

# Unoccupied Property Owners Insurance





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Thank you for choosing iSure Underwriting for Your Unoccupied Property Owners Policy. iSure offers a range of specialist insurance products to meet the needs of businesses and are passionate about providing exceptional service to You when You need it. iSure's specialist expertise and passion is supported by our partnership with leading insurers and this Policy is a contract between You and the insurers (Us) as declared in the Schedule.

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# **Important Information**

# How to make a claim

## For Sections 1-4

If **You** need to make a claim on **Your Policy** please check the coverage and then contact **Your** Insurance Broker. If for any reason **You** cannot contact **Your** Insurance Broker please contact **Us** at:

# **Claim Notification Company:**

Leeson Claims Services Ltd. **Telephone:** 01 5392890

**Email:** claims.accelerant@isureunderwriting.ie **Address:** 68 Merrion Square South, Dublin 2

# Our claims helpline is available 24 Hours a day, 7 days a week

Please note when making a claim, **You** must follow the Claims Condition under **Your Policy** as defined under General Condition 3. Claims.

# For Section 5 Legal Expenses - advice and claims

Telephone: **01 872 0179** quoting 'iSure Business Helpline" and ask to speak to a legal adviser.

This service is here to help **You**. Do not hesitate to make full use of it. In particular if something **You** are proposing to do may result in a legal expenses claim, **You** must use the helpline first.

Please see Page 40, Claims Condition and Page 41, How to make a claim for full details.

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# How to make a complaint

If **You** need to make a complaint please refer to the Complaints Procedure section at the end of **Your** policy wording.

# **Key Policy Information**

This **Unoccupied** Property Owners Insurance **Policy** is between **You** and **Us** as declared in the **Schedule**. **Your** policy is administered by iSure Underwriting and underwritten by:

Accelerant Insurance Europe SA, Bastion Tower, Level 20, Place du Champ de Mars 5, 1050 Brussels. Accelerant Insurance Europe SA is a company registered in Belgium (Company number 0758.632.842) with registered office at Bastion Tower, Level 20, Place du Champ de Mars 5, 1050 Brussels.

Accelerant Insurance Europe SA is an insurance company authorised by the National Bank of Belgium and regulated by the Financial Services and Markets Authority (FSMA) (Ref. 3193).

This document, the **Schedule** and any attached **Endorsements** is the **Policy** which sets out this insurance. It should be read as one document. It is a legal contract, so please read all of it carefully and make sure it meets **Your** needs and that **You** understand it.

If **You** have any questions about these documents, please contact **Your** Insurance Adviser who will be pleased to help **You**. Words in **bold** type face used in this document, other than in the headings, have specific meanings attached to them as set out in the Definitions Section.

# Policy period and premium

We will, in consideration of the payment of the premium and for the Period of Insurance, provide insurance in accordance with the sections of the Policy shown as 'operative' in the Schedule, subject to the conditions, exceptions and endorsements of the Policy. This insurance is renewable provided We agree to accept Your premium for any subsequent Period of Insurance.

We will cover You under those Sections shown in the Schedule where an amount (or "as shown in the policy wording") is inserted during any Period of Insurance for which We have accepted Your premium provided all the terms and conditions of the Policy are met.

If **You** are not satisfied with the cover provided by this **Policy**, please return the documents to **Your** Insurance Broker within 14 days of receiving them. As long as **We** have not paid a claim, **We** will return any premium **You** have paid, as detailed further in the General Conditions of this Policy.

# Language and law applicable to the Contract

The parties are free to choose the law applicable to this **Policy**. Unless specifically agreed to the contrary this **Policy** will be governed by Irish law and subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Ireland.

The language of this **Policy** and all communications relating to it will be in English.

## Accessibility

Upon request **We** can provide Braille, audio or large print versions of the policy and the associated documentation including the Insurance Product Information Document. If **You** require an alternative format **You** should contact **Your** broker through whom this policy was arranged.

# **Definitions**

These definitions apply throughout **Your Policy** and wherever they appear **bold** they will always have the following meanings.

Word or term	Meaning
Asbestos	<b>Asbestos</b> or fibres or particles of <b>Asbestos</b> or any material containing <b>Asbestos</b> .
Bodily Injury	<ul> <li>a) Death</li> <li>b) Physical injury</li> <li>c) Illness</li> <li>d) Disease</li> <li>e) Mental Injury and mental anguish provided that the condition complained of is accompanied by and arises directly from actual physical bodily injury.</li> </ul>
Buildings	<ul> <li>The Buildings at Your Premises, including</li> <li>a) landlords fixtures and fittings in or on Your Premises</li> <li>b) outbuildings, extensions, annexes, garages</li> <li>c) boundary walls, gates and fences</li> <li>d) roads, pavements, yards, car parks, car ports, patios and terraces</li> <li>e) underground pipes and cables belonging to You or for which You are responsible</li> <li>f) tenants' improvements for which You are responsible for as owner of the Building and situated at the Premises</li> <li>g) the Shop Front unless insured under a separate item.</li> </ul>
Business	The activities directly and solely connected with the business as described in the <b>Schedule</b> and <b>Proposal</b>
Building Works	Any works that include the removal or alteration of load bearing walls, construction of new buildings and extensions, underpinning, demolition and re-roofing.
Claimant's Costs	Costs and expenses incurred by a claimant or in relation to a claim against <b>You</b> .
Costs and Expenses	Costs and Expenses shall mean Claimant's costs Defence costs Prosecution costs
Damage	Physical loss or destruction of or damage to tangible property.
Defence Costs	<b>Costs and Expenses</b> incurred with <b>Our</b> written consent in respect of any claim which may be the subject of indemnity under this <b>Policy</b> .

## **Employee**

Any of the following people working for **You** in connection with **Your Business** 

- a) anyone who has entered into or works under a contract of service or apprenticeship with **You**
- b) any labour only subcontractor or anyone employed by them
- c) any self-employed person working on a labour only basis under **Your** control or supervision
- d) a voluntary helper
- e) anyone who is engaged under a work experience scheme or similar scheme
- f) anyone who is hired or borrowed by You.

#### **Excess**

The first amount of any claim for which **You** are responsible as specified in the **Schedule**.

#### **Government Action**

Martial law, confiscation, nationalisation, requisition or destruction of property by or under the order of any government or public or local authority or any action taken in controlling preventing suppressing or in any way relating to **War**.

#### Offshore

From the time of

- a) embarkation by an **Employee** onto a conveyance at the point of final departure to an offshore rig or offshore platform; or
- b) embarkation by an **Employee** onto a conveyance for the purpose of transferring from an offshore rig or offshore platform onto another offshore rig or offshore platform

until disembarkation by an **Employee** from a conveyance onto land upon return from an offshore rig or offshore platform.

# Our/Us/We

The **Insurer** detailed in the **Schedule**.

### **Period of Insurance**

The length of time covered by this insurance (as shown in the **Schedule**) and any extra period for which **We** accept **Your** premium.

# **Policy**

The **Policy** and **Schedule** and any endorsements attached or issued.

#### **Premises**

The **Premises** owned or occupied by **You** as stated on the **Schedule**, for the purposes of the **Business**.

#### **Products**

Any goods or other property (including their containers, packaging, labelling and instructions for use) sold, supplied, delivered, installed, erected, repaired, altered, treated or tested by **You** in connection with the **Business** and not in **Your** charge or control.

# **Property Insured**

# **Buildings** including **Shop Front**

- Landlord's Contents
- other property belonging to **You** or for which **You** are responsible and as shown in the **Schedule**.

#### **Proposal**

The signed **Proposal** or Statement of Fact and declaration and any additional information supplied to **Us** by **You** or on **Your** behalf.

## **Prosecution Costs**

Costs and expenses incurred by a prosecuting authority which **You**, **Your** partners, directors or **Employees** are ordered to pay by the Court in relation to a prosecution against **You**, **Your** partners, directors or **Employees** in connection with the **Business**.

#### Renovations

Internal painting and decorating, tiling, replacement of bathroom and/or kitchen fixtures and fittings including sinks, wash basin, w.c., bath and shower, carpeting, internal joinery, plastering, rewiring, installation/repair of central heating and external window replacement but excluding

- a) Building Works, and
- b) Renovation forming part of a Building Works contract or project.

#### Schedule

The latest schedule issued by Us.

#### **Territorial Limits**

- a) Republic of Ireland
- b) elsewhere in the world in connection with temporary non-manual visits undertaken in the course of the **Business** by any person normally resident in the territories described in a. above.

#### **Terrorism**

An act, including but not limited to the use of force or violence 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 or to put the public, or any section of the public, in fear.

#### Unoccupied

Untenanted, empty or disused.

War

War, invasion, acts of foreign enemies, hostilities or warlike operations (whether war be declared or not) civil war, mutiny, civil commotion, assuming the proportions of or amounting to popular rising, military rising, insurrection, rebellion, revolution or military or usurped power.

# You/Your

The person, people or the company shown as the insured in the **Schedule**.

# **General Conditions**

# 1) Duty of Disclosure

In deciding to accept this Policy and in setting the terms including premium We have relied on the information which You have provided to Us. You must take care when answering any questions We ask by ensuring that You answer honestly and with reasonable care.

If **We** establish that **You** deliberately or recklessly provided **Us** with untrue or misleading information **We** will have the right to:

- a) treat this **Policy** as if it never existed;
- b) decline all claims; and
- c) retain the premium.
  - If **We** establish that **You** carelessly provided **Us** with untrue or misleading information **We** will have the right to:
  - i) treat this **Policy** as if it never existed, refuse to pay any claim and return the premium **You** have paid, if **We** would not have provided **You** with cover;
  - ii) treat this **Policy** as if it had been entered into on different terms from those agreed, if **We** would have provided **You** with cover on different terms;
  - iii) reduce the amount We pay on any claim in the proportion that the premium You have paid bears to the premium We would have charged You, if We would have charged You more.

We will notify You in writing if (i), (ii) and/or (iii) apply. If there is no outstanding claim and (ii) and/or (iii) apply, We will have the right to:

- give You notice that We are terminating this Policy; or
- give You notice that We will treat this policy and any future claim in accordance with (ii) and/or (iii), in which case You may then give Us notice that You are terminating this Policy;
- 3) in accordance with the Cancellation and Cooling-Off Period Provisions.

# 2) Alteration in Risk

You must tell Us as soon as practicably possible of any change in the information You have provided to Us which happens before or during any Period of Insurance. Such as changes:

- a) in or to the **Business**;
- b) to or at the **Premises**;
- c) to the facts or matters set out in the Statement of Fact

or otherwise comprising the risk presentation made by **You** to **Us** at inception, renewal or mid-term alteration of the **Policy**; which materially increases the risk of bodily injury, loss, damage or liability.

**You** must tell **Us** at least fourteen (14) days before **You** start any conversions, extensions or other structural work to the **Buildings**.

When **We** are notified of a change or planned structural works **We** will tell **You** if this affects **Your Policy**. For example **We** may cancel **Your Policy** in accordance with the Cancellation and Cooling-Off Provisions, amend the terms of **Your Policy** or require **You** to pay more for **Your** insurance. If **You** do not inform us about a change or planned structural works it may affect any claim **You** make or could result in **Your** insurance being invalid.

# 3) Claims

It is a condition that on the happening of any event which may give rise to a claim or loss under this **Policy**, **You** must

- a) notify **Us** as soon as practicably of the event
- b) Cooperate with Us in the investigation of insured events, including by responding to reasonable requests for information in an honest and careful manner.
- take, or allow others to take, practical steps to prevent further loss or **Damage**, recover property lost and otherwise minimise the claim
- d) advise the relevant policing authority immediately of any Damage or loss of property caused by theft, attempted theft, or malicious persons
- e) at Your expense provide to Us
  - full written details of any injury, loss or Damage within 14 days of the date on which the injury, loss, or Damage occurs (or 7 days in respect of injury loss or Damage caused by theft or attempted theft, riot, civil commotion or malicious persons)
  - such detailed particulars, receipts, documents and evidence as We may reasonably require within 30 days of the date of Our request
  - iii) details of any other relevant insurances
- allow Us or anyone authorised by Us access to the Premises
- g) allow **Us** to take possession of, or request delivery to **Us** of any **Property Insured**
- not abandon any Property Insured to us without Our prior written consent.

In the event of breach of this term, it may impact **Your** ability to make a claim and the amount that **We** will pay **You**.

It is a condition in respect of claims against **You** that **You** must

- a) as soon as practicably possible forward to Us on receipt any letter, proceedings, writ, court documents, Claim Form, or Summons
- a) allow **Us** complete control of any proceedings or settlement
- b) not accept, negotiate, pay, settle, admit or repudiate any claim without **Our** written consent.
- as soon as practicably possible notify **Us** when **You** have knowledge of any impending prosecution,

inquest, fatal accident, or government enquiry if demanded, provide a statutory declaration of the truth of the claim and any matters connected with it.

In the event of breach of this term, it may impact **Your** ability to make a claim and the amount that **We** will pay **You**.

# 4) Rights of Third Parties

Nothing in this policy is intended to confer a directly enforceable benefit on any third party other than **You** unless **You** die, cannot be found, become insolvent, or for any other reason it appears to a court to be just and equitable to so order.

Your rights against **Us** in respect of the liability shall, notwithstanding anything in any enactment or rule of law be transferred to and vest in the third party to whom the liability was so incurred. The Third Party will have a right to ask **Us** to provide information concerning;

- a) the existence of a contract of insurance that covers the supposed liability or which might be regarded as covering it,
- b) if there exists such a contract, who the insurer is,
- c) the terms of the contract, and
- d) whether the insurer has informed the person that the insurer intends to refuse liability under the contract in respect of the person's supposed liability.

# 5) Fraud

If any claim be in any respect fraudulent or if any fraudulent means or devices be used by **You** or anyone acting on **Your** behalf to obtain any benefit under this **Policy**, **We** 

- a) will not be liable to pay **Your** claim
- b) may recover from **You** any sums already paid in respect of **Your** claim; and
- c) may, after providing notice to You, treat the Policy as having terminated with effect from the time of the fraudulent act.

If **We** exercise **Our** right under (c) above:

We shall not be liable to You in respect of a relevant event occurring after the time of the fraudulent act. A relevant event is whatever gives rise to Our liability under this Policy (such as the occurrence of a loss, the making of a Claim, or the notification of a potential Claim); and We need not return any of the premium paid.

# 6) Subrogation

You shall at Our request and expense take and permit to be taken all necessary steps for enforcing rights against any other party in Your name before or after any payment is made by Us. We shall be entitled to take over and conduct in Your name the defence or settlement of any claim or to prosecute in Your name at Our own expense and for Our own benefit any claim for indemnity or damages or otherwise. We won't exercise this subrogation right in cases where

- a) You might not want Us to exercise that right because You and the other party are members of the same family or co-habiting (except where the conduct of the other person that gave rise to the loss was serious or wilful misconduct), or
- an employee of Yours (except where the conduct of the employee was intentional, reckless and they knew that a loss would probably result.)

