data Protection Officer Contact details

Allianz Insurance plc and Allianz Engineering Inspection Services Limited are companies within the Allianz Holdings.

Any queries about how **we** use personal information should be addressed to **our** Data Protection Officer:

Address: Data Protection Officer, Allianz, 57 Ladymead,
Guildford, Surrey GU1 1DB
Email: dataprotectionofficer@allianz.co.uk
Phone: 0330 102 1837

Changes to our Fair Processing Notice

Occasionally it may be necessary to make changes to this fair processing notice. When that happens **we** will provide an updated version at the earliest opportunity. The most recent version will always be available on **our** website www.allianz.co.uk

Consent for Special Categories of Personal Data

The global Allianz Group may need to collect and process data relating to **individuals** who may benefit from the policy (“Insured Persons”), which falls within the special categories of personal data under Data Protection Legislation, for example, medical history or convictions of Insured Persons for the purpose of evaluating the risk and/or administering claims which may occur. You must ensure that you have explicit verbal or written consent from the Insured Persons to such information being processed by the global Allianz Group and that this fact is made known to the Insured Persons.

By applying for and/or entering into this insurance policy you will be deemed to specifically consent to the use of the Insured Persons Personal Data in this way and for these purposes and that your directors, officers, partners, and employees have consented to the global Allianz Group using their details in this way.

Employers Liability Tracing Office

If your policy provides Employers Liability cover information relating to your insurance policy will be provided to the Employers Liability Tracing Office (the “ELTO”) and added to an electronic database, (the “Database”) in a format set out by the Employer’s Liability Insurance: Disclosure by Insurers Instrument 2010.

The Database assists individual consumer claimants who have suffered an employment related injury or disease arising out of their course of employment in the UK whilst working for employers carrying on, or who carried on, business in the UK and as a result are covered by the employers’ liability insurance of their employers, (the “Claimants”):

- I. to identify which insurer (or insurers) was (or were) providing employers’ liability cover during the relevant periods of employment; and
- II. to identify the relevant employers’ liability insurance policies.

The Database and the data stored on it may be accessed and used by the Claimants, their appointed representatives, insurers with potential liability for UK commercial lines employers’ liability insurance cover and any other persons or entities permitted by law.

The Database will be managed by the ELTO and further information can be found on the ELTO website www.elto.org.uk

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