


Professional Indemnity for Technology and Communications

Policy document



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How to make a claim



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Data protection statement

Zurich takes the privacy and security of your personal information seriously. We collect, use and share your personal information so that we can provide policies and services that meet your insurance needs, in accordance with applicable data protection laws.

The type of personal information we will collect includes: basic personal information (i.e. name, address and date of birth), occupation and financial details, health and family information, claims and convictions information and where you have requested other individuals be included in the arrangement, personal information about those individuals.

We and our selected third parties will only collect and use personal information (i) where the processing is necessary in connection with providing a quotation and/or contract of insurance; (ii) to meet our legal or regulatory obligations; (iii) where you have provided the appropriate consent; (iv) for our 'legitimate interests'.

It is in our legitimate interests to collect personal information as it provides us with the information that we need to provide our services more effectively including providing information about our products and services. We will always ensure that we keep the amount of information collected and the extent of any processing to the absolute minimum to meet this legitimate interest.

A full copy of our data protection statement can be viewed via www.zurich.co.uk/dataprotection

How you can contact us

If you have any questions or queries about how we use your data, or require a paper copy of the statement, you can contact us via gbz.general.data.protection@uk.zurich.com or alternatively contact our Data Protection Officer at Zurich Insurance, Unity Place, 1 Carfax Close, Swindon, SN1 1AP.

Important notes

Fraud prevention and detection

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

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

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

Claims history

We may pass information relating to claims or potential claims to any relevant database.

We and other insurers may search these databases when you apply for insurance, when claims or potential claims are notified to us or at time of renewal to validate your claims history or that of any other person or property likely to be involved in the policy or claim.

This helps to check information provided and prevent fraudulent claims.

Our complaints procedure

Our commitment to customer service

We are committed to providing a high level of customer service. If you feel we have not delivered this, we would welcome the opportunity to put things right for you.

Who to contact in the first instance

Many concerns can be resolved straight away. Therefore in the first instance, please get in touch with your usual contact at Zurich or your broker or insurance intermediary, as they will generally be able to provide you with a prompt response to your satisfaction.

Contact details will be provided on correspondence that we or our representatives have sent you.

Many complaints can be resolved within a few days of receipt

If we can resolve your complaint to your satisfaction within the first few days of receipt, we will do so. Otherwise, we will keep you updated with progress and will provide you with our decision as quickly as possible.

Next steps if you are still unhappy

If you are not happy with the outcome of your complaint, you may be able to ask the Financial Ombudsman Service to review your case.

We will let you know if we believe the ombudsman service can consider your complaint when we provide you with our decision. The service they provide is free and impartial, but you would need to contact them within 6 months of the date of our decision.

More information about the ombudsman and the type of complaints they can review is available via their website www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk.

You can also contact them as follows:

Post: Financial Ombudsman Service, Exchange Tower, London, E14 9SR

Telephone: 08000 234567 (free on mobile phones and landlines)

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

If the Financial Ombudsman Service is unable to consider your complaint, you may wish to obtain advice from the Citizens Advice Bureau or seek legal advice.

The Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS)

We are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) which means that you may be entitled to compensation if we are unable to meet our obligations to you. Further information is available on www.fscs.org.uk or by contacting the FSCS directly on 0800 678 1100.

Helpline Services

The following services are provided by ARAG Legal Expenses Insurance Company Limited. The legal advice service is provided by ARAG Law Limited and/or a preferred law firm on behalf of ARAG Legal Expenses Insurance Company Limited.

ARAG Helplines, Employment Manual and ARAGbusinesslaw

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

Meaning of words

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

Appointed representative

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

ARAG Standard Terms of Appointment

The terms and conditions (including the amount we will pay to an **appointed representative**) that apply to the relevant type of claim. Where a law firm is acting on your behalf the amount we will pay is currently £100 per hour. This amount may vary from time to time.

Business

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

Insured person

- a) You and the directors, partners, managers, employees and any other individuals declared to us by you.
- b) A person contracted to work for you who works for you on the same basis as your employees, and performs that work under your supervision and direction.

Period of insurance

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

Preferred law firm

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

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

We, us, our, ARAG

- a) In respect of the legal advice helpline: ARAG Law Limited and/or a **preferred law firm** on behalf of ARAG Legal Expenses Insurance Company Limited.
- b) In respect of the other services: ARAG Legal Expenses Insurance Company Limited.

You, your

The **business** that has taken out the commercial policy to which this section attaches.

Legal advice – Call 0344 893 0859

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

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

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

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

Tax advice – Call 0344 893 0859

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

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

Counselling service – Call 0344 893 9012

We will provide the **insured person** (and any members of their immediate family who permanently live with them) with a confidential counselling service over the phone if they are aged 18 or over (or aged between 16 and 18 and in full-time employment). This includes, where appropriate, onward referral to relevant voluntary and/or professional services. Any costs arising from the use of these referral services will not be paid by **us** or Zurich Insurance Company Ltd.