# 7) Subrogation Waiver

In the event of a claim under this **Policy**, **We** agree to waive any rights, remedies or relief which **We** might have become entitled by subrogation against

- a) any company standing in relation of parent to subsidiary (or subsidiary to parent) to **You**
- any company which is a subsidiary of a parent company of which **You** are a subsidiary as defined within the relevant legislation current at the time of **Damage**
- c) Any tenant of Yours provided that
  - the Damage did not result from a criminal, fraudulent or malicious act of the tenant
  - ii) the tenant contributes to the cost of insuring the property against the event which caused the Damage.

# 8) Practical Precautions

You must

- a) take all practical precautions to prevent occurrences which may give rise to **Damage** or **Bodily Injury**
- b) maintain the **Premises** in a good state of repair
- c) take all practical steps to comply with statutory requirements, obligations and regulations imposed by any authority and
- d) take steps to make good or remedy any defect or danger which becomes apparent or take such additional precautions as circumstances may require as soon as practicably possible
- e) when undertaking **Renovations** to the **Property Insured You** must take all practical precautions to
  prevent **Damage**. **You** must not undertake **Building Works** without **Our** express written agreement.

In the event of breach of these terms, **We** shall have no liability under this **Policy**, unless **You** show that noncompliance with these terms could not have increased the risk of the loss which actually occurred in the circumstances in which it occurred.

# 9) Cancellation and Cooling Off Period

- a) Your Right to Cancel during the Cooling-Off Period
   You are entitled to cancel this policy by notifying Us in writing, by email or by telephone within fourteen (14) days of either:
  - i) the date You receive this policy; or
  - ii) the start of Your Period of Insurance;
  - iii) whichever is the later.

Any return of premium due to **You** will be calculated at a proportional daily rate depending on how long

- the policy has been in force unless **You** have made a claim in which case the full annual premium is due.
- b) Your Right to Cancel after the Cooling-Off Period
  You are entitled to cancel this policy after the
  cooling-off period by notifying Us in writing, by
  email or by telephone. Any return of premium due
  to You will be calculated at a proportional daily rate
  depending on how long the policy has been in force
  less the administration fee specified to You when
  You incepted the Policy unless You have made a
  claim in which case the full annual premium is due.
- c) Our Right to Cancel
   We are entitled to cancel this Policy, if there is a valid reason to do so, including for example:
  - i) any failure by You to pay the premium; or
  - ii) a change in risk which means **We** can no longer provide **You** with insurance cover; or
  - iii) non-cooperation or failure to supply any information or documentation We request, such as details of a claim;

by giving **You** fourteen (14) days' notice in writing. Any return of premium due to **You** will be calculated at a proportional daily rate depending on how long the **Policy** has been in force unless **You** have made a claim in which case the full annual premium is due.

# 10) Discharge of Liability

We may pay the Limit of Indemnity or any lesser amount for which any claim or claims against You can be settled and We shall be under no further liability in respect of such claim or claims except for Costs and Expenses incurred prior to the date of such payment.

# 11) Fire Extinguishing Appliances

It is a condition that any fire extinguishing appliances that are kept at the **Premises** are maintained in efficient working order.

In the event of breach of this term, **We** shall have no liability under this **Policy**, unless **You** show that noncompliance with this term could not have increased the risk of the loss which actually occurred in the circumstances in which it occurred.

# 12) Stamp Duty

Stamp Duty has been or will be paid in accordance with the provisions of Section 19 of the Finance Act 1950, as amended.

# 13) Unoccupied Buildings

Whenever the **Buildings** or any part thereof are **Unoccupied** the **Unoccupied Buildings** Condition will apply. **We** must be notified in writing as soon as possible when any **Unoccupied Buildings** or **Unoccupied** portion of the **Buildings** becomes occupied or any occupied **Buildings**, or portions thereof, become **Unoccupied**.

- It is a condition in respect of Unoccupied Buildings that
  - a) the **Buildings** are inspected internally at least once during each week by **You** or on **Your** behalf
  - all trade refuse and waste materials are removed from the interior of the Unoccupied Buildings and no accumulation of refuse and waste be allowed in the adjoining yards or spaces owned by You or under Your control
  - You must secure the Building and put all protective and locking devices and any alarm protection into full and effective operation with letterboxes sealed to prevent the accumulation of mail
  - d) all external entry/exit doors must be fitted with at least 5 lever mortice deadlocks complying to BS3621. All ground floor and basement opening windows/skylights and other opening windows/skylights accessible from roof decks, balconies, fire escapes, canopies or down pipes be fitted with key operated window locks. This requirement does not apply to window/skylights which are protected by solid steel bars, grilles, lockable gates, expanded metal or weld-mesh, provided agreement shall have been obtained from Us and is stated on the Schedule. Any door or window officially designated a fire exit by the fire authority is excluded from these requirements.
  - e) all mains services except electricity supply to maintain any fire, or intruder alarm system must be turned off and the water system must be completely drained or, during the period 1st October to 1st April each year, central heating systems must be kept working at a minimum temperature of 5 degrees Celcius. Where sprinkler systems are installed and water supplies must be maintained at a minimum temperature of 5 degrees Celcius
  - You shall implement any additional protections
     We may require within the time scale specified by Us.

In the event of breach of these terms, **We** shall have no liability under this **Policy**, unless **You** show that noncompliance with these terms could not have increased the risk of the loss which actually occurred in the circumstances in which it occurred

# 14) Survey Condition

If this **Policy** has been issued subject to **Us** completing a survey of the **Premises** or of any other location(s) as specified by **Us**, then pending completion of such survey(s) Cover is provided by **Us** on the terms, conditions, provisions and limits as specified in the **Policy** and in the Sections of the **Policy**.

In the event that a survey should show that a risk or any part of it is not satisfactory in **Our** opinion, then **We** reserve the right to either alter the terms and conditions of the Cover or to suspend or cancel the Cover in accordance with the Cancellation provisions. It is a condition of **Ours** that **You** must comply with all survey risk improvements required and within the timescales specified by **Us**.

In the event that a risk improvement is not completed or risk improvement procedures are not introduced within the completion timescales specified by **Us**, then **We** reserve the right to either continue Cover subject to alteration of the terms and conditions of such Cover, or to suspend or cancel the Cover in accordance with the Cancellation provisions.

If the terms or conditions of Cover are amended by **Us**, then **You** will have fourteen (14) days to accept or reject the revised basis of Cover. Should **You** reject the revised basis of Cover we reserve the right to cancel the Cover in accordance with the Cancellation provisions.

# 15) Insurance Act 1936

All monies which become or may become due and payable by **Us** under this policy shall in accordance with Section 93 of the Insurance Act, 1936, be paid and payable in the Republic of Ireland.

# 16) Non Invalidation

Any act, omission or alteration, unknown to **You** or beyond **Your** control, which increases the risk of **Damage**, will not invalidate this insurance if, as soon as **You** become aware, **You** give notice to **Us** and pay an additional premium as soon as practicably possible.

# 17) Electrical inspection

It is a condition for any **Damage** to **Property Insured** resulting from fire or explosion that

- a) unless a valid inspection certificate is already in place, the electrical installation at the **Premises** (or that portion of the **Premises** for which **You** are responsible) shall be inspected and tested
  - i) within 60 days of the addition of this clause to the **Policy** unless agreed otherwise in writing by Us and
  - any defects found remedied within 60 days of such inspection and testing or as otherwise expressly varied in writing by Us
  - iii) any such inspection and testing shall be undertaken by
  - a member of the Register of Electrical Contractors Ireland
  - ii) a member of the Association of Electrical Contractors (Ireland)
  - a competent person as agreed in writing by Us in accordance with the Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU) for electrical installations and a completion and inspection certificate issued following every inspection
  - a copy of each completion and inspection certificate is retained by You and available to Us at Our request

- c) any work specified on such certificate to ensure that the electrical installation meets the CRU regulations shall be undertaken within 60 days of the issue of the certificate or as otherwise expressly varied in writing by Us
- d) the electrical installation shall be re-inspected and re-tested
  - i) within the timescales recommended on the completion and inspection certificate or in the absence of any such recommended timescale within five years of the date of the last inspection
  - ii) immediately following refurbishment or structural renovation work
  - iii) immediately following any water Damage affecting the Premises and any defects found remedied within 60 days of such re-inspection and re-testing or as otherwise varied in writing by Us.

In the event of breach of this term, **We** shall have no liability under this **Policy**, unless **You** show that noncompliance with this term could not have increased the risk of the loss which actually occurred in the circumstances in which it occurred.

# 18) Other Insurances

If at the time of **Damage**, loss or injury, any other insurance has been effected by or on **Your** behalf covering any of the Property damaged, **Our** liabilities under this **Policy** shall be limited to the rateable proportion of such **Damage**, liabilities or loss as **We** would have had to pay if the other insurance policy did not contain:

- a) any provision applying average or any similar provision which would reduce the amount payable on the claim to reflect underinsurance; and
- any provision which excludes it from ranking concurrently with this **Policy** or any Section of it either in whole or in part or from contributing rateably.

# 19) Policy Excess

It is a condition of this **Policy** that **You** must immediately pay **Us** such amount or part of when so requested.

# 20) Disputes

Any dispute between **You** and **Us** may, where we both agree, be referred to an arbitrator who will be either a solicitor or a barrister. If the parties cannot agree on their choice of arbitrator the Law Society of Ireland may be asked to make a nomination. The arbitration will be binding and carried out under the relevant legislation.

The costs of the arbitration will be at the discretion of the arbitrator.

If the dispute is not referred to arbitration within 12 months **We** will assume **You** have abandoned the dispute.

# **General Exceptions**

Each Section of this **Policy** contains Exceptions and must be read in conjunction with the following General Exceptions which apply to all Sections unless otherwise stated.

This **Policy** does not cover

# 1) Radioactive and Nuclear Risk

**Damage** or any loss or expense whatsoever resulting or arising therefrom or any consequential loss or any legal liability of whatsoever nature directly or indirectly caused by or contributed to by or arising from

- a) ionising radiations or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear fuel or from any nuclear waste from the combustion of nuclear fuel
- b) the radioactive, toxic, explosive or other hazardous properties of any explosive nuclear assembly or nuclear component thereof
- any weapon or device using radioactive material and/or ionising radiations and/or atomic or nuclear fission and/or fusion or other like reaction or radioactive force
- d) the radioactive, toxic, explosive or other hazardous or contaminating properties of any radioactive matter.

Subject to indemnity under the Employers Liability Section as far as concerns **Bodily Injury** caused to any of **Your Employees** if such **Bodily Injury** arises out of and in the course of employment or engagement of such person by **You** this General Exception shall only apply

- i) in respect of liability of any Principal
- ii) in respect of liability assumed by **You** under agreement and which would not have attached in the absence of such agreement.

# 2) War, Government Action and Terrorism

- a) Damage or any loss or expense whatsoever resulting or arising therefrom or any consequential loss directly or indirectly caused by or contributed to by or arising from
  - i) War, Government Action or Terrorism
  - ii) riot or civil commotion in Northern Ireland
- b) Legal liability of whatsoever nature or any Costs and Expenses whatsoever directly or indirectly caused by or contributed to by or arising from War, Government Action or Terrorism except to the extent stated in the Liability Provisions below.

In any action, suit or other proceedings where **We** allege that by reason of this Exception as far as it relates

to **Terrorism** any **Damage** or resulting loss or expense or consequential loss is not covered by this **Policy** the burden of proving that such **Damage**, loss expense or consequential loss is covered shall be upon **You**.

## **Liability Provisions**

Subject otherwise to the terms, definitions, exceptions provisions and conditions of this **Policy** 

- 1) We will cover You under Section 4 -Employers Liability - provided that in respect of any one claim or series of claims arising out of any one event or series of events arising from a single source or original cause Our liability in respect of all compensation and Costs and Expenses directly or indirectly caused by or contributed to by or arising from Terrorism shall not exceed €5,000,000.
- 2) We will cover You under Section 3 Property Owners Liability - against legal liability to pay compensation and Claimant's Costs directly or indirectly caused by or contributed to by or arising from Terrorism provided that Our liability for all compensation (including interest thereon) and Claimant's Costs shall not exceed
  - a) In respect of or arising out of any one event or series of events arising from one source or original cause €2,000,000 or the amount of the Section 3- Property Owners Liability Sub-Section Limit of Indemnity stated in the **Schedule**, whichever is the lower
  - b) In respect of all pollution or contamination consequent upon **Terrorism** and which occurred during the **Period of Insurance** €2,000,000 in the aggregate or the amount of the Section 3 Property Owners Liability Limit of Indemnity stated in the **Schedule** whichever is the lower.

# **3) Date Recognition** (Not applicable to Section 4 - Employers Liability)

Damage, accident or liability directly or indirectly caused by or consisting of or arising from the failure of any computer data processing equipment or media microchip, integrated circuit or similar device or other equipment or system for processing, storing or receiving data or any computer software whether Your property or not

- a) to recognise correctly any date as its true calendar date
- b) to capture, save or retain and/or manipulate, interpret or process correctly any data or information or command or instruction as a result of treating any date otherwise than as its true calendar date
- c) to capture, save, retain or process correctly any data as a result of the operation of any command which has been programmed into any computer software being a command which causes the loss of data or the inability to capture, save, retain or to correctly process such data on or after any date.

In respect of Section 1 - Property **Damage** and Section 2 – Loss of Rental Income this General Exception shall not

exclude subsequent **Damage** not otherwise excluded which itself results from fire, lightning, explosion, aircraft, or other aerial devices, or articles dropped therefrom, riot, civil commotion, strikers, locked-out workers, persons taking part in labour disturbances, malicious persons other than thieves, earthquake, storm, flood, escape of water from any tank apparatus or pipe, theft or impact by any vehicle or animal.

# 4) Computer Virus and Hacking

- a) Damage to any computer or other equipment or component or system or item which processes, stores, transmits or retrieves data or any part thereof whether tangible or intangible (including but without limitation any information or programs or software) and whether Your property or not where such Damage is caused by Virus or Similar Mechanism or Hacking
- Financial loss directly or indirectly caused by or arising from Virus or Similar Mechanism or Hacking.

but this shall not exclude **Damage** or financial loss which is not otherwise excluded from this **Policy** and which results from fire, lightning, explosion, earthquake, aircraft or other aerial devices or articles dropped therefrom, riot, civil commotion, strikes, labour disturbances, malicious persons (Including the acts of thieves but excluding the acts of malicious persons which do not involve physical force or violence), storm, flood, escape of water or oil from any tank apparatus or pipe, impact by any vehicle or animal.

Virus or Similar Mechanism shall mean 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, including but is not limited to Trojan horses, worms and logic bombs.

**Hacking** shall mean unauthorised access to any computer or other equipment or component or system or item which processes, stores, transmits or retrieves data whether **Your** property or not.

# 5) Sonic Bangs

**Damage** caused by pressure waves caused by aircraft or other aerial devices travelling at sonic or supersonic speeds.

# 6) Territorial Limits

Damage, loss, liability or expense arising outside the Territorial Limits.

# 7) Trading Restrictions and Sanctions

**We** shall not be deemed to provide Cover and shall not 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** to any sanction, prohibition or restriction under United Nations resolutions or the trade or economic sanctions, laws or regulations of the

United Kingdom, the European Union or the United States of America.

# 8) Microorganism Exception

Damage, loss, claim, cost, expense or other sum directly or indirectly arising out of or relating to: mould, mildew, fungus, spores or other microorganism of any type, nature, or description, including but not limited to any substance whose presence poses an actual or potential threat to human health. This Exception applies regardless whether there is (i) any physical loss or Damage to Property Insured; (ii) any insured peril or cause, whether or not contributing concurrently or in any sequence; (iii) any loss of use, occupancy, or functionality; or (iv) any action required, including but not limited to repair, replacement, removal, cleanup, abatement, disposal, relocation, or steps taken to address medical or legal concerns.

This Exception replaces and supersedes any provision in the **Policy** that provides insurance, in whole or in part, for these matters.

# 9) Biological or Chemical Materials Exception

Damage, loss, cost or expense of whatsoever nature directly or indirectly caused by, resulting from or in connection with the actual or threatened malicious use of pathogenic or poisonous biological or chemical materials regardless of any other cause or event contributing concurrently or in any other sequence thereto.

## 10) Building Works

Loss, damage, or liability caused by or arising out of **Building Works**.

### 11) Virus, Disease and Pandemic Exclusion

(not applicable to Employers Liability Section)

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary within this policy, within any endorsement to this policy or within any extension to this policy, this policy and its endorsements (if any) and its extensions (if any) exclude any loss, damage, liability, claim, cost or expense (whether such loss, damage, liability, claim, cost or expense has been suffered by an insured or a third party) of whatsoever nature, directly or indirectly caused by, contributed to by, resulting from, arising out of, in connection with, or otherwise in any way directly or indirectly attributable to:

- a) Coronaviruses; and
- b) Coronavirus disease (COVID-19); and
- Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2); and
- d) any mutation of or variation of a), b) or c) above; and
- e) any infectious disease that is designated or treated as a pandemic by the World Health Organisation; and
- f) any fear or anticipation of a), b), c), d) or e) above, regardless of any other cause or event contributing concurrently or in any other sequence thereto.

# 12) Excesses

The amount of any applicable Excess.

# Section 1 Property Damage

# **Definitions**

The following Special Definitions apply to this Section and shall keep the same meaning wherever they appear in bold type in the Section. They should also be read in conjunction with the General Definitions at the start of the **Policy**.

#### **Shop Front**

The whole front, all fixed glass in it, frames and if fixed to the **Building(s)** any shutters, blinds, lettering, ornamenting, alarm foil and fitments belonging to **You** or for which **You** are responsible.

# **Landlords Contents including Common Parts**

- a) fixtures and fittings that do not form part of the structure, furniture and furnishings owned by You or for which You are responsible up to a limit stated in the Schedule
- b) video, audio, building management systems and security equipment, and other similar property belonging to You and for which You are responsible as landlord up to the limit of €5,000 per Premises unless stated otherwise in the Schedule but excluding
  - curios, works of art, antiques, sculptures or rare books where the value of any one article exceeds €1,000
  - 2) property more specifically insured under other insurances
  - partners, directors and Employees personal effects (other than motor vehicles) whilst at the Premises for an amount exceeding €500 any one person.

# Glass

Plain plate, plain sheet, laminated glass and polycarbonate sheeting fixed in windows, doors, fanlights, and rooflights and glass fixed in wall mirrors, shelves, showcases and countercases, including lettering fixed to such glass.

# Cover

We will cover You in respect of Damage to Property Insured occurring during the Period of Insurance at the Premises and caused by each of the following Specified Perils as they appear in the Schedule subject to the Excess.

# **Specified Perils**

#### 1) Fire

but We will not cover You for Damage

- a) caused by explosion resulting from fire
- b) caused by earthquake or subterranean fire
- to that portion of any item of the **Property Insured** caused by its own self ignition, leakage of electricity,
   short circuiting or over running
- d) caused by
  - i) its own spontaneous fermentation or heating
  - ii) its undergoing any heating process or involving the application of heat.

# 2) Lightning.

#### 3) Explosion

but We will not cover You for Damage

- a) caused by the bursting of any boiler, economiser or other vessel machine or apparatus belonging to **You** or under **Your** control in which internal pressure is due to steam only
- to any vessel, machine or apparatus or its contents resulting from the explosion thereof but this shall not exclude **Damage** caused by explosion of any boiler or gas appliance used for domestic purposes only.
- 4) Aircraft and /or other aerial devices and/or articles dropped from them.
- 5) Earthquake.
- 6) Riot, civil commotion, strikers, locked-out workers, or persons taking part in labour disturbances, or malicious persons

but We will not cover You in respect of Damage

- a) arising from the cessation of work
- arising from confiscation or destruction or requisition by order of the Government or any public authority

# 7) Subterranean Fire.

### 8) Storm or Flood

but We will not cover You for Damage

- a) attributable solely to change in the water table level or
- b) caused
  - i) by subsidence, ground heave or landslip
  - ii) by frost

- iii) by felling, lopping, pruning of trees or
- iv) to fences, gates and moveable property in the open or in open sided **Buildings**.
- **9)** Escape of Water from any tank apparatus, pipe or escape of fuel from any fixed oil heating installation but **We** will not cover **You** for **Damage** caused by water discharged or leaking from an automatic sprinkler installation.
- 10) Impact by any animal or road vehicle.
- **11) Accidental Escape of Water** from any Automatic Sprinkler Installation fitted in the **Premises**

but We will not cover You in respect of Damage

- a) caused by explosion, earthquake, subterranean fire or heat caused by fire
- b) caused by repairs, alterations or extensions to the **Buildings** and/or sprinkler installations or
- to the automatic sprinkler installation itself other than such **Damage** caused by water accidentally discharged or leaking from the installation

Subject to the following special condition

- i) when any changes, repairs or alterations to the automatic sprinkler installation(s) are proposed, You must advise Us and obtain Our prior agreement to such repairs, changes or alterations
- ii) We must have access to the Premises at all times for the purpose of inspection and We will notify You of any defects in the construction or condition of the automatic sprinkler installation(s) requiring alteration or repairs. We may also suspend cover under this Specified Peril until such alterations or repairs have been completed to Our approval.
- **12) Theft or attempted Theft** involving entry or exit from the **Buildings** by forcible and violent means

but We will not cover You for Damage

- a) to property in any garden, yard, or paving, trees, plants and landscaping
- b) caused by or through any tenants of the Buildings or any of **Your** partners, directors or **Employees**.

# 13) Accidental Damage

but We will not cover You for

- a) **Damage** caused by or specifically excluded from any of the Specified Perils in this Section
- b) Damage caused by or consisting of
  - i) inherent vice, latent defect, gradual deterioration, change in water table level, frost, wear and tear
  - ii) faulty or defective design or materials, faulty or defective workmanship, operational error or omission by You, Your partners, directors, or Employees, or contracted consultants

but this shall not exclude subsequent **Damage** which itself results from a cause not otherwise excluded

c) Damage caused by or consisting of

- i) corrosion, rust, wet or dry rot, shrinkage, evaporation, loss of weight, dampness, dryness, marring, scratching, vermin or insects
- ii) change in temperature, colour, flavour, texture or finish the action of light or atmosphere
- iii) joint leakage, failure of welds, cracking, fractioning, collapse or overheating of boilers, economisers, super heaters, pressure vessels or any range of steam and feed piping in connection therewith
- iv) mechanical or electrical breakdown, derangement or overloading in respect of the particular machine apparatus or equipment in which such breakdown or derangement originates

but this shall not exclude subsequent **Damage** which itself results from a cause not otherwise excluded

- d) Damage caused by or consisting of
  - settling, shrinkage or expansion of foundations, walls, floors, ceilings or roof settlement or bedding down of new structures or extensions, subsidence, ground heave or landslip
  - ii) unexplained disappearance, unexplained shortage, inventory shortage, misfiling or misplacing of information
- e) Damage to Buildings caused by their own collapse or cracking however We will cover You in respect of such Damage if it results from a Specified Peril and is not otherwise excluded
- f) Damage to
  - i) moveable property in the open by wind, rain, hail, sleet, snow, flood or dust
  - ii) **Property Insured** in transit by air or sea or inland waterway or road
- g) Damage in respect of
  - Buildings or structures in course of construction or erection and materials or supplies in connection with all such construction or erection
  - ii) land, road, pavements, piers, jetties, bridges, culverts or excavations
  - iii) vehicles licensed or intended to be licensed for road use including access ones thereon attached or unattached caravans, trailers, watercraft or aircraft
  - iv) livestock, growing crops or trees
  - v) jewellery, precious stones or precious metals or articles composed of them, bullion, furs, curiosities, rare books or works of art
  - vi) money, or credit cards of any description
  - vii) fixed glass and sanitary ware other than as defined in **Buildings** unless specifically stated in the **Schedule** and the **Damage** is not otherwise excluded
- h) Damage arising from any acts of fraud or dishonesty
- Damage to Property Insured resulting from its undergoing
  - i) any process of production
  - any process of packaging treatment, testing, commissioning, cleaning, servicing, repair or any other similar process.

- **14) Subsidence, Ground Heave or Landslip** of any part of the **Premises** on which the property stands, but **We** will not cover **You** for **Damage**
- a) arising from the settlement or movement of madeup ground or by coastal or river erosion
- b) arising from collapse, cracking, shrinkage, expansion or settlement of **Buildings** or any part thereof
- c) occurring as a result of the construction, demolition, alteration or structural repair of any Buildings/ structures at the Premises
- d) arising from the normal settlement or bedding down of new structures
- e) that has been provided for or would have been but for the existence of this insurance under any contract or a guarantee or by law
- f) commencing prior to the inception of cover under this **Policy**
- g) to forecourts, car parks, roads, pavements, yards, patios, walls, gates, fences, landlords fixtures and fittings, paved areas or footpaths unless **Your Buildings** are damaged by the same cause and at the same time.

# **Basis of Claims Settlement**

We will pay You the value of the Property Insured at the time of its loss or destruction, or the amount of the Damage, or at Our option will reinstate or replace such Property Insured or any part thereof.

The most **We** will pay for any incident of **Damage** is

- a) the Total Sum Insured, or for each item its individual Sum Insured, or any other Limit of Indemnity in this Section whichever is the less at the time of **Damage**
- b) the amount of the Sum Insured or Limit of Indemnity remaining after deduction for any other
   Damage occurring during the same Period of Insurance, unless We agree to reinstate any such Sum Insured or Limit of Indemnity.

# Automatic Reinstatement of Loss

Unless there is written notice by **Us** to the contrary, in consideration of Sums Insured or limits of liability not being reduced by the amount of any claim provided that **You** undertake to pay the appropriate additional premium but will not apply to theft or attempted theft.

# Basis of Claims Settlement Adjustments

Where stated in the **Schedule** the basis of settlement will be adjusted in accordance with the following clauses.

## 1) Reinstatement (Day One)

 a) the amount payable in respect of Buildings and Contents shall be the cost of reinstatement of the property lost, destroyed or damaged

For this purpose Reinstatement means

- the rebuilding or replacement of Property lost or destroyed which, provided Our liability is not increased, may be carried out
  - 1) in any manner suitable to **Your** requirements
  - 2) upon another site
- ii) the repair or restoration of **Property** damaged In either case to a condition equivalent to, or substantially the same as, but no better or more extensive than its condition when new
- You having stated the Sum Insured for each of the said items the premium has been calculated accordingly

'Sum Insured' means **Your** assessment of the cost of reinstatement of the **Property Insured** arrived at in accordance with paragraph 1.a.i at the level of costs applying at the inception of the **Period of Insurance** (ignoring inflationary factors which may operate subsequently) together with insofar as the insurance by the item provides due allowance for

- a) the additional cost of reinstatement to comply with public authority requirements
- b) professional fees
- c) debris removal costs.

# **Special Conditions**

- At inception of each Period of Insurance, You shall notify Us of the Sum Insured of Property Insured. In the absence of such declaration the last amount declared by You will be taken as the Sum Insured for the new Period of Insurance.
- 2) If at the time of Damage the Sum Insured of the Property Insured is less than the cost of reinstatement (as defined in paragraph 1.a.i.) at inception of the Period of Insurance, the amount We pay will be proportionately reduced.
- Our liability for the repair or restoration of Property damaged in part only, shall not exceed the amount which would have been payable if such Property had been wholly destroyed.
- 4) No payment beyond the amount **We** would have paid in the absence of this clause will be made
  - a) unless reinstatement commences and proceeds without unreasonable delay
  - b) until the cost of reinstatement has actually been incurred

- c) where Property Insured at the time of Damage is covered by any other insurance effected by You, or on Your behalf, which is not on the same basis of reinstatement.
- 5) All the terms and conditions of this Section and of the **Policy** shall apply to any claim payable under the provisions of this clause, other than where they are expressly varied by the terms of this clause

# 2) Underinsurance

The Sums Insured by

- a) any items for **Buildings** or Contents subject to the Reinstatement (Day One Basis) Clause are declared to be separately subject to underinsurance as described in Special Condition 2 of such clause
- b) any other items of **Property Insured** (other than any Sum Insured applying solely to Rent, Fees, Removal of Debris) are declared to be separately subject to average. This means if at the time of **Damage** the Sum Insured for any item is less than the value of the item covered by such Sum Insured, the amount **We** pay will be proportionately reduced.

## 3) Contribution

If at the time of any **Damage** there is any other insurance effected by or on behalf of **You** covering any of the **Property Insured** damaged **Our** liability hereunder shall be limited to its rateable proportion of such **Damage**.

# **Section Extensions**

# 1) Architects, Surveyors, Legal and Other Professional Fees

We will pay for any architects, surveyors, consulting engineers and legal fees incurred with Our written consent in connection with the repair or replacement of the damaged parts of the Building Insured. We will not cover any Costs and Expenses for preparing any claim. Liability for such Damage and fees shall not exceed the Sum Insured by each item shown in Your Schedule.

# 2) Capital Additions

We will cover You for

- a) any newly acquired **Buildings** insofar as the same are not otherwise insured
- b) alterations, additions and improvements to the **Buildings** but not in respect of any appreciation in value.

Within the Territorial Limits.

The maximum **We** will pay in respect of any one location under this Extension is

- i) €500,000 in respect of any newly built and/or newly acquired **Buildings**
- ii) €500,000 or 20% of the existing **Buildings** Sum Insured in respect of alterations, additions and improvements to the **Buildings**.

**You** undertake to give particulars of such Capital Additions as soon as practicable but at least within three months and specifically insure such Capital Additions with **Us** from the date **Our** liability commenced and pay the additional premium required.

# 3) Contractors' Interest

Where **You** are required to effect insurance on the **Property Insured** in the joint names of **You** and the contractor under the terms of a contract condition then the interest of the contractor in the **Property Insured** as joint **Policy** holder is hereby noted and **You** must

- a) provide Us with details of any single contract valued in the excess of €100,000 prior to work commencing and
- b) pay an additional premium if required.

# 4) Damage by Emergency Services and to Landscaped Grounds

**We** will cover **You** for the costs incurred as a result of **Damage** at the **Premises** following the operation of any Specified Peril insured under this Section in

- reinstating or repairing landscaped gardens and grounds for which You are responsible caused by the emergency services in the course of carrying out their duties
- restoring landscaped gardens and grounds to their original appearance when first laid out and planted, but excluding costs arising due to the failure of trees, shrubs, plants, turf and the like to germinate or become established

The maximum **We** will pay under this Extension for any one claim is €10,000.