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

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

The ARAG Employment Manual offers comprehensive, up to date guidance on employment law. To view it, please visit www.arag.co.uk/customer/business-legal-expenses-insurance/employment-manual

If **you**'d like notifications of when updates are made to the Employment Manual, please email **us** at employmentmanual@arag.co.uk

ARAGbusinesslaw – Visit www.aragbusinesslaw.co.uk

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Register using the voucher code **DAS472301** to gain access to a range of free documents.

In using these services **you** acknowledge that all rights and obligations relating to the provision of these services rest with **ARAG** and that **you** will have no recourse to Zurich Insurance Company Ltd in this regard.

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

Data protection

To comply with data protection regulations **we** are committed to processing personal information fairly and transparently. Please refer to www.arag.co.uk/privacy for ARAG's privacy notice and details of **your** rights.

Your Professional Indemnity policy for Technology and Communications

This policy is a contract between **you** and **us**.

This policy and any schedule and endorsement should be read as if they are one document.

We will insure **you** during any period of insurance for which **we** have accepted your premium. **Our** liability will in no case exceed the limit of indemnity stated in this policy, the schedule or any endorsement to this policy.

Any reference to the singular will include the plural and vice versa.

Any reference to any statute or statutory instrument will include any amendments thereto or re-enactment thereof.

Any heading in this policy is for ease of reference only and does not affect its interpretation.

Law applicable to this contract

In the UK the law allows both **you** and **us** to choose the law applicable to this contract. This contract will be subject to the relevant law of England and Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands depending upon **your** address stated in the schedule. If there is any dispute as to which law applies it shall be English law. The parties agree to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.

This is a legal document and should be kept in a safe place.

Please read this policy and any schedule and endorsement carefully and if they do not meet **your** needs contact **us** or **your** broker or insurance intermediary.

Section 1 – Definitions

Certain words in this policy have special meanings. These meanings are given below and apply where the words appear in bold.

Asbestos Surveys

A management survey or a refurbishment or demolition survey as described in HSG264 published by the Health and Safety Executive in connection with Regulation 4 of the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2006 or any comparable survey or inspection whether of commercial or residential land or property.

Business

The professional services provided in the conduct of the business stated in the schedule.

Business Partner

Any person in business with **you** under the terms of a partnership agreement whether express or implied under legislation.

Circumstance

Incident, occurrence, fact, matter, act or omission that may give rise to a **claim**.

Claim

- a) A demand for or an assertion of a right to civil compensation or civil damages or an intimation of an intention to seek such compensation or damages
 - b) any notice of intention to commence legal proceedings against **you**
 - c) any communication with **you** invoking any Pre-Action Protocol
- which may be the subject of indemnity under this policy.

Credit Monitoring Costs

Reasonable charges, costs, expenses and fees necessarily incurred with **our** prior written consent to monitor any account of those affected by the loss of any **personal information** for a period not exceeding 12 months from the date **you** first had knowledge of a **privacy event**.

Cyber Extortion Threat

An illegal demand from a **third party** excluding any demand from any **employee** for payment to prevent them from:

- a) launching a **denial of service attack** against **you**
- b) introducing **malware** into **your** network
- c) revealing **personal information** following any **unauthorised access**.

Data

Information stored or transmitted in digital format.

Defence Costs

Reasonable charges, costs, expenses and fees necessarily incurred with **our** written consent in the investigation, defence or settlement of any **claim** or investigation into any **circumstance** which may be the subject of indemnity under this policy.

Denial of Service Attack

Any actions or instructions constructed or generated with the ability to damage, interfere with or otherwise affect the availability of networks, network services, network connectivity or information systems including but not limited to the generation of excess network traffic into network addresses, the exploitation of system or network weaknesses and the generation of excess or non-genuine traffic between and amongst networks.

Electromagnetic Field

Any field of force that is made up of associated electric and magnetic components.

Electromagnetic Radiation

Any succession of electromagnetic waves.

Electromagnetism

Magnetism that is developed by a current of electricity.

Employee

Any natural person who is:

- a) under a contract of service or apprenticeship with **you**
- b) a labour master or labour only subcontractor or persons supplied by any of them
- c) self-employed
- d) under a work experience or similar scheme
- e) hired or borrowed by **you** from another employer

and working for **you** in connection with the **business** while under **your** direct control or supervision.

Environmental Audit

Any investigation specifically intended to assess whether there is actual **pollution or contamination** present.

Excess

The amount stated in this policy, the schedule or any endorsement in respect of each and every **claim** for which **you** will be responsible.

Extortion Expenses

Reasonable costs necessarily incurred by **you** following any **cyber extortion threat** where such costs are insurable at law.

Insured

You and **your** predecessors including:

- a) any current or former **business partner**, director, **member** or principal or any person who becomes a **business partner**, director, **member** or principal during the period of insurance
- b) any current or former **employee** or any person who becomes an **employee** during the period of insurance
- c) the personal representative of any **business partner**, director, **member**, principal or **employee** in the event of their death, incapacity, insolvency or bankruptcy
- d) any retired **business partner**, retired director or retired **member** whilst acting as a consultant to the insured.

Intellectual Property Rights

Copyright, trademark, database rights, design right or registered domain name but does not include patent or trade secret.

Malware

Any code specifically designed to:

- a) erase or corrupt **data**
- b) damage or disrupt any network or system
- c) circumvent any security product or service.

Member

A member of **your** limited liability partnership as defined in the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2000.

Notification Costs

Reasonable charges, costs, expenses and fees necessarily incurred with **our** prior written consent in advising any individual of the compromising of any **personal information**.

Nuclear Installation

Any installation of such class or description as may be prescribed by regulations made by the relevant Secretary of State from time to time by statutory instrument being an installation designed or adapted for:

- a) the production or use of atomic energy
- b) the carrying out of any process which is preparatory or ancillary to the production or use of atomic energy and which involves or is capable of causing the emission of ionising radiation
- c) the storage, processing or disposal of nuclear fuel or of bulk quantities of other radioactive matter being matter which has been produced or irradiated in the production or use of nuclear fuel.

Nuclear Reactor

Any plant including any machinery, equipment or appliance whether affixed to land or not designed or adapted for the production of atomic energy by a fission process in which a controlled chain reaction can be maintained without an additional source of neutrons.

Personal Information

Any information from which an individual may be uniquely and reliably identified or contacted including an individual's name, telephone number, national insurance number, social security number, medical or healthcare data or other protected health information, driver's licence number or passport number, account number, credit card number, debit card number, access code or password that would permit access to that individual's financial account or any other non-public personal information as defined in **privacy regulation**. Personal Information does not include information lawfully available to the general public for any reason including information from national or local government records.

Pollution or Contamination

Pollution or contamination of buildings or other structures or of water or land or the atmosphere.

Privacy Breach Costs

Reasonable charges, costs, expenses and fees necessarily incurred by **you** with **our** prior written consent within 12 months of **you** first having knowledge of a **privacy event** for the purposes of retaining an accountant, IT consultant, solicitor, lawyer, public relations consultant or other third party to:

- a) conduct a computer forensic analysis to investigate **your** computer system to determine the cause and extent of such **privacy event**
- b) determine the extent to which **you** are obligated to notify any regulatory authority following any **privacy event**
- c) effect compliance with any **privacy regulation** under the applicable **privacy regulation** most favourable to **your** affected individuals
- d) plan, implement, execute and manage a public relations campaign to counter or minimise any actual or anticipated adverse effects of negative publicity from such **privacy event** or to protect or restore **your business** reputation in response to negative publicity following such **privacy event**.

Privacy breach costs do not include:

- i) regular or overtime wages, salaries or fees of **any employee**
- ii) the cost to comply with any injunctive or other non-monetary relief
- iii) principal, interest or other monies paid or due as the result of any loan, lease or extension of credit, taxes, fines, sanctions or penalties.

Privacy Event

- a) An accidental disclosure or loss of:
 - i) **personal information** in **your** care, custody or control
 - ii) corporate information in **your** care, custody or control that is specifically identified as confidential and protected under a non-disclosure agreement or similar contract
- b) a violation of any **privacy regulation**.

Privacy Regulation

Any legislation enacted to control the use of **personal information** within the **territorial limits**

Products

Hardware, firmware, software or other electronic device or component designed or manufactured by **you** or any such items that have been installed, supplied or sold by **you**.

Property

Physical property.

Regulatory Privacy Fines and Penalties

Civil fines, penalties or sanctions imposed as a direct result of any **privacy event** solely where such fines, penalties or sanctions are insurable at law.

Related Entity

Any individual or entity or its subcontractors or assignees:

- a) which wholly or partially own, operate or manage **you**
- b) in which **you** have an ownership interest in excess of 20%
- c) which is controlled, operated or managed by **you**.

Services

Any advice, design or work on any specification performed by **any insured** or on **your** behalf for a fee or for which a fee would ordinarily be charged.

Subcontractor

Any independent consultant or subcontractor other than an **employee** who provides **you** with services under a written contract.

Third Party

Any natural person, firm, individual, partnership, organisation or corporation other than **you** but not any **related entity** or any other person or entity having a financial or executive interest in **you**.