# 5) Drain Clearance

The Sum Insured for each item under **Buildings** extends to include **Costs and Expenses** incurred by **You** and to which **We** agree for cleaning and/or cleaning drains, sewers and gutters for which **You** are responsible and liable following **Damage** as insured by this Section.

The maximum **We** will pay under this Extension for any one claim is €2,500.

# 6) European Union and Public Authorities Clause

Following **Damage** as insured by this Section to each item under **Buildings We** will pay the additional cost of reinstatement as may be incurred solely by reason of the necessity to comply with any

- a) European Union legislation or
- b) building or other regulations under or framed in pursuance of any Act of Parliament or by- laws of any public authority (both of which are herein after referred to as Regulations) in respect of
  - i) the Buildings the subject of the Damage
  - ii) undamaged portions of the Buildings
  - iii) any water supply equipment at the **Premises** supplying the sprinkler installation in undamaged portions of the **Premises**

This Extension does not apply to

- a) The cost incurred in complying with the Regulations
  - i) in respect of **Damage** occurring prior to inception of this **Policy**
  - ii) in respect of **Damage** not insured by this Section
  - iii) under which notice has been served upon **You** prior to the happening of the **Damage**
  - iv) for which there is an existing requirement which has to be implemented within a given period in respect of undamaged **Buildings** or undamaged portions of the **Buildings** other than foundations (unless specifically excluded) of that portion of the **Buildings** the subject of the **Damage**.

- b) The additional cost that would have been required to make good the **Buildings** the subject of the **Damage** to a condition equal to their condition when new had the necessity to comply with the Regulations not arisen
- c) The amount of any charge or assessment arising out of capital appreciation which may be payable in respect of the **Buildings** or by the owner thereof by reason of compliance with Regulations provided that
  - i) the work of reinstatement must be commenced and carried out without unreasonable delay and in any case must be completed within 12 months after the **Damage** or within such further time as **We** may allow (during the said 12 months) and may be earned out upon another site (if the regulations so necessitate) subject to the **Our** liability under this Extension not being thereby increased
  - ii) if **Our** liability under any item of this Section apart from this Extension shall be reduced by the application of any of the terms, conditions and Exceptions of this Section then **Our** liability under this Extension in respect of any such item shall be reduced in like proportion
  - iii) the total amount recoverable under any item of this Section shall not exceed
    - for undamaged portions of the Buildings (other than foundations) 20% of the Sum Insured for that item at the Premises where the Damage occurred
    - 2) for other items, the Sum Insured.

# 7) Eviction of Squatters

We will pay reasonable legal Costs and Expenses payable to a lawyer or other suitably qualified person who has been appointed to act for You with Our prior written agreement in any civil action to evict anyone in the Premises who does not have Your permission to be there.

All legal proceedings will be dealt with by a Court or other body that **We** agree to within Ireland.

# We will not pay Costs and Expenses

- a) for any dispute where the cause of the action arises within 90 days of the inception date of this Extension under this policy
- b) for any dispute where the cause of the action involves **Your** tenant
- c) for any dispute which is recoverable under Section
   3 Property Owners Liability or the optional Legal
   Expenses Section of this Policy
- d) where cover is more specifically insured elsewhere.

The maximum **We** will pay under this Extension for any one claim is €2,500.

# 8) Fire Extinguishers, Sprinklers and Safety Equipment Expenses

**We** will cover **You** in respect of **Costs and Expenses** incurred in refilling, recharging, re-setting or replacing any

- a) portable fire extinguishing appliances
- b) local fire suppression system
- c) fixed fire suppression system
- d) sprinkler installation or sprinkler heads
- e) fire and/or intruder alarm systems
- f) closed circuit television equipment

as a result of **Damage** as insured by this Section.

We will not cover You under this Extension in respect of any Costs and Expenses recoverable from the maintenance company or fire service. If in relation to any claim You have failed to fulfil the following condition You will lose Your right to indemnity or payment for that claim:

**You** must maintain all such equipment in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

The maximum **We** will pay under this Extension for any one claim is €10,000.

# 9) Fixed Glass

Following Damage to fixed Glass, We will pay the cost of

- a) temporary boarding-up of broken **Glass** pending full replacement agreed by **Us**
- removing and re-fixing window fittings and other obstacles to replacing broken Glass and replacing alarm foil on Glass
- c) **Damage** to framework and to Contents caused by broken **Glass**

However **We** will not pay for **Damage** existing prior to inception of this **Policy** and the maximum **We** will pay in any **Period of Insurance** is €5,000

## 10) Fly Tipping

**We** will pay for the reasonable costs of clearing and removing any property illegally deposited in or around the **Buildings** insured under this **Policy**.

We will not pay You in respect of the first €1,000 of each and every loss at each of the Premises.

The maximum **We** will pay under this Extension for any one claim is €5,000.

## 11) Further Investigation

Where a portion of the **Building** has suffered **Damage** and there is a reasonable possibility of **Damage** having occurred to other portions of the same **Building**, which is not immediately apparent **We** will pay

- a) the costs incurred with Our prior agreement in establishing whether or not such Damage has occurred
- costs incurred in establishing whether or not other Buildings insured under this Section have suffered such Damage but only if such Buildings are subsequently found to have suffered such Damage for which We are liable under the Policy.

The maximum **We** will pay under this Extension for any one claim is €5,000.

# 12) Insect Nest Removal

**We** will pay for the cost of removing the nests of wasps, bees or hornets and other insects harmful to humans from the **Premises**.

**We** will not pay the cost of removing such nests that were already in the **Buildings** prior to the inception of the policy.

The most **We** will pay under this Extension for any one claim is €500.

# 13) Loss of Metered Utilities

**We** will pay charges for which **You** are responsible if water, oil, gas or electricity is accidentally discharged from a metered system providing service to the **Premises** as a result of **Damage** insured under this Section.

The maximum **We** will pay under this Extension for any one claim is €2,500.

# 14) Mortgagees and Other Interests

The interest of the Leaseholder(s), Mortgagee(s) and Tenant(s) in the individual portions of the **Property Insured** to which their interest applies is noted such interest to be advised to **Us** in the event of a claim. In addition the interest of **You** or Mortgagee(s) in this insurance shall not be prejudiced by any act or neglect of the occupier(s) or Mortgagor(s) of any **Buildings** hereby insured whereby the risk of **Damage** is increased without the authority or knowledge of **You** or the Mortgagee(s) provided that **You** or Mortgagees shall on becoming aware give notice in writing to **Us** as soon as practicably possible and on demand pay such additional premium as **We** may require.

# 15) Property Temporarily Removed

We will cover You in respect of Damage to Property Insured while temporarily removed for

- 1) cleaning
- 2) renovation
- 3) repair

**We** will not cover **You** for property removed for more than 90 days unless **We** agree a longer period in writing.

The maximum **We** will pay is 20% of the Sum Insured.

# 16) Replacement Locks & Keys

**We** will cover **You** for the cost of replacing locks and keys at the **Premises** following

- a) accidental loss of keys
- b) damage to keys or the locks at the Premises
- theft or attempted theft of keys from the Premises or from Your home or the home of any principal director partner or employee authorised to hold such keys

The maximum **We** will pay under this Extension for any one claim is €3,000.

# 17) Removal of Debris

The Sum Insured for **Buildings** and Contents includes **Costs and Expenses** not exceeding €25,000 incurred with **Our** consent for

- a) removal of debris
- b) dismantling or demolishing
- shoring up or propping of the portion or portions of the **Buildings** sustaining **Damage** by any of the Specified Perils.

We will not cover You under this Extension in respect of Costs and Expenses

- i) incurred in removing debris from anywhere other than the site of the **Damage** and the area adjacent to it
- ii) arising from pollution or contamination of property not insured under this Section
- iii) more specifically insured elsewhere.

# 18) Sale of Building Contracting Purchaser's Interest

If at the time of **Damage** to the **Buildings** by any of the Specified Perils **You** have contracted to sell **Your** interest in such **Buildings** and the purchase is not complete the contracting purchaser shall on completion be entitled to benefit under this insurance without prejudice to **Your** (or **Our**) rights and liabilities up to the date of completion but only to the extent that the purchaser cannot recover the loss from insurance placed elsewhere by him or on his behalf.

# 19) Seventy Two Hour Clause

**Damage** occurring within 72 consecutive hours of and arising from the Specified Perils of storm or flood is deemed to be one claim for the purposes of this Section.

You have the right to select the moment from which the 72 hour period shall be deemed to have commenced within the terms of this Section provided that such **Damage** occurred prior to the expiry of the **Period of Insurance**.

# 20) Sprinkler Installation Upgrading Costs

If, following **Damage**, **We** require the upgrading of any automatic sprinkler installation in order that at the time of its reinstatement such installation will conform to Loss Prevention Council Rules current at the time of reinstatement, **We** will pay the costs incurred by **You** provided that at the time of the **Damage** the installation conformed to the 29th Edition Rules for Automatic Sprinkler Installations issued by the Loss Prevention Council at the time of original installation but did not conform to subsequent amendments to such rules.

The maximum **We** will pay under this Extension for any one claim is €100,000.

# 21) Trace and Access

We will pay Costs and Expenses with Our consent in locating the source of any escape of water from any fixed domestic water services or heating installation or escape of fuel oil including subsequent repair to walls, floors or ceilings provided such Damage is insured by this Section

But We will not cover You

- a) for the cost of repairs to any fixed domestic water services or heating installation
- b) where **Damage** results solely from a change in the water table level.

The maximum **We** will pay under this Extension for any one claim is €10,000.

# 22) Tree Felling and Lopping

We will cover You for the costs incurred in removing or lopping trees by a professionally qualified tree surgeon or tree feller which are an immediate threat to the safety of life or of Damage to the Premises.

We will not cover You for

- a) legal or local authority costs involved in removing trees
- b) costs incurred solely to comply with a Preservation Order.

The maximum **We** will pay under this Extension for any one claim is €1,000.

## 23) Value Added Tax

The insurance by this Section extends to include Value Added Tax paid by **You** (including 'self -supply' Value Added Tax where appropriate) which is not subsequently recoverable provided that

- a) Your liability for such tax arises solely as a result
   of the reinstatement or repair of the Buildings
   following Damage and We have paid or have agreed
   to pay for such Damage
- b) if any payment by Us in respect of the reinstatement or repair of such Damage is less than the actual cost of reinstatement or repair any payment under

- this Extension resulting from that **Damage** will be reduced in like proportion
- Your liability for such tax does not arise from the replacement building having greater floor area than or being better or more extensive than the destroyed or damaged Building
- d) where an option to reinstate on another site is exercised Our liability under this Extension will not exceed the amount of tax that would have been payable had the Building been built on its original site
- e) **Our** liability under this Extension will not include amounts payable by **You** as penalties or Interest for non-payment or late payment of tax.

The following amendments are made to the **Policy** in respect of this Extension only

- for the purposes of any Underinsurance rebuilding costs will be exclusive of Value Added Tax
- 2) **Our** liability may exceed the Sum Insured where such excess is solely in respect of Value Added Tax.

# 24) Fire Brigade Charges

We will cover You in respect of fire brigade attendance charges for the purpose of minimalising Damage caused by fire at the Premises.

The maximum **We** will pay under this Extension for any one claim is €25,000

# **Section Exceptions**

The following exceptions apply to this Section. **We** will not cover **You** under this Section for

# 1) Pollution and Contamination

Damage, caused by or arising from pollution or contamination except (unless otherwise excluded)

Damage to the Property Insured caused by

- a) pollution or contamination which itself results from a Specified Peril
- b) any of the Specified Perils which itself results from pollution or contamination.

#### 2) Portable Heaters

**Damage** caused by or arising from the use of portable heaters at the **Premises**.

# **Section Conditions**

The following conditions apply to this Section

# 1) Reinstatement

If any **Property Insured** by Section 1 is to be reinstated or replaced by **Us You** shall at **Your** own expense provide all such plans, documents, books, and information as may be required.

**We** shall not be bound to reinstate exactly but only as circumstances permit and in a sufficient manner and shall not in any case be bound to expend in respect of any one of the items insured more than its Sum Insured.

# 2) Flat and Felt Roof

It is a condition under this Section in respect of Storm or Flood that any flat or felt roof shall be in a good state of repair and shall have been inspected at least annually by a qualified roofing contractor and any defects brought to light by that inspection shall be repaired immediately and evidence of this inspection kept and produced if required by **Us**.

In the event of a breach of these terms, **We** shall have no liability under this Section, unless **You** show that non-compliance with these terms could not have increased the risk of the loss which had actually occurred in the circumstances in which it occurred.

# Section 2 Loss of Rental Income

# **Definitions**

The following Special Definitions apply to this Section and shall keep the same meaning wherever they appear in bold in the Section. They should also be read in conjunction with the General Definitions at the start of the **Policy**.

# **Indemnity Period**

The period beginning with the occurrence of the **Damage** and ending not later than the **Maximum Indemnity Period** thereafter during which the **Rental Income** shall be affected in consequence thereof.

## **Maximum Indemnity Period**

The period stated in the **Schedule**.

#### **Rental Income**

The money paid or payable to **You** by tenants for rental of the **Premises** and for the services provided in connection with the **Business** at the **Premises**.

# **Calculated Rent**

- a) For occupied Premises or occupied parts of Premises. The amount of the actual annual rent at commencement of the Period of Insurance plus increases as a result of rent reviews known to be due during such Period of Insurance, proportionately increased when the Maximum Indemnity Period exceeds 12 months.
- b) For Premises or parts of Premises that are
  Unoccupied for a period exceeding 30 consecutive
  days. A professional valuation, based upon leases
  expected to be signed or in course of negotiations
  and upon rent of similar Premises in the same
  locality, estimating, at commencement of the
  Period of Insurance, the amount of Rent to be
  payable during such Period of Insurance and during
  related subsequent Periods of Insurance when the
  Maximum Indemnity Period exceeds 12 months.

#### **Loss of Rent**

The amount by which the **Rental Income** during the **Indemnity Period** falls short of the **Rental Income** which would have been received but for the **Damage**.

### **Increased Costs of Working**

The additional expenditure incurred with **Our** consent for the sole purpose of avoiding or diminishing the **Loss of Rent** which but for that expenditure would have taken place during the **Indemnity Period**.

## **Re-letting Costs**

The expenditure incurred with **Our** consenting consequence of **Damage** in re-letting the **Premises**, including legal fees or other charges incurred solely in consequence of such re-letting.

# Cover

We will cover You in respect of Loss of Rent resulting from Damage at the Premises occurring during the Period of Insurance caused by the operation of a Specified Peril under Section 1 of the Policy unless otherwise stated in the Schedule provided that

- payment shall have been made or liability admitted for the **Damage** under Section 1 - Property **Damage** or
- payment would have been made or liability admitted under Section 1 - Property Damage but for the operation of an Excess.

We will also cover You for Increased Costs of Working and Re-letting Costs.

# Basis of Settlement & Limit of Indemnity

The most **We** will pay in total under this Section for any combination of

**Loss of Rent** 

Increased Costs of Working and
Re-letting Costs is the Sum Insured stated on the
Schedule for this Section.

# Basis of Claims Settlement Adjustments

We will not pay for

- a) Increased Costs of Working exceeding the amount of Loss of Rent thereby avoided
- b) legal fees or other charges payable by any new tenant acquired in re-letting **Premises** in consequence of **Damage**
- any amounts saved during the Indemnity Period in respect of any of the charges and expenses of the Business payable out of Rent that may cease or be reduced.

In calculating the amounts **We** will pay **You** as indemnity, adjustments shall be made in accordance with the following clauses.

#### 1) Underinsurance

If the Sum Insured for **Rental Income** is less than the **Calculated Rent**, the amount payable by **Us** to **You** will be proportionately reduced.

## 2) Contribution

If at the time of **Damage** resulting in a claim under this Section there is any other insurance effected by **You** or on **Your** behalf covering such loss or any part of it, **Our** liability under this Section shall be limited to **Our** rateable proportion of such loss.

# **Section Extensions**

The Cover under this Section is extended to include loss resulting from the interruption or interference with the **Business** in consequence of loss, destruction, or **Damage** covered under the following Extensions provided that the liability for any one claim and in the **Period of Insurance** shall not exceed the Sum Insured shown in the **Schedule** for such Extension or the Limit stated therein.

# 1) Auditors and Professional Accountants and Legal Fees

An allowance for auditors, professional accountants and solicitors charges for

- a) producing information We require for investigating any claim
- b) confirming the information is in accordance with **Your Business** books
- c) determining Your contractual rights under any rent cessor clause or insurance break clause contained in the lease may be included within the calculation of Loss of Rent.

# 2) Buildings Awaiting Sale

If at the time of **Damage You** have contracted to sell **Your** interest in the **Buildings** and the sale is cancelled or delayed solely due to the **Damage We** will pay at **Your** option either

- the Loss of Rent receivable from the date of Damage until the Buildings would have been sold or the expiry of the Indemnity Period if earlier or
- 2) the loss in respect of interest from the date the Buildings would have been sold if the Damage had not occurred to the actual date of sale or the expiry of the Indemnity Period if earlier the loss in respect of interest being
  - a) the actual interest incurred on capital borrowed (solely to offset in whole or in part the loss of use of the sale proceeds) for the purpose of financing the **Business**
  - b) the investment interest lost to You on any balance of the sale proceeds (after deduction of any capital borrowed as provided for under paragraph a) above).

less any amount of Rent Receivable. We will also pay additional expenditure being the expenditure incurred with Our prior written consent during the Indemnity Period following Damage solely to avoid or minimise the loss payable under a) and b) above.

# 3) Capital Additions

We will cover You for Loss of Rent, Increased Costs of Working and Re-letting Costs in respect of

- a) any newly acquired **Premises** insofar as the same are not otherwise insured
- alterations, additions and improvements to the Buildings at the Premises but not in respect of any appreciation in value.

within the Republic of Ireland.

The maximum **We** will pay in respect of any one location under this Extension is

- i) €100,000 in respect of **Loss of Rent** for one newly built and/or newly acquired **Premises**
- ii) €100,000 or 20% of the existing Loss of Rent Sum Insured whichever is lower in respect of alterations additions and Improvements to Buildings at the Premises.

**You** undertake to give particulars of such Capital Additions as soon as practicable but at least within three months and specifically insure such Capital Additions with **Us** from the date **Our** liability commenced and pay the additional premium required.

# 4) Disease, Murder and Defective Sanitation

**We** will cover **You** for closure of the Premises by Public Authorities following:

- a) the occurrence of the following diseases: Acute Encephalitis, Acute Poliomyelitis, Anthrax, Chickenpox, Cholera, Diphtheria, Dysentery, Legionellosis, Legionnaires Disease, Leprosy, Leptospirosis, Malaria, Measles, Meningococcal Infection, Mumps, Opthalmia Neonatorum, Paratyphoid Fever, Bubonic Plague, Rabies, Rubella, Scarlet Fever, Smallpox, Tetanus, Tuberculosis, Typhoid Fever, Viral Hepatitis, Whooping Cough or Yellow Fever, at the Premises;
- b) murder or suicide at the Premises
- c) food poisoning or drink poisoning at the Premises
- d) defective sanitary arrangements or vermin or pests other than the deliberate act of any supply undertaking to withhold the supply of water at the Premises.

We will not cover You under this Extension in respect of

- i) costs incurred in cleaning, repair replacement recall
- i) or checking of property
- ii) losses arising from premises other than those directly affected by the occurrence
- iii) any other loss in respect of reduction in **Rental Income**.

Our liability under this Extension shall only apply for the period beginning with the occurrence of the loss and ending no later than three months thereafter during which the results of the Business shall be affected in consequence of the closure. Our liability under this Extension will not exceed €50,000 in the aggregate in any one Period of Insurance.

# 5) Legionella

We will cover You in respect of reduction in Rental Income, for a maximum period of 3 months, as a result of any outbreak of legionellosis at the Premises causing restrictions on the use of the Premises on the order or advice of the competent authority, provided that; You ensure that the Premises comply at all times with the National Guidelines for the Control of Legionellosis in Ireland 2009 or any supplementary replacement or amending Guidelines.

The maximum **We** will pay under this Extension for any one claim and in the aggregate for all claims in any one **Period of Insurance** is €25,000 unless otherwise stated in the **Schedule**.

# 6) Loss of Attraction

We will cover You for a maximum period of 3 months for Damage to property in the immediate vicinity of the Premises causing a fall in the number of tenants attracted to the Premises, provided that for the purpose of this Extension Damage shall exclude obstruction of roads, streets and the like by weather or climatic conditions.

The maximum **We** will pay under this Extension for any one claim and in the aggregate for all claims in any one **Period of Insurance** is €50,000.

# 7) Managing Agents Premises

The insurance by each item on Rent Receivable is extended to include loss as insured by this Section resulting solely from **Damage** to **Buildings** or other property at any location within the **Territorial Limits** owned or occupied by **Your** managing agents for the purposes of their business in consequence of which the Rent Receivable by **You** is reduced.

The maximum **We** will pay under this Extension for any one claim shall not exceed 10% of the Sum Insured by the relevant item or €250,000 whichever is the less.

# 8) Prevention of Access

We will cover You in respect of Damage to property in the vicinity of the Premises as a result of Damage caused by any of the Specified Perils insured under Section 1 of this Policy which prevents or hinders use of or access to the Premises whether the Premises have been damaged or not. Our liability under this Extension will not exceed €100,000 for any one loss.

# 9) Public Utilities- Water, Gas or Electricity

In the event of accidental failure of **Your** public supply of electricity, gas or water at the terminal ends of **Your** suppliers' service feeders to the **Premises We** will cover **You** for any reduction in **Rental Income** resulting therefrom, however **We** will not cover **You** under this Extension in respect of

- a) accidental failure which lasts less than 4 hours
- a deliberate act of the supply undertaking unless for the sole purpose of safeguarding life or protecting any part of the supply undertaking system
- accidental failure caused by the exercise of any supply authority's power to withdraw or restrict supply or services
- d) any industrial action
- e) drought or other weather conditions unless equipment has been damaged
- f) Premises other than in Republic of Ireland.

The maximum **We** will pay under this Extension for any one claim is €50,000 unless otherwise stated in the **Schedule**.

# 10) Seventy Two Hours Clause

**Damage** occurring within 72 consecutive hours of and arising from the Specified Perils of storm or flood is deemed to be one claim for the purposes of this Section.

You have the right to select the moment from which the 72 hour period shall be deemed to have commenced within the terms of this Section provided that such **Damage** occurred prior to the expiry of the **Period of Insurance**.

# 11) Telecommunications

In the event of accidental failure of the public supply of telecommunication services at the incoming line terminals or receivers at the **Premises We** will cover **You** in respect of any reduction in **Rental Income** resulting therefrom, however **We** will not cover **You** in respect of accidental failure

- a) lasting less than 24 consecutive hours
- caused by any industrial action or other deliberate act of the supply undertaking unless for the sole purpose of safeguarding life or protecting any part of the supply undertaking system
- c) caused by the exercise of any supply authority's power to withdraw or restrict supply or services
- d) caused by atmospheric or other weather conditions unless equipment has been damaged caused by those conditions
- e) other than in Republic of Ireland
- f) caused by failure of any satellite.

The maximum **We** will pay under this Extension for any one claim is €50,000 unless otherwise stated in the **Schedule.** 

# 12) Value Added Tax

To the extent that **You** are accountable to the tax authorities for Value Added Tax all terms in this Section shall be exclusive of such tax.

# 13) Payments on Account

We will make payments on account during the Indemnity Period if liability has been finally settled and determined, if You so request, subject to any adjustment at the end of the Indemnity Period.

# **Section Exceptions**

The following exceptions apply to this Section. **We** will not indemnify **You** under this Section for

# 1) Pollution and Contamination

**Damage**, loss or destruction caused by or arising from pollution or contamination except (unless otherwise excluded) **Damage** caused by

- a) Pollution or contamination which itself results from a Specified Peril
- b) any of the Specified Perils which itself results from pollution or contamination.

# Section 3 Property Owners Liability

# Cover

We will cover You against legal liability to pay compensation and Claimant's Costs in respect of accidental

- a) Bodily Injury to any person other than an Employee
- b) loss or **Damage** to tangible property
- obstruction, trespass, nuisance or interference with any right of way, air, light or water or other easement
- d) wrongful arrest, detention, imprisonment or eviction of any person or invasion of the right of privacy

Occurring within the **Territorial Limits** during the **Period of Insurance** and happening in connection with the **Business**.

We will also pay Defence costs.

# **Limit of Indemnity**

Our liability for all damages including Costs and Expenses payable as a result of any one event or series of events consequent upon one source or original cause shall not exceed the Limit of Indemnity stated in the Schedule.

# Contribution

If at the time of any **Bodily Injury** or **Damage** there is any other insurance effected by or on behalf of **You** covering any of **Your** legal liabilities **Our** liability hereunder shall be limited to its rateable proportion of such **Damage**.

# **Section Extensions**

# 1) Compensation for Court Attendance

In the event of any of the under mentioned persons attending court as a witness at **Our** request in connection with a claim in respect of which **You** are entitled to cover under this Section **We** will provide compensation to **You** at the following rates per day for each day on which attendance is required

- a) any of **Your** directors or partners €500
- b) any of Your Employees €250.

# 2) Consumer Protection and Food Safety Acts - Prosecutions

We will cover You and if You so request Your partners, directors or Employees in the terms of this Section in respect of Defence Costs in connection with any criminal proceedings or an appeal against conviction arising from such proceedings brought in respect of any offence under

- a) Consumer Protection Legislation or
- b) Food Safety Legislation

committed or alleged to have been committed during the **Period of Insurance** in connection with the **Business** provided that **We** shall have the conduct and control of all the said proceedings and appeals.

We will not pay for

- a) fines or penalties of any kind
- b) proceedings or appeals in respect of any deliberate act or omission
- c) Costs and Expenses insured by any other policy.

# 3) Cross Liabilities

If more than one entity is referred to in the **Schedule** each entity so named shall be considered as a separate and distinct entity and the words **You/Your** shall be construed as applying to each separate entity in the same manner as if a separate policy had been issued to each one. Provided always that **Our** liability for all compensation and **Costs and Expenses** payable as a result of any one event or series of events consequent upon one source or original cause shall not exceed in the aggregate the Limit of Indemnity stated in the **Schedule**.

# 4) Data Protection Act

**We** will cover **You** in respect of liability and **Defence Costs** arising under the Data Protection Act 2018 to pay compensation for **Damage** or distress provided that

- a) the process of registration under the above Act has been commenced or completed by **You** and the application has not been refused or withdrawn
- b) no liability arises as a result of You acting as Data Processor.

We shall not be liable in respect of

- the recording or provision of data for reward or for determining the financial status of any person
- any liability which arises as a result of Your deliberate act or omission and which could reasonably have been expected by You having regard to the nature and circumstances of such act or omission.

Our total liability including all Costs and Expenses in this respect shall not exceed €250,000 during any one Period of Insurance.

For the purposes of this Extension the phrases or words 'Data Processor' and 'Data' shall carry the same meaning as defined under the Data Protection Act 2018.

# 5) Health and Safety at Work - Prosecution

**We** will cover **You** and if **You** so request any of **Your** partners, directors or **Employees** within the terms of this Section in respect of

- a) Defence Costs
- b) Prosecution Costs

in connection with criminal proceedings or an appeal against conviction arising from such proceedings brought in respect of any offence under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 or the Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, or other similar safety legislation, committed or alleged to have been committed by **You**, **Your** directors, partners or **Employees** during the **Period of Insurance** in connection with the **Business**.

#### Provided that

- i) the proceedings relate to the health, safety or welfare of any person other than, an **Employee**
- ii) **We** shall have the conduct and control of all the said proceedings and appeals.
- iii) We will not pay for
  - a) Fines or penalties of any kind
  - b) Proceedings or appeals in respect of any deliberate act or omission
  - Costs and Expenses insured by any other insurance.

# 6) Indemnity to Principal

We will at Your request cover any principal to the extent required by the contract between You and the principal in respect of liability arising from the performance of work by You for such principal, provided that

- a) We retain sole conduct and control of any claim
- the principal will observe, fulfil and be subject to the terms, conditions, Exceptions and limits of this Policy insofar as they can apply.

# 7) Leased or Rented Premises

Despite Section Exception 2 b. **We** will cover **You** in respect of legal liability for **Damage** to **Premises** leased or rented to **You** provided that this Extension shall not apply to

- a) liability arising under agreement unless legal liability would have attached to You in the absence of such agreement
- b) the first €500 in respect of any claim caused otherwise than by fire or explosion.

# 8) Motor Contingent Liability (Non-Owned)

We will cover You in respect of liability arising out of the use of any motor vehicle not belonging to or provided by You and being used in the course of the Business anywhere within the Territorial Limits

This section does not cover liability

- a) in respect of **Damage** to the vehicle or any property contained within it
- b) incurred by any party other than **You** or with **Your** consent by any person who does not hold a licence to drive such a vehicle
- c) which is insured or would but for the existence of this Section be insured under any other insurance.

# 9) Overseas Personal Liability

We will cover You and if You so request any of Your directors partners or Employees or spouse of such person normally resident within the Territorial Limits against legal liability incurred in the course of any journey or temporary visit to any other country made in connection with the Business

The indemnity will not apply

- a) to legal liability arising out of the ownership or occupation of land or **Buildings**
- b) in respect of which any person referred to above is entitled to indemnity under any other insurance.

# **Section Exceptions**

**We** will not cover **You** under this Section in respect of legal liability arising out of

- 1) Bodily Injury to any Employee.
- 2) Damage to
  - a) property belonging to You
  - b) property which is leased, let, rented, hired or lent to or which is the subject of a bailment to **You**.
- 3) **Bodily Injury**, loss or **Damage** arising in connection with work **Offshore**.
- 4) Fines, penalties, liquidated, punitive, exemplary or aggravated damages.
- 5) **Damage** caused by pollution or contamination other than pollution or contamination caused by a sudden identifiable, unintended and unexpected incident which takes place in its entirety at a specific time and place during the **Period of Insurance**.
- 6) **Damage** caused by or in connection with or arising out of the ownership, possession or use by **You** or on **Your** behalf of any
  - a) aircraft, hovercraft or watercraft
  - b) mechanically-propelled vehicle or trailer attached thereto.
- Any professional advice, design, formula or specification provided by **You** or on **Your** behalf for a fee.