Territorial Limits

Worldwide.

Terrorism

- a) Any act or preparation in respect of action or threat of action designed to influence the government de jure or de facto of any nation or any political division thereof or in pursuit of political, religious, ideological or similar purposes to intimidate the public or a section of the public of any nation by any person or group whether acting alone or on behalf of or in connection with any organisation or government de jure or de facto and which:
 - i) involves violence against one or more persons
 - ii) involves damage to property
 - iii) endangers life other than that of the person committing the action
 - iv) creates a risk to health or safety of the public or a section of the public
 - v) is designed to interfere with or to disrupt an electronic system
- b) any action in controlling, preventing, suppressing, retaliating against or responding to any act or preparation in respect of action or threat of action described in a) above.

Unauthorised Access

Access to or use of **your** computer system or network infrastructure by any person not authorised to do so.

We, Us, Our or Ours

Zurich Insurance Company Ltd.

You, Your, Yours or Yourselves

The person, people either acting in partnership or on behalf of an unincorporated organisation or the company stated in the schedule as the policyholder.

Section 2 – The Cover

We will indemnify any **insured** in respect of any **claim** first made against any **insured** and notified to **us** during the period of insurance in respect of any civil liability including liability for claimants' costs and expenses arising out of the conduct of the **business** within the **territorial limits**.

In addition to the limit of indemnity **we** will pay **defence costs**.

Defence costs will not be subject to any **excess**.

Where **you** become liable to pay a sum in excess of the amount of indemnity available under this policy **we** will pay only the proportion of any **defence costs** that the amount of indemnity available under this policy bears to the **insured's** total liability.

2.1 Costs of Criminal Proceedings

We will also indemnify **you** against reasonable legal costs and expenses necessarily incurred with **our** prior consent in the defence of any criminal proceedings first made against **you** and notified to **us** during the period of insurance under:

- a) the Bribery Act 2010
- b) the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007
- c) the Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007
- d) the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 or the Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978
- e) any statutory or secondary legislation implementing the Council Directive 92/57/EEC or similar legislation enacted elsewhere in the world.

Provided always that:

- i) the criminal proceedings arise out of the conduct of the **business**; and
- ii) the circumstances giving rise to such criminal proceedings may otherwise give rise to an indemnity under this policy; and
- iii) in **our** reasonable belief the defence of such criminal proceedings would assist in the defence of any **claim** against any **insured**.

Any subsequent or concurrent civil action arising out of criminal proceedings notified hereunder will be deemed to be notified in accordance with condition 4 - Claims Procedures.

For the purpose of this clause the **excess** will be £2,500 or the **excess** stated in the schedule whichever is the lesser.

Our liability will not exceed £1,000,000 in the aggregate or the limit of indemnity in the aggregate stated in the schedule whichever is the lesser during the period of insurance and this limit will form part of and not be in addition to the limit of indemnity stated in the schedule.

2.2 Court Attendance Costs

We will also pay **you** the daily rates stated below if any of these people are required to attend court as a witness at **our** request:

- a) any **business partner**, director, **member** or principal £500
- b) any **employee** £250

Our liability will not exceed £25,000 in the aggregate during the period of insurance and this limit will form part of and not be in addition to the limit of indemnity stated in the schedule.

2.3 Extended Reporting Period

In the case of renewal of this policy by **us we** agree to accept **your** notification of any **circumstance** or **claim** under this policy up to 30 days after the previous period of insurance has expired provided always that **you** first become aware of the **circumstance** or **claim** during the last 30 days of the previous period of insurance.

In the case of non-renewal of this policy by **us you** will have the right to extend cover for a further 12 months but only:

- a) for any **claim** arising out of the provision of **products** or **services** rendered by **you** within the **territorial limits** and that occurred before the expiration of the last period of insurance; and
- b) for a limit of indemnity no greater than that stated in the schedule.

If **we** issue a renewal quotation it will not be considered a non-renewal by **us** even if the renewal terms differ substantially from the expiring cover.

The premium payable for any extension of cover will be determined by **us** at **our** discretion. Written notice from **you** exercising this right to extend cover must be received by **us** no later than 7 days after the expiry of the period of insurance.

2.4 First Party Copyright Infringement

We will also pay any reasonable costs and expenses necessarily incurred in the issue of any proceedings notified to **us** during the period of insurance for any injunction or for damages for infringement of any copyright vested in **you** provided always that **we** will not be required to incur any obligation to meet such costs where **your** cause of action is not one that is reasonable to pursue. In the event of any dispute arising between **you** and **us** as to the reasonableness of pursuing any such cause of action the opinion of a King's Counsel the appointment of whom will be mutually agreed between **you** and **us** will be obtained and their decision will be binding.

If **you** and **we** cannot agree on the appointment of a King's Counsel the chairman of the Bar Council will appoint one.

Our liability will not exceed £25,000 in the aggregate during the period of insurance and this limit will form part of and not be in addition to the limit of indemnity stated in the schedule.

2.5 Information Technology Liability

We will also indemnify **you** in respect of all sums which **you** become legally liable to pay as damages and claimants' costs and expenses and **defence costs** in respect of a **claim** arising due to:

- a) any breach of a contract to provide **products** or **services** due to such **products** or **services** not conforming to a previously agreed written specification
- b) the failure of such **products** or **services** to meet any express or implied statutory term concerning quality, fitness for purpose or safety
- c) any actual or alleged negligent act, error or omission in the provision of **products** or **services**
- d) loss, erasure or corruption of **data** for which **you** are responsible under a written contract
- e) unintentional infringement of any **intellectual property right**
- f) defamation of any individual, commercial enterprise, product or system
- g) any other civil liability but excluding contractual liability beyond that specified above.

2.6 Loss of Documents

We will also pay reasonable costs necessarily incurred by **you** with **our** prior consent for the restoration or replacement of records associated with the **business** including computer systems records which have been accidentally lost or damaged. Provided always that any computer systems records are backed up no less frequently than once every 7 days or as otherwise agreed by **us** and such backed up records are held at a separate location. This clause does not apply to negotiable instruments of whatsoever nature.

Our liability will not exceed £250,000 in the aggregate or the limit of indemnity in the aggregate stated in the schedule whichever is the lesser during the period of insurance and this limit will form part of and not be in addition to the limit of indemnity stated in the schedule.

2.7 Mitigation Costs

We may also at **our** discretion pay **your** outstanding fee in circumstances where **your** client has expressed dissatisfaction with **your** work and demonstrates reasonable grounds for such dissatisfaction and subsequent refusal to pay such fee (including amounts **you** are legally obligated to pay **subcontractors** at the time of the refusal to pay such fee) and threatens to bring a **claim** against **you** for a sum greater than the outstanding fee but agrees not to pursue such **claim** if **you** agree not to press for **your** outstanding fee.

Our payment of **your** outstanding fee will only be made if **we** believe that this will avoid a **claim** for a greater amount. If following this a **claim** still arises then the amount paid under this clause will be deducted from the limit of indemnity. If **you** eventually recover the outstanding fee or any part thereof then **you** must repay **us** any amount **you** recover less **your** reasonable expenses necessarily incurred in recovering the outstanding fee.

2.8 Network Security Liability

We will also indemnify **you** in respect of all sums which **you** become legally liable to pay as damages and claimants' costs and expenses and **defence costs** in respect of a **claim** arising due to:

- a) breach of confidence
- b) negligent or inadvertent onward transmission of any **malware**
- c) inability of any **third party** with whom **you** have a written contract to access **your** network or **services** due to inadequate bandwidth, server capacity or other negligent act of **yours**
- d) negligent failure to secure **your** computer system or network infrastructure which results in **unauthorised access**.

2.9 Privacy Liability

We will also pay reasonable costs necessarily incurred by **you** with **our** prior written consent for:

- a) **privacy breach costs**
- b) **notification costs**
- c) **credit monitoring costs**
- d) **regulatory privacy fines and penalties**

following any **privacy event**

- e) **extortion expenses.**

Provided always that:

- i) **you** make all reasonable efforts to contact the police or other relevant law enforcement bodies or authorities before **we** pay **extortion expenses**
- ii) one of **your** directors consents to the payment of **extortion expenses**

solely in the performance of the **business** by **you** or any **subcontractor**.

Our liability will not exceed the inner limits of indemnity stated in the schedule in the aggregate during the period of insurance and these limits will form part of and not be in addition to the limit of indemnity stated in the schedule.

2.10 Representation Costs

We will also pay reasonable costs and expenses necessarily incurred by **you** with **our** written consent for representation at any official examination, inquiry, investigation or other proceedings ordered or commissioned by a body legally empowered to investigate **your** affairs that is first instigated against **you** and notified to **us** during the period of insurance and which may give rise to a **claim** under this policy.

Our liability will not exceed £25,000 in the aggregate during the period of insurance and this limit will form part of and not be in addition to the limit of indemnity stated in the schedule.

Section 3 – Exclusions

This policy does not cover:

1. Asbestos

liability, loss, cost or expense directly or indirectly caused by, contributed to by or arising out of any asbestos, asbestos fibres or any derivatives of asbestos including any product containing any asbestos fibres or derivatives unless arising out of a breach of professional duty due to any negligent act, error or omission committed or alleged to have been committed in the conduct of the **business**.