- 8) Any **Product** which is incorporated in with **Your** specific knowledge or results in the grounding of any aircraft, aero-spatial or aerial device.
- 9) All liability arising in the United States of America its territories and possessions Puerto Rico or Canada or arising out of any action or suit brought in a court of law within the jurisdiction of the United States of America its territories and possessions Puerto Rico or Canada or where such action or suit is brought in a court of law outside those countries to enforce a judgement therein whether by way of reciprocal agreement or otherwise
- 10) **Damage** to property in **Your** charge, custody or control other than
  - a) personal effects and vehicles of **Your** partners, directors, **Employees** or visitors
  - b) premises (and their contents) not belonging, leased, rented or hired to You but temporarily in Your charge, custody or control for the purpose of carrying out work.
- 11) Asbestos including but not limited to
  - a) exposure to
  - b) inhalation of
  - c) fears of the consequence of exposure to or inhalation of
  - d) the costs incurred by anyone in repairing, removing, replacing, rectifying, reinstating or managing (including those of any persons under any statutory duty to manage) any property arising out of the presence of **Asbestos**, including any product containing **Asbestos**.
- 12) Any liability in respect of manual work performed by **You** or on **Your** behalf away from **Your Premises** other than collection or delivery.
- 13) Liability arising from any car parks under Your control unless they are free from defects, well-lit and clearly display a disclaimer notice stating that the management cannot accept responsibility for loss or Damage of property or vehicles in the car park
- 14) The amount of any Excess specified in the Schedule.

# Section 4 Employers Liability

# Cover

We will cover You against legal liability to pay compensation and Claimant's Costs in respect of Bodily Injury sustained by any Employee caused during the Period of Insurance within the Territorial Limits and arising out of their employment

We will also pay Defence Costs.

# **Limit of Indemnity**

Our liability for all compensation, and Costs and Expenses in respect of or arising out of any one event or all events of a series consequent on one original cause will not exceed the Limit of Indemnity stated in the Policy Schedule.

# Contribution

If at the time of any **Bodily Injury** or **Damage** there is any other insurance effected by or on behalf of **You** covering any of **Your** legal liabilities **Our** liability hereunder shall be limited to its rateable proportion of such **Damage**.

# Right of Recovery

The cover provided under this Section is deemed to be in accordance with the provisions of any law relating to compulsory insurance of liability to **Employees** in the Republic of Ireland.

**You** must repay to **Us** all sums paid by **Us** that **We** would not have been liable to pay but for the provisions of such law.

# **Section Extensions**

# 1) Compensation for Court Attendance

In the event of the under mentioned persons attending court as a witness at **Our** request in connection with a claim in respect of which **You** are entitled to indemnity under this Section **We** will provide compensation to **You** at the following rates per day for each day on which attendance is required

- a) any of Your directors or partners €500
- b) any of Your Employees €250.

# 2) Health and Safety at Work Prosecutions

**We** will cover **You** and if **You** so request any of **Your** partners, directors or **Employees** within the terms of this Section in respect of

- a) Defence Costs
- b) Prosecution Costs

in connection with criminal proceedings or an appeal against conviction arising from such proceedings brought in respect of any offence under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, the Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978, the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005,or other similar safety legislation, committed or alleged to have been committed by **You**, **Your** directors, partners or **Employees** during the **Period of Insurance** in connection with the **Business**.

Provided that

- The proceedings relate to the health, safety, or welfare of any Employee
- ii) **We** shall have the conduct and control of all the said proceedings and appeals.

We will not pay for

- i) Fines or penalties of any kind
- ii) Proceedings or appeals in respect of any deliberate act or omission
- iii) **Costs and Expenses** insured by any other insurance policy.

# 3) Indemnity to Principal

**We** will at **Your** request cover any principal to the extent required by the contract between **You** and the principal in respect of liability arising from the performance of work by **You** for such principal, provided that

- a) We retain sole conduct and control of any claim
- b) The principal will observe, fulfil and be subject to the terms, conditions, exceptions and limits of this Policy insofar as they can apply.

# 4) Unsatisfied Court Judgments

Where a Judgement for damages has been obtained by any **Employee** or the legal personal representatives of any **Employee**:

- a) in respect of Injury sustained by the Employee arising out of and in the course of employment by You in the Business during the Period of Insurance; or
- against any company or individual, other than You, operating from or resident in premises within the Republic of Ireland and
- c) such Judgement remains unsatisfied in whole or in part six (6) months after the date of judgement;

then at **Your** request **We** will pay to the **Employee** or the said legal personal representatives the amount of any such damages and any awarded costs to the extent that they remain unsatisfied.

## Provided that:

- i) there is no appeal outstanding;
- ii) if any payment is made by Us the Employee or the said legal personal representatives shall assign the Judgement to Us;
- iii) the legal proceedings (in which the Judgement was obtained) were commenced during the **Period of Insurance** in order to receive such damages;
- iv) **We** would have covered **Your** liability if the claim had been made under this Section;
- You notified Us that the Employee intends to commence proceedings and We agree to provide cover in respect of those proceedings;
- vi) the Judgement is made by any Court of Law in the Republic of Ireland or the European Union; and
- vii) **Our** liability for damages costs and expenses shall not exceed the amount stated as the Limit of Liability in the **Schedule**.

# **Section Exceptions**

# 1) Work Away Exclusion

This Section does not cover liability arising out of manual work performed by **You** or on **Your** behalf away from **Your Premises** other than collection or delivery.

# 2) Offshore

We shall not provide indemnity against liability in respect of **Bodily Injury** to any **Employee** arising **Offshore**.

# 3) Road Traffic

Liability in respect of which compulsory insurance or security is required to be arranged by **You** under any Road Traffic Act or similar legislation.

# Section 5 Legal Expenses

This insurance is administered by MIS Underwriting Ltd and underwritten by AmTrust International Underwriters DAC, Registered in Ireland. Company No. 169384 is authorised and regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland. Registered office: 6-8 College Green, Dublin 2, Ireland.

In the event of a valid claim under this insurance, **We** will appoint **Our** panel solicitors, or their agents, to handle **Your** case. **You** are not covered for any other legal representatives' fees unless court proceedings are issued or a conflict of interest arises.

Claims must be reported to **Us** within 180 days of the **Insured Incident** other than in relation to **Tenant** Eviction where claims must be submitted within 45 days of the **Insured Incident**. Notification will only be deemed to have been made upon receipt by **Us** of a fully completed claim form accompanied with all requested supporting documentation. Failure to notify the claim within this time will invalidate the insurance.

The insurance covers **Advisers' Costs** up to the **Limit of Indemnity** where:-

- a) The Insured Incident takes place in the Insured
  Period and within the Territorial Limits and
- b) The **Proceedings** take place in the **Territorial Limits**.

# **Definitions**

# You / Your

The individual(s), company or companies or organisation(s) defined in the **Tenancy Agreement** as the 'Landlord' and shown in the insurance schedule as the policyholder, declared to and accepted by **Us** and for which the premium has been paid.

#### **Advisers' Costs**

Reasonable legal fees incurred by the **Adviser** up to the hourly rate shown in **Our** fee scale ruling at the time the **Adviser** is instructed and disbursements essential to **Your** case. Legal costs shall be assessed on the standard basis and third party's costs shall be covered if awarded against **You** and paid on the standard basis of assessment.

# **Proceedings**

The pursuit of civil legal cases for damages or injunctions and the defence of criminal prosecutions.

#### **Limit of Indemnity**

The maximum payable in respect of an insured incident. Prosecution Defence for Employers and Employees €25,000 any one claim
Contract €25,000 any one claim
Debt Recovery €25,000 any one claim
Tax Disputes €25,000 any one claim
All other sections €50,000 any one claim.

#### **Insured Incident**

The incident or the first of a series of incidents which may lead to a claim under this insurance.

Only one **Insured Incident** shall be deemed to have arisen from all causes of action, incidents or events that are related by cause or time.

#### **Territorial Limits**

The United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland.

## **Insured Period**

The period of insurance shown in the insurance schedule.

# We/Us/Our

MIS Underwriting Limited who administer claims under this insurance on behalf of the **Underwriters**.

#### Adviser

**Our** panel solicitor, their agents or other appropriately qualified person, firm or company appointed by **Us** to act for **You**.

## **Underwriters**

This insurance is administered by MIS Underwriting Ltd and underwritten by AmTrust International Underwriters DAC, Registered in Ireland. Company No. 169384 is authorised and regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland. Registered office: 6-8 College Green, Dublin 2, Ireland.

## **Deposit**

The sum of money collected from the **Tenant** in respect of a **Tenancy Agreement** to which it applies and held by **You** or **Your** agent as an indemnity for losses incurred by **You** arising from the **Tenant** failing to perform his obligations set out in the **Tenancy Agreement**. A minimum amount equal to one month's **Rent** must be retained as the **Deposit**.

# **Dilapidations Inventory**

A full and detailed inventory of **Your** contents and their condition within the **Insured Property** which has been signed by the **Tenant**.

## **Tenancy Agreement**

A **Tenancy Agreement** between **You** and the **Tenant** in relation to the **Insured Property** which is: -

- a) an Assured Shorthold Tenancy Agreement as defined within the Housing Act 1988 (as amended) or its equivalent outside of England and Wales but within the Territorial Limits, or
- b) a Company Residential Tenancy (Company Let) created after 28th February 1997 where the **Tenant** is a public limited company (plc) or limited company (Ltd) or its equivalent outside of England and Wales but within the **Territorial Limits** and the **Insured Property** is let purely for residential purposes of the **Tenant's** employees and their family, or
- c) a written common law residential tenancy agreement created after 28th February 1997 between individuals where the **Rent** is in excess of €100,000 per annum or its equivalent outside of England and Wales but within the **Territorial Limits**, and which is: -
- d) Appropriate for the tenancy; and
  - Where relevant, signed and independently witnessed by You, the Tenant(s) and if required as a condition of the Tenant Reference, the Guarantor; and
  - vi) Free from any unreasonably restrictive covenants

If the **Tenancy Agreement** is for a commercial **Tenant** it must be compliant with the Landlord and **Tenant** Act 1954 (Part 2) or its equivalent outside of England and Wales.

The **Tenancy Agreement** must be for a fixed term of no more than 12 months.

#### **Tenant**

The occupier of the **Insured Property** named in the **Tenancy Agreement** as the **Tenant** who has received a **Tenant Reference**.

#### **Tenant Reference**

A credit check against the **Tenant** and any **Guarantor** obtained from a licensed credit referencing company showing no County Court Judgments, in the past three years and no outstanding County Court Judgments, together with copies of two forms of identification, one of which must contain a photograph, and a written employers' reference on company letter headed paper confirming their permanent and current employment and that their gross monthly salary is at least a multiple of 2.5 of the **Tenant's Rent**. If all of the above are not available or in the case of student tenants or tenants receiving any income or housing related government benefit, a full **Tenant Reference** showing a Pass on the **Tenant** and **Guarantor** must be obtained from **Our** approved **Tenant** Referencing Company.

#### Rent

The monthly amount payable by the **Tenant** to **You** as set out in the **Tenancy Agreement**.

# **Insured Property**

The insured property shown in the Insurance schedule and declared to **Underwriters**.

### Guarantor

The individual or organisation assigned to the **Tenancy Agreement** that has received a **Tenant Reference** and provided a financial guarantee of the **Tenant's** performance of his obligations under the **Tenancy Agreement**.

## **Policy Excess**

The amount that **You** are required to pay towards any claim.

- Tenant Eviction non-residential only: €250
- Contract: €250
- Debt Recovery: €250
- All other sections: Nil

#### **Legal Helpline**

The service provided by **Our** panel solicitors on **Our** behalf which enables **You** to obtain advice on any matter which may give rise to a claim under this insurance.

#### Revenue

The Office of the Revenue Commissioners in Ireland.

### **Employee**

Any person under a contract of service with **You** in connection with the business or its premises insured under this policy.

#### Director

Your Director(s) including executive officers.

#### **Data Protection Legislation**

The relevant Data Protection Legislation in force within the **Territorial Limits** where this cover applies at the time of the **Insured Event**.

# Cover

# **Tenant Eviction**

#### What is insured

You are covered for Advisers' Costs to pursue eviction Proceedings against a Tenant or Guarantor to recover possession of the Insured Property where the Tenant fails to perform his obligations set out in the Tenancy Agreement relating to the rightful occupation of the Insured Property.

# What is not insured

- Where You fail to provide evidence that You successfully completed a Tenant Reference on the Tenant (and Guarantor if required) prior to the start of the Tenancy Agreement or where the Tenancy Agreement started more than 31 days after the Tenant Reference
- Arising from or connected to Your performance of Your obligations under the Tenancy Agreement
- Where the amount in dispute in relation to a nonresidential Tenancy Agreement falls within the Small Claims Court limit applicable at the date of the Insured Incident.
- Arising from dilapidations unless the missing or damaged items were contained within a Dilapidations Inventory
- Falling within the jurisdiction of the Rent
   Assessment Committee, the Lands Tribunal or the
   Leasehold Valuation Tribunal or their equivalent
   outside of England and Wales but within the
   Territorial Limits
- Relating to the payment or non-payment of service charges as defined within the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985 (amended) or any equivalent Act outside England and Wales but within the Territorial Limits
- Where the **Tenant** is not aged 18 years or over
- Where You have allowed the Tenant into possession of the Insured Property before the Tenancy Agreement has been signed by all parties, a Tenant Reference has been obtained, all necessary statutory pre-grant notices to the Tenant have been issued, the first month's Rent and the Deposit have been received in cash or cleared funds and the Dilapidations Inventory has been signed by the Tenant
- Where You have failed to keep full and up to date rental records or have allowed the Tenancy Agreement to be transferred to any other individual or organisation unless all other terms of the insurance have been complied with
- If You or Your agent gave any false or misleading information when You applied for the Tenant Reference

- Where the Tenant received a Tenant Reference subject to a Guarantor and the Guarantor was not correctly assigned to the Tenancy Agreement
- Where You are in breach of any rules, regulations or legislation relating to the Deposit
- In relation to dilapidations by the Tenant to the Insured Property or its contents where You have a policy of insurance that covers the dilapidations
- Relating to any occupant of the Insured Property over the age of 18, other than the Tenant
- Arising because a non-residential Tenancy
   Agreement is due to end or where the Insured
   Incident relates to the renewal of a non-residential
   Tenancy Agreement.
- Where Advisers' Costs have been incurred as a result of Your failure to follow the advice of the Adviser or arising from Your failure to take any action recommended by Us or the Adviser to recover possession of the Insured Property as promptly as possible

Disbursements incurred by the **Adviser** are not covered in relation to a non-residential **Tenancy Agreement** unless **We** have agreed to cover these at **Our** absolute discretion.