Provided always that:

- a) this policy will not cover liability for:
 - i) **asbestos surveys**
 - ii) death, bodily injury, mental injury, sickness, disease, mental anguish, shock or the fear of suffering thereof sustained by any person
- b) **our** liability including **defence costs** will not exceed £250,000 in the aggregate or the limit of indemnity in the aggregate stated in the schedule whichever is the lesser during the period of insurance and this limit will form part of and not be in addition to the limit of indemnity stated in the schedule

2. Bodily Injury and Property Damage

liability for:

- a) death, bodily injury, mental injury, sickness, disease, mental anguish or shock sustained by any person other than emotional distress arising from libel or slander
- b) loss of or damage to **property**

unless arising out of a breach of professional duty due to any negligent act, error or omission committed or alleged to have been committed by **any insured**

3. Claims by Related Entities

any **claim** brought by **any insured** or any **related entity** unless such **claim** emanates from an independent third party

4. Competition, Restraint of Trade or Taxation

liability arising from the breach of any taxation, competition, restraint of trade or antitrust legislation or regulation

5. Contractual Liability

liability arising under any express warranty, express guarantee or under any contractual obligation to the extent that the obligation gives rise to a **claim** for which **you** would not have been liable in the absence of the express warranty, express guarantee or contract other than any **claim** specifically covered under clause 2.5 a), b), c), d) or e)

6. Criminal or Malicious Acts

liability arising out of any criminal, dishonest, fraudulent or malicious act, error or omission committed by any **insured** or on the direction of any **business partner**, director, **member** or principal unless:

- a) committed by any **employee** which for the purpose of this clause will not include any **business partner**, director, **member** or principal of **yours**; and
- b) there was no reasonable cause for suspicion by any **business partner**, director, **member** or principal in relation to such person.

Provided always that:

- i) in the event of a loss being sustained as a result of any criminal, dishonest, fraudulent or malicious act, error or omission the amount of indemnity under this policy will be reduced by an amount equal to the sum of:
 - 1) any monies owed by **you** to any person committing, condoning or contributing to the act or omission
 - 2) any monies held by **you** and belonging to such person; and
- ii) no person committing, condoning or contributing to any criminal, dishonest, fraudulent or malicious act, error or omission is entitled to an indemnity under this policy

7. Deliberate or Reckless Acts

liability, loss or expense directly or indirectly caused by, contributed to by or arising out of any deliberate or reckless act, error or omission committed or condoned by any **insured**

8. Directors' and Officers' and Trustee Liability

liability while any **insured** is carrying out the duties of:

- a) a director or officer of **you** or any other body corporate
- b) a trustee of any pension fund or any other employee benefit scheme

9. Electromagnetic Field, Radiation or Electromagnetism

liability arising directly or indirectly out of **electromagnetic field**, **electromagnetic radiation** or **electromagnetism**

10. Employment

liability arising out of:

- a) death, bodily injury, mental injury, sickness, disease, mental anguish or shock of any **business partner**, director, **member**, principal or **employee** while in the course of their employment with **you**
- b) any obligation owed by **you** as an employer or potential employer to any director or **employee** or applicant for employment
- c) any express or implied terms of a partnership agreement or membership agreement

11. Failure to Assess Cost

liability or loss resulting from **your** failure or any other party acting on **your** behalf to make an accurate pre-assessment of the cost of providing **products** or **services**

12. Financial Analysis

liability directly or indirectly based upon, attributable to, arising out of, or resulting from or in any manner related to the rendering of or failure to render any:

- a) valuation of any stock, bond or negotiable instrument
- b) economic analysis whether computer assisted or not
- c) economic and/or financial forecasting whether computer assisted or not
- d) economic and/or financial simulations whether computer assisted or not
- e) electronic transfer or electronic manipulation of negotiable instruments
- f) transfer of money or funds

unless such liability relates directly and exclusively to the failure of any **products you** have supplied to any **third party**

13. Foreign Operations

any associated or subsidiary company of **yours** or branch office or representative of **yours** with power of attorney domiciled outside Great Britain, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands unless otherwise named on the schedule

14. Goods and Services

liability arising from any contract or arrangement for the supply to or use by **you** of goods or services

15. Insolvency

liability arising out of **your** or any of **your** suppliers' or **subcontractors'** insolvency or bankruptcy. This exclusion will not apply to any **circumstance** or **claim** that may be covered under this policy but for **your** or any of **your** suppliers' or **subcontractors'** insolvency or bankruptcy

16. Libel and Slander

liability arising out of any act of libel or slander other than that committed or uttered in good faith by any **insured**

17. Non-Negligent Delay

liability arising out of, based upon, attributable to or as a consequence of a delay or non-completion of any contractual obligation where such delay was not caused by an actual or alleged negligent act, error or omission that would ordinarily be covered by this policy