# **Property Infringement**

### What is insured

**Proceedings** for nuisance or trespass against the person or organisation infringing **Your** legal rights in relation to the **Insured Property**.

The nuisance or trespass must have commenced at least 180 days after **You** first purchased this insurance.

# What is not insured Claims

Arising from a dispute relating to a Tenancy
 Agreement or any other lease or licence to occupy property or land.

# **Criminal Prosecution**

#### What is insured

You are covered for Advisers' Costs to defend Proceedings brought against You as a result of a prosecution in a court of criminal jurisdiction where You are charged for committing a criminal offence directly and solely arising from Your ownership of the Insured Property.

**You** must take all reasonable steps to comply with the Regulations and keep evidence of compliance.

# What is not insured

#### Claims

- Arising from something You have done, knowing it to be wrongful or ignoring that possibility.
- Non-payment of business rates or debts.
- Your tax, VAT or PAYE contributions or returns.

# Prosecution Defence for Employers and Employees

## What is insured

# Advisers' Costs incurred by:

- a) You arising from any act or omission or alleged act or omission - which leads to Your prosecution in a court of criminal jurisdiction
- You arising from appeals by You against the service of improvement and prohibition notices under Health and Safety legislation
- Your Employee (including Directors), concerning any matter arising out of his or her duties as Your Employee arising from any act or omission, or alleged act or omission, which leads to the prosecution of Your Employee in a court of criminal jurisdiction

# What is not insured

## **Claims**

- Arising from deliberate discrimination by You, or an Employee (including Directors) amounting to an act of unlawful discrimination
- For criminal prosecutions brought under Health and Safety legislation
- For damages, compensation, interest, fines, costs or other penalties that You are ordered to pay by a court of criminal jurisdiction
- Arising from a motor prosecution
- Arising from Your prosecution alleging:
  - a) Intentional obstruction of a person in the execution of a warrant issued under the Data Protection Legislation by You or by an Employee
  - Arising from Your, or an Employees failure to give a person executing such a warrant the assistance they reasonably require for its execution
- Arising from prosecutions of Employees for matters which do not relate to their duties as Your Employees

# Contract

#### What is insured

Advisers' Costs arising from any dispute between You and a customer or supplier about a contract for the supply of goods or services entered into after the start of the first Insured Period and where the total amount in dispute, or the amount due to be paid at the time of the dispute, is at least €250 but no more than €5,000.

### What is not insured

#### Claims

- For any Insured Incident which occurs within 90 days of the start of the first Insured Period
- For the recovery of a debt from a customer where the customer does not dispute that the money is owed to You
- or any dispute You may have as a landlord or a tenant in connection with a lease or licence or tenancy agreement
- For professional negligence
- For the defence of any matter which should be covered under a professional indemnity insurance
- Arising from the sale, lease, service, repair or test of a motor vehicle
- Arising from a dispute over a financial services product, including payments which may be due under an insurance policy
- Arising from a dispute with an Employee or former Employee arising from a contract of employment
- Arising from any licence or franchise agreements

# **Debt Recovery**

# What is insured

Advisers' Costs incurred in order to recover money and interest due arising from a contract for the sale or supply of goods or services entered into after the start of the first Insured Period and where the total amount in dispute, or the amount due to be paid at the time of the dispute, is at least €250 but no more than €5,000.

# What is not insured

## **Claims**

- Occurring within 90 days of the start of the first Insured Period
- Relating to a lease or licence or tenancy agreement
- Arising from the purchase, sale, lease, service, repair or test of a Motor Vehicle
- Relating to a financial services product, including payments which may be due under an insurance policy

- Arising from a dispute over the purchase, sale, lease, provision, service or repair of computer hardware, software, systems or services
- For the recovery of any amount due which the other party disputes on the basis of a defence.

# Tax Disputes

# What is insured

**Advisers' Costs** incurred by **You** and arising directly from:

- a) Revenue Queries Enquiries and Disputes
  - A full or aspect enquiry by Revenue into Your corporation tax return following the issue of formal notification by Revenue
  - Any challenge in writing by Revenue of the accuracy or completeness of returns submitted in accordance with the PAYE regulations following a compliance check or routine inspection undertaken by Revenue into the operation of PAYE.
  - An enquiry conducted into the employment status of Your Employees under the PAYE and/or NIC Regulations or Part 2, Chapter 8 of Income Tax (Earnings & Pensions) Act 2003 (IR35).

### **VAT Disputes**

- A dispute following a compliance check or routine inspection undertaken by Revenue of Your VAT record-keeping.
- An enquiry held under Section 60 or 61 of the VAT Act 1994 or any matters handled by the National Investigations Service of Revenue providing that at the culmination of such investigation it is proved that You were not found guilty of dishonesty, fraud or fraudulent intent.

# What is not insured

- a) Involving criminal proceedings or alleged fraudulent evasion of tax, and any case dealt with by Special Civil Investigations Office, Boards Investigation Unit of any special office of Revenue
- Arising from or relating to attendance at a compliance and/or control review or routine inspection undertaken by **Revenue** (PAYE/Social Insurance Contributions and/or VAT)
- c) Where deliberate misstatements have been made in respect of accounts, returns or any other submissions made to the relevant authorities
- d) Where **You** have failed to give **Your** business status to the relevant authorities within a statutory period
- e) Which originate from any enquiry, investigation or dispute which existed before the first **Insured Period**

- f) Involving tax or National Insurance contributions avoidance schemes
- g) Which occurs during the first 60 days of the first Insured Period
- h) Where **You** have failed to maintain or submit accurate, truthful and up to date records, or where returns have not been submitted within statutory time limits or requirements
- i) Arising from a dispute as to whether an Employee's remuneration should fall under either PAYE or sub-contract rules
- j) In respect of any dispute arising under minimum wage or tax credit / relief legislation
- k) In any claim where the policyholder has adopted a tax avoidance scheme.
- I) In respect of the preparation or rectification of self-assessment tax returns, accounts, end-ofyear expenses and benefits forms, summaries of all deductions applied to **Employees** during the previous tax year, VAT returns or any other statutory returns or for any professional fees incurred for the routine presentation of **Your** affairs, including the reconciliation of annual accounts with VAT returns.

#### **Professional Costs and Expenses**

- a) Incurred in dealing with technical or routine matters not connected with or arising out of an expression of dissatisfaction with **Your** affairs
- b) Incurred in dealing with any deficiencies in books, records, accounts or returns including the costs of repairing a return
- c) Arising after **You** receive a notice telling **You** that the enquiry has been completed
- d) Arising from or relating to a Tax Tribunal

# **Conditions applicable to Tax Disputes**

- a) You must have maintained and must continue to maintain accurate, truthful and up to date records and make returns in accordance with statute and account conventions acceptable to Revenue and other agencies and have made all returns and payments except those which are disputed and provided information to these bodies where applicable
- You must contact the Legal Helpline as soon as possible after the Insured Incident and comply with the advice given
- You or the Adviser should notify Us by contacting the Legal Helpline as soon as possible if You receive any invitation by Revenue to make an offer in settlement
- d) In respect of Revenue enquiries, the Adviser must provide a copy of the Revenue notice of enquiry and a copy of the return giving rise to the enquiry.

# **General Exclusions**

#### 1) There is no cover:-

- Where the Insured Incident occurs within the first 90 days of the Insured Period where the Tenancy Agreement commenced before the Insured Period unless You had continuous previous insurance
- Where Your act, omission or delay prejudices
   Your or the Underwriters' position in connection
   with the Proceedings or prolongs the length of
   the claim
- Arising from a dispute between You and Your agent or mortgage lender
- Where the Insured Incident began to occur or had occurred before You purchased this insurance
- Where You should reasonably have realised when purchasing or renewing this insurance that a claim under this insurance might occur
- Where Your act or omission prejudices Your or the Underwriters' position in connection with the Proceedings
- Where **You** have breached a condition of this insurance
- Where Advisers' Costs have not been agreed in advance or are above those for which We have given Our prior written approval
- For any claim which is not submitted to Us
  within 180 days of the Insured Incident
  occurring other than in relation to sections of
  cover Tenant Eviction where claims must be
  submitted within 45 days of the Insured Incident
- For Advisers' Costs incurred in avoidable correspondence or which are recoverable from a court, tribunal or other party
- For damages, interest, fines or costs awarded in criminal courts
- For claims made by or against iSure, the Underwriters, the Adviser or Us
- For appeals without the prior written consent of Us
- Prior to the issue of court proceedings or unless a conflict of interest arises, for the costs of any legal representative other than those of the Adviser
- Where a reasonable estimate of Your Advisers'
   Costs of acting for You is more than the amount
   in dispute For claims made under this insurance
   which do not arise from and relate to Your
   normal business as a landlord.
- For claims directly or indirectly caused by, contributed to or arising from patents, copyrights, trademarks, merchandise marks, service marks, registered designs, intellectual or artistic property, secrecy or confidentiality agreements and passing off.

# 2) There is no cover for any claim arising from: -

- Works undertaken or to be undertaken by or under the order of any government or public or local authority
- Planning law
- The construction of or structural alteration to buildings
- Defamation or malicious falsehood
- Divorce, matrimonial matters or proceedings including ancillary relief, parental responsibility and contact, or affiliation
- A dispute between persons insured under this policy
- An application for Judicial Review
- A novel point of law.

# 3) Privity of Contract

Subject to the extent that section 62 of the Civil Liability Act 1961 applies, a person who is not a party to this contract has no rights under it to enforce any term of this contract.

# **Conditions**

# 1) Cancellation

This cover is provided automatically as part of **Your** main insurance contract and cannot be cancelled in isolation. For details on how to cancel **Your** main insurance contract please contact **Your** Insurance Broker.

**We** may cancel the insurance by giving 14 days' notice in writing to **You** at the address shown on the schedule, or alternative address provided by **You**. No refund of premium shall be made. This right to cancel will only be invoked in exceptional circumstances as a result of **You** behaving inappropriately, for example:

- Where **We** have a reasonable suspicion of fraud
- You use threatening or abusive behaviour or language or intimidation or bullying of Our staff or suppliers

# 2) Claims

- a) You must report claims as soon as reasonably possible within 180 days of the Insured Incident other than in relation to sections of cover Tenant Eviction where claims must be submitted within 45 days of the Insured Incident, by completing and submitting the claim form with all relevant information.
- b) If Rent is overdue the Tenant and any Guarantor must be contacted within seven days to establish the reason for the default. If the Rent is not paid within a further seven days the Tenant and any Guarantor must be contacted again. If the Tenant/ Guarantor cannot be contacted, and it is lawful to do so, You or Your agent must serve notice of a requirement to undertake an inspection in accordance with Your rights within the Tenancy Agreement and visit the Insured Property. You should seek legal advice if You are unsure that such an inspection is lawful.
- You and Your agent must act promptly to gain vacant possession of the Insured Property and recover Rent arrears.
- d) In the event of a claim You or Your agent must prepare a detailed schedule of dilapidations as soon as reasonably possible after the Tenant has vacated the Insured Property.
- e) You and/or Your agent must attend any court hearing in relation to an Insured Incident if requested to do so by Us or the Adviser. Failure to attend will result in all cover under this insurance being withdrawn with immediate effect and no further claim payments being made.
- f) We may investigate the claim and take over and conduct the Proceedings in Your name. Subject to Your consent which shall not be unreasonably withheld We may reach a settlement of the Proceedings.

- g) We, on behalf of Underwriters have the right under subrogation to pursue Proceedings against the Tenant or any Guarantor to recover Advisers' Costs.
- h) You must supply at Your own expense all of the information which We reasonably require to decide whether a claim may be accepted. If Court Proceedings are required and You wish to nominate an alternative Adviser to act for You, You may do so. The Adviser must represent You in accordance with Our standard conditions of appointment available on request.
- i) The Adviser will:-
  - Provide a detailed view of Your prospects of success including the prospects of enforcing any judgment obtained.
  - Keep Us fully advised of all developments and provide such information as We may require.
  - iii) Keep **Us** regularly advised of **Advisers' Costs** incurred.
  - iv) Advise Us of any offers to settle and payments in to court. If contrary to Our advice such offers or payments are not accepted there shall be no further cover for Advisers' Costs unless We agree in Our absolute discretion to allow the case to proceed.
  - v) Submit bills for assessment or certification by the appropriate body if requested by **Us**.
  - vi) Attempt recovery of costs from third parties.
- j) In the event of a dispute arising as to Advisers' Costs We may require You to change Adviser.
- k) Underwriters shall only be liable for costs for work expressly authorised by Us in writing and undertaken while there are reasonable prospects of success.
- You shall supply all information requested by the Adviser and Us.
- m) You are liable for any Advisers' Costs if You withdraw from the Proceedings without Our prior consent. Any costs already paid by Us will be reimbursed by You.
- n) Any monies recovered from the Tenant or Guarantor will be retained by Us to pay for any Advisers' Costs that have been paid by Underwriters under this insurance.

# 3) Other insurances

If any claim covered under this policy is also covered by another legal expenses 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.

# 4) Disputes

Any dispute between **You** and **Us** may, where we both agree, be referred to an arbitrator who will be either a solicitor or a barrister. If the parties cannot agree on their choice of arbitrator the Law Society of Ireland may be asked to make a nomination. The arbitration will be binding and carried out under the relevant legislation. The costs of the arbitration will be at the discretion of the arbitrator.

# 5) Prospects of Success

At any time **We** may, but only when supported by independent legal advice, form the view that **You** do not have a more than 50% chance of winning the case and achieving a positive outcome. If so, **We** may decline support or any further support. Examples of a positive outcome are:

- a) Being able to recover the amount of money at stake
- b) Being able to enforce a judgement
- Being able to achieve an outcome which best serves Your interests

# 6) Irish Law

We propose that the contract is governed by Irish law. If there is any dispute as to which law applies it shall be Irish law.

# 7) Language

The language for contractual terms and communication will be English.

# How to make a claim

Claims must be notified to the Claims Line within 180 days of the **Insured Incident** other than in relation to sections of cover Tenant Eviction where claims must be submitted within 45 days of the **Insured Incident**.

Failure to notify the claim within this time will invalidate the insurance cover.

This insurance only covers legal fees incurred by **Our** panel solicitor or their agents appointed by **Us** until court proceedings are issued. If court proceedings are issued or a conflict of interest arises, **You** may nominate another solicitor to act for **You**.

As soon as **You** have a legal problem that **You** may require assistance with under this insurance **You** should telephone the legal advice line.

In general terms, **You** are required to immediately notify **Us** of any potential claim or circumstances which may give rise to a claim. If **You** are in doubt whether a matter constitutes a notifiable claim or circumstance, **You** should contact the legal advice line for assistance.

If **Rent** is overdue the **Tenant** and any **Guarantor** must be contacted within seven days to establish the reason for the arrears. If the **Rent** is not paid within a further seven days the **Tenant** and any **Guarantor** must be contacted again. If the **Tenant** cannot be contacted, and it is lawful to do so, **You** or **Your** agent must serve notice of a requirement to undertake an inspection in accordance with **Your** obligations within the **Tenancy Agreement** and then visit the **Insured Property. You** or **Your** agent should seek legal advice if **You** are unsure that such an inspection is lawful.

#### **Claims Line**

You should telephone the Legal Helpline and a claim form will be sent out by e-mail, fax or post within 24-hours. The contact form is required to be completed and returned along with supporting documentation within five days of it being received. To maintain an accurate record, Your telephone call may be recorded.

Contact forms can also be obtained from: - www.misunderwriting.com

# What happens next:

The claim will be assessed and if accepted and deemed appropriate, an Enquiry Agent will visit the **Tenant** and any **Guarantor**. If the Enquiry Agent is unable to reach an agreement with the **Tenant/Guarantor** to remedy

his failure to perform his obligations under the **Tenancy Agreement**, **Our** panel solicitors or their agents will be appointed to act for **You**.

**You** or **Your** agent must give all information requested by **Us** or the Adviser within five days of receiving the request for that information.

**You** or **Your** agent must attend any court hearing if requested by the **Adviser**.

This claims procedure should be read in conjunction with the main terms and conditions of the insurance.

# **Privacy and Data Protection Notice**

# **Data Protection MIS Underwriting**

#### Who we are

In this notice, `we', `us' and `our' refers to MIS Underwriting Ltd. For full information concerning MIS Underwriting Ltd please visit www.misunderwriting. com We may record and monitor telephone calls for training, regulatory compliance, quality evaluation and verifications of information provided and received.

# Our approach to Privacy

The privacy and security of your personal information is very important to us. We protect your information with security measures under the laws that apply. We keep our computers, files and buildings secure.

The information you provide MIS Underwriting Ltd We may receive personal information about you, when you contact MIS Underwriting Ltd for example by doing either of the following:

- Reporting an incident involving your Home
- Reporting an incident involving your Vehicle.

#### This Information may include:

- Basic personal information such as your name, address, email address, telephone number, date of birth or age, gender and marital status, your car, your home, your household or your travel arrangements
- Information about your other policies, Claims history, Claims data
- Sensitive personal information such as criminal convictions, motoring offences and about your health (current state of health or existing conditions).

Personal information (including details of injuries) may be recorded on claims registers i.e Insurance Link, and shared with other insurers. We may search this register to detect and prevent fraud. For further information on Insurance Link http://inslink.ie/

# How your data is used and shared by Insurers and Databases in relation to insurance

The data you provide will be used by us and shared with other insurers as well as certain statutory and other authorised bodies.

## Security

We are committed to protecting the confidentiality and security of the information that you provide to us and we put in place appropriate technical, physical and organisational security measures to protect against any unauthorised access or damage to, or disclosure of loss of your information.

#### **Insurance Administration**

Your information may be used for the purposes of insurance administration by the insurer, its associated companies and agent and by re-insurers. It may be disclosed to regulatory bodies for the purposes of monitoring and/or enforcing the insurers compliance with regulatory rules/codes. Your information may also be used for offering renewal, research and statistical purposes and crime prevention.

Information may also be shared with other insurers either directly or via those acting for the insurer, such as Investigators or Loss Adjusters.

# Update your information, request to erase your data, subject access request

If you wish to contact us regarding this notice you can contact us at: - Data Protection Officer, 14a Jocelyn Street, Dundalk, Co Louth, A91 XNY2. Telephone: 01 872 0179. Email - underwriting@misgroup.online - Please put your request in the subject line.

How to find what information we hold about you You have the right to request a copy of all the personal information we hold about you in a Subject access request or to have your data deleted (exemptions may apply), or to have any inaccurate or misleading data corrected or deleted, or to restrict the processing of personal data. To do this simply write to us at the address above or contact us via email.

#### **Complaints**

You have the right to complain about how we treat your Personal Data and Sensitive Personal Data to the Data Protection Commission. The DPC can be contacted at https://www.dataprotection.ie/en/contact/how-contact-us. We are only allowed to keep your information if we need it for the reasons outlined above. We will keep it in line with the industry, regulatory and contractual requirements.

# **Complaints Procedure**

We aim to provide a premier service however we know sometimes things can go wrong. If your complaint was about the way your policy was sold to you please contact your insurance broker in the first instance. Should you wish to make a complaint regarding your claim please contact:

## **Leesons Claims Services**

68 Merrion Square South,

Dublin 2, Ireland

Email: Claims.accelerant@isureunderwriting.ie

**Tel:** 01 5392890

Should you wish to make a complaint about the policy or the service we offer please contact:

## **iSure Underwriting**

Unit 5 First Floor, Corlurgan Business Park, Corlurgan, Ballinagh Road, Cavan H12 TW61 complaints@isureunderwriting.ie 01 696 0370

## Our promise is:

- a) Acknowledge complaints promptly and confirm receipt of your complaint within 3 working days
- b) Investigate complaints quickly. Within 20 days you will receive a final response or an explanation as to why the complaint has not been resolved yet plus an indication of when you will receive a final response
- c) Within 40 days of us receiving your complaint, you will receive a final response or, if this is not possible, a reason for the delay plus an indication of when you will receive a final response
- d) Use information learned during the complaint to improve our complaints process

If you remain dissatisfied after your complaint has been considered, or you have not received a final decision within eight (8) weeks, you may be eligible to refer your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman bureau:

# The Financial Services & Pensions Ombudsman

3rd Floor, Lincoln House Lincoln Place Dublin 2.

Tel: 01 5677000 Fax: 01 66208980 Email: info@fspo.ie Website: www.fspo.ie

If you choose to pursue a complaint by referring it to the Financial Services & Pensions Ombudsman, you cannot pursue legal action about the same complaint.

# **Insurance Compensation Fund**

The Insurance Compensation Fund (ICF) protects consumers of authorised non-life insurance companies that go into liquidation and are unable to pay insurance claims. These could be claims made by the policyholders or third parties. You may be entitled to compensation from the ICF if Accelerant Insurance Europe SA is unable to meet its obligations to you under this insurance.

If you were entitled to compensation under the Scheme, the level and extent of the compensation would depend on the nature of the insurance. Further information about the Scheme is available from the Central Bank of Ireland website: https://centralbank.ie/consumer-hub/explainers/what-compensation schemes-protect-consumers-of-authorised-firms

# **Section 5: MIS Underwriting Limited**

Should you have a query or complaint regarding the administration or claims under the **Policy**, **you** should address your complaint to:

## MIS Underwriting Ltd

14a Jocelyn Street Dundalk Co Louth A91 XNY2

Tel: 01 872 0179

Email: underwriting@misgroup.online

MIS Underwriting Ltd will contact **You** within five business days of receiving the complaint to inform **You** of what action they are taking. MIS Underwriting Ltd will provide you with regular updates in writing on the progress of the complaint investigation, at intervals of not greater than 20 business days and will attempt to investigate and resolve your complaint within 40 business days of receipt. If it is not possible to resolve your complaint within 40 business days, we will provide you with a written explanation as to why the complaint cannot be resolved and indicate when it is expected that a final response can be made. Within 5 business days of the completion of our investigation we will issue you with our final response.

If you are dissatisfied with our final response or if your complaint has not been resolved within 40 business day you are entitled to refer your complaint to the:

# Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman, Lincoln House, Lincoln Place, Dublin 2, D02 VH29

E-mail: info@fspo.ie web: www.fspo.ie

**Telephone:** + 353 1 567000

Please be aware that the Financial Services Ombudsman will only be able to consider your complaint after MIS Underwriting Ltd have had the opportunity to consider and resolve this. AmTrust International Underwriters DAC are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). **You** may be entitled to compensation from the scheme if we cannot meet our obligations. This depends upon the type of business and circumstances of the claim. Most insurance contracts are covered for 90% of the claim.

Further information is available from the Financial Conduct Authority or the FSCS. The FSCS can be visited on the internet at: www.fscs.org.uk or be contacted on 020 7892 7300.

This complaints procedure does not affect any legal right You have to take action against the **Insurer**.

**You** can check the above details on the Financial Conduct Authority Register by visiting the FCA website: www.fca.org.uk/register/ or by contacting the FCA on 0800 111 6768.

For any complaints made up after the date the Insurer transfers this insurance to another insurer authorised in the European Economic Area:

If **You** are unhappy with the service that has been provided, **You** should contact **Us** at the address below. **We** will always confirm to **You**, within five working days, that **We** have received **Your** complaint. Within 20 working days **You** will receive either a final response or an explanation of why the complaint has not been resolved plus an indication of when **You** will receive a final response. Within 40 working days **You** will receive a final response or, if this is not possible, a reason for the delay plus an indication of when **You** will receive a final response. After eight weeks, if **You** are unhappy with the delay, **You** may refer to the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman if **You** cannot settle **Your** complaint with **Us** or before **We** have investigated the complaint if both parties agree.

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Tel: 01 872 0179

Email: underwriting@misgroup.online

The Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman contact details are:-

The Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman

Lincoln House, Lincoln Pl, Dublin 2, D02 VH29

Call: +353 1 567 7000 Email: info@fspo.ie Website: www.fspo.ie; or

Insurance Ireland on (01) 676 1820

## **Authorisation**

#### Section 1-4

**Your** policy is administered by iSure Underwriting and underwritten by Accelerant Insurance Europe SA, Bastion Tower, Level 20, Place du Champ de Mars 5, 1050 Brussels.

Accelerant Insurance Europe SA is a company registered in Belgium (Company number 0758.632.842) with registered office at Bastion Tower, Level 20, Place du Champ de Mars 5, 1050 Brussels.

Accelerant Insurance Europe SA is an insurance company authorised by the National Bank of Belgium and regulated by the Financial Services and Markets Authority (FSMA) (Ref. 3193).

#### **Section 5**

MIS Underwriting Limited is registered as an insurance intermediary to undertake insurance distribution under the European Union (Insurance Distribution) Regulations, 2018 (IDR) in respect of General Insurance, registration no: C190040.

You can check our status on the insurance distribution register by clicking here: http://registers.centralbank.ie/ This insurance is administered by MIS Underwriting Ltd and underwritten by AmTrust International Underwriters DAC, Registered in Ireland. Company No. 169384 is authorised and regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland. Registered office: 6-8 College Green, Dublin 2, Ireland.

# **Investor Compensation Scheme (ICS)**

**We** are covered by the Investor Compensation Scheme (ICS). **You** may be entitled to compensation from the scheme if **We** cannot meet **Our** obligations. This depends on the type of Business and the circumstances of the claim.

**You** can get more information from the ICS or by visiting their website at https://www.investorcompensation.ie

# How We use Your Personal Information

In this section "We", "Us" and "Our" means Rokstone Insurance Europe Ltd.

We will process any personal information We obtain in the course of providing Our services to You in accordance with all relevant data protection legislation and in line with Our own Data Protection Policy. We are committed to ensuring that Your privacy is protected and that You know how Your data is used and what Your rights are.

Rokstone Insurance Europe Ltd is the controller of **Your** data for the purpose of the sale and administration of **Your** contract of insurance and for the broking of any related finance arrangement. This means that **We** are the business that decides what **Your** data is used for. If **You** have any questions about how **We** handle **Your** data, **You** can contact **Our** data protection representative at **Our** registered address:

**Data Protection Representative** 

Unit 5 First Floor, Corlurgan Business Park, Corlurgan, Ballinagh Road, Cavan H12 TW61

Alternatively, **You** can email **Us** at **data.protection@isureunderwriting.ie** 

Your Insurers are:

**Accelerant Insurance Limited** 

Bastion Tower Level 20 Place du Champ de Mars 5 1050 Brussels

We will share Your personal information with Your Insurer. A full copy of Accelerant's privacy policy is available upon request.

We will use Your personal information to arrange and manage Your insurance Policy, including handling underwriting and claims and issuing renewal documents and information to You or Your insurance broker. We will also use Your personal information to assess Your insurance application and provide information to credit reference agencies.

**We** may research, collect and use data about **You** from publicly available sources including social media and networking sites. **We** may use this data for the purposes set out in this notice, including fraud detection and prevention.

We may have to share Your personal information with other insurers, statutory bodies, regulatory authorities, Our business partners or agents providing services on Our behalf and other authorised bodies.

We will share Your personal information with others:

- if We need to do this to manage Your Policy with Us including settling claims;
- for underwriting purposes, such as assessing Your application and arranging Your Policy;
- for management information purposes;
- to prevent or detect crime, including fraud (see below);
- if We are required or permitted to do this by law (for example, if We receive a legitimate request from the relevant policing authority or another authority); and/or
- if **You** have given **Us** permission.

You can ask for further information about Our use of Your personal information. If You require such information, please write to the Data Protection Officer at the above address, or as set out in the Endorsement entitled Identity of Insurers shown in The Schedule.

# **Preventing and detecting crime**

**We** may use **Your** personal information to prevent crime. In order to prevent and detect crime **We** may:

- check Your personal information against Our own databases; share it with fraud prevention agencies. **Your** personal information will be checked with and recorded by a fraud prevention agency. Other companies within the financial services industry may also search such fraud prevention agencies when You make an application to them for financial products (including credit, savings, insurance, stockbroking or money transmission services). If such companies suspect fraud, We will share **Your** relevant personal information with them. The information **We** share may be used by those companies when making decisions about You. **You** can find out which fraud prevention agencies are used by **Us** by writing to **Our** Data Protection Officer; and/or
- share it with operators of registers available to the
  insurance industry to check information and prevent
  fraud. These include the Claims and underwriting
  Exchange Register administered by Insurance
  Database Services Ltd. We may pass information
  relating to Your insurance Policy and any incident
  (such as an accident, theft or loss) to the operators
  of these registers, their agents and suppliers.

# Dealing with others on your behalf

To help **You** manage **Your** insurance **Policy**, subject to answering security questions, **We** will deal with **You** or **Your** husband, wife or partner or any other person whom **We** reasonably believe to be acting for **You** if they call **Us** on **Your** behalf in connection with **Your Policy** or a claim relating to **Your Policy**. For **Your** protection only **You** can cancel **Your Policy** or change the contact address.

# Marketing

**We** may use **Your** personal information and information about **Your** use of **Our** products and services to carry out research and analysis.

We will only use **Your** personal information to market **Our** products and services to **You** if **You** agree to this.

# Monitoring and recording

**We** may record or monitor calls for training purposes, to improve the quality of **Our** service and to prevent and detect fraud. **We** may also use CCTV recording equipment in and around **Our** premises.

It is understood by **You** that any information provided to **Us** regarding **You** will be processed by **Us** for the purposes of providing insurance, handling any claims and any other related purpose and which may require providing such information to third parties (including **Our** group companies). As a result **We** may transfer **Your** personal information to a destination outside the European Economic Area ("EEA") but **We** will always take the necessary steps to ensure that **Your** information is treated securely and in accordance with this privacy policy.

# **Further information**

You are entitled to receive a copy of any of Your personal information We hold. If You would like to receive a copy, or if You would like further information on, or wish to complain about, the way that We use Your personal information, please write to the Data Protection Officer at the Registered office addresses stated above.

If **We** change the way that **We** use **Your** personal information, **We** will write to **You** to let **You** know. If **You** do not agree to that change in use, **You** must let **Us** know as soon as possible by writing to **Us** at the address referred to above.

**You** have the right to complain to the Data Protection Commission at any time if **You** object to the way **We** use **Your** personal information. For more information please go to **www.dataprotection.ie** 



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