18. Obscenity

liability arising from any obscenity, blasphemy or pornographic material

19. Patents and Trade Secrets

liability, loss or expense directly or indirectly caused by, contributed to by or arising out of:

- a) invalidity, infringement, violation, breach or misappropriation of any patent; or
- b) misappropriation of any trade secret

20. Pension Liability

liability arising out of the operation or administration of **your** pension or other employee benefit scheme

21. Pollution or Contamination

liability, loss, cost or expense directly or indirectly caused by, contributed to by or arising out of:

- a) **pollution or contamination** unless arising out of a breach of professional duty due to any negligent act, error or omission committed or alleged to have been committed in the conduct of the **business**
- b) any **environmental audit**.

Our liability including **defence costs** will not exceed the limit of indemnity in the aggregate during the period of insurance and this limit will form part of and not be in addition to the limit of indemnity stated in the schedule

22. Prior Circumstances and Claims

liability arising from:

- a) any **circumstance** that:
 - i) **you** knew or that in **our** reasonable opinion **you** ought to have known prior to inception of this policy which may give rise to a **claim** against any **insured**
 - ii) was notified by **you** under any other insurance policy prior to inception of this policy
 - iii) was disclosed or in **our** reasonable opinion ought to have been disclosed on **your** latest proposal to **us**
- b) any **claim** made against any **insured** prior to inception of this policy

23. Products and Buildings

liability arising out of any:

- a) supply, repair, alteration, manufacture, installation or maintenance of goods, materials or **products** other than any **claim** specifically covered under clause 2.5 a), b) or c)
- b) construction, repair, installation, erection, removal or demolition of buildings, building works or physical structures by any **insured**, **subcontractor** or **related entity**

24. Property and Transport

liability arising out of the ownership, possession or use by **you** or on **your** behalf of any land, building, aircraft, watercraft, mechanically propelled vehicle or trailer

25. Punitive or Exemplary Damages

any amount in respect of punitive or exemplary damages unless arising out of libel or slander committed or uttered in good faith

26. Recall Costs

liability for all reasonable charges, costs, expenses and fees necessarily incurred in the recall, repair or replacement of any **products** or the refund of any money paid by a **third party** in connection with the recall of any **products**

27. Retroactive Date

liability for any **claim** arising from the conduct of the **business** prior to the retroactive date stated in the schedule

28. Terrorism

loss, damage, consequential loss, cost or expense directly or indirectly caused by, contributed to by, resulting from or arising out of or in connection with **terrorism**.

In any action or suit or other proceedings where **we** allege that by reason of this exclusion cover is not provided under this policy the burden of proving that cover is provided under this policy will be upon **you**

29. Trading Losses

liability arising out of **your** trading loss or trading debt or **your** liability for VAT or its equivalent

30. Uncontrollable Events

liability, loss, cost or expense directly or indirectly caused by, contributed to by or arising out of:

- a) civil unrest, including but not limited to protests, striking **employees** and riots
- b) war, terrorism, invasion, act of foreign enemy, hostilities or warlike operations (whether war has been declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, civil commotion assuming the proportion of or amounting to a popular uprising, military or usurped power, martial law, riot or the act of any lawfully constituted authority
- c) emergency governmental actions, including but not limited to embargos, quarantines, lockdowns, travel restrictions, and curfews unless arising out of a breach of professional duty due to any negligent act, error or omission committed or alleged to have been committed by an **insured**
- d) fire, smoke, explosion, lightning, wind, flood, earthquake, volcanic eruption, tidal wave, landslide, hail, pandemic, epidemic, or act of God, or any other similar event however caused unless arising out of a breach of professional duty due to any negligent act, error or omission committed or alleged to have been committed by an **insured**
- e) ionising radiations from or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear fuel or from any nuclear waste or from the combustion of nuclear fuel
- f) the radioactive, toxic, explosive or other hazardous or contaminating properties of any **nuclear installation, nuclear reactor** or other nuclear assembly or nuclear component thereof
- g) any weapon employing atomic or nuclear fission and/or fusion or other like reaction or radioactive force or matter
- h) the radioactive, toxic, explosive or other hazardous or contaminating properties of any radioactive matter but this exclusion h) will not apply to radioactive isotopes other than nuclear fuel when such isotopes are being prepared, carried, stored or used for commercial, agricultural, medical, scientific or other peaceful purposes
- i) pressure waves caused by aircraft and other aerial devices travelling at sonic or supersonic speeds

31. Unsolicited Communication

liability arising directly or indirectly out of, based upon, attributable to or in any way connected with the distribution of unsolicited mail, direct mail and facsimiles or from telemarketing

32. USA Regulatory

liability arising out of any **claim** based upon or arising out of or relating directly or indirectly to or in consequence of or in any way involving:

- a) any violations of the responsibilities, obligations or duties imposed by the Employment Retirement Income Securities Act of 1974 or amendments thereto or any similar provisions or statute or common law enacted in the United States of America or any other territories that fall within United States of America jurisdiction
- b) any violations of any responsibilities, obligations or duties imposed by the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act of 1961 or amendments thereto or any similar provisions or statute or common law enacted in the United States of America or any other territories that fall within United States of America jurisdiction
- c) any violations of any responsibilities, obligations or duties imposed by the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Securities Fraud Enforcement Act of 1988 or amendments thereto or any similar provisions or statute or common law enacted in the United States of America or any other territories that fall within United States of America jurisdiction
- d) any violations of any responsibilities, obligations or duties imposed by the Money Laundering Control Act of 1981 or amendments thereto or any similar provisions or statute or common law enacted in the United States of America or any other territories that fall within United States of America jurisdiction
- e) any violations of any responsibilities, obligations or duties imposed by the Bank Security Act of 1970 and the Right of Financial Privacy Act of 1978 or amendments thereto or any similar provisions or statute or common law enacted in the United States of America or any other territories that fall within United States of America jurisdiction.

Section 4 – Provisions

1. Automatic Cover for Acquisitions

The indemnity provided under this policy will apply in respect of any new or acquired company with an annual turnover not exceeding 10% of the annual turnover **you** declared at the effective or renewal date of the policy for a period 90 days from the date of creation or acquisition pending provision of information and agreement on terms to be applied provided always that in the case of any new or acquired company whose business activities are substantially different from the **business you** will wherever possible notify **us** in advance of any such acquisition and in any event as soon as is reasonably possible thereafter.

2. Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999

For the purposes of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 this policy is not enforceable by any third party.

3. Discharge of Liability

We may at any time pay in connection with any **claim** the maximum amount payable under this policy after deduction of any sum already paid in respect of such **claim** or any lower amount for which the **claim** can be settled and then relinquish the conduct and control and be under no further liability in respect of the **claim** except for the payment of **defence costs** incurred with **our** written consent prior to the date of such payment.

4. Joint Liabilities

If the **insured** comprises more than one party **we** will indemnify each party as though a separate policy had been issued to each of them provided always that the total amount of indemnity to all such parties will not exceed the amount payable if the **insured** comprised only one party and in any event will not exceed the limit of indemnity stated in the schedule.

5. King's Counsel

You will not be required to contest any legal proceedings unless a King's Counsel or similar authority agreed upon by **you** and **us** advises that on the facts of the case such **claim** may be contested with a reasonable prospect of success.

If **you** and **we** cannot agree on the appointment of a King's Counsel the chairman of the Bar Council will appoint one.

6. Limit of Indemnity

The limit of indemnity stated in the schedule is **our** monetary limit and applies to any one **claim**.

All **claims** against any one or more of the **insured** arising from:

- a) one act or omission
- b) one series of related acts or omissions
- c) the same act or omission in a series of related matters or transactions
- d) similar acts or omissions in a series of related matters or transactions
- e) one matter or transaction

will be regarded as one **claim**. All such **claims** will be considered first made on the date upon which the earliest **claim** is first made.

7. Sanctions

Notwithstanding any other terms of this policy **we** will be deemed not to provide cover nor will **we** make any payment or provide any service or benefit to **you** or any other party to the extent that such cover, payment, service, benefit and/or any **business** or activity of **yours** would violate any applicable trade or economic sanctions law or regulation.

8. USA or Canada Courts Jurisdiction

Our liability in respect of any **claim** made or brought:

- a) in the United States of America or Canada or territories under their jurisdiction
- b) under or in consequence of any judgment or order in or under the laws of the United States of America or Canada or territories under their jurisdiction

will:

- i) not exceed the inner limit of indemnity stated in the schedule; and
- ii) be in the aggregate during the period of insurance; and
- iii) be inclusive of all claimants' costs and expenses and **defence costs** awarded or incurred in the defence of any **claim**; and
- iv) form part of and not be in addition to the limit of indemnity stated in the schedule.

Section 5 – Conditions

1. Arbitration

Provided always that liability for a **claim** has been admitted any dispute as to the amount to be paid will be referred to an arbitrator who will be appointed by the parties in accordance with the statutory provisions in force at the time and the making of an award will be a condition precedent to any right of action against **us**.

2. Cancellation

We may cancel this policy by giving 30 days notice in writing by special delivery mail to **you** at **your** last known address and in such event **you** will be entitled to a return of premium in respect of the unexpired portion of the period of insurance.

3. Change in Circumstances

You must notify **us** as soon as possible during the period of insurance if there is any change in circumstances which materially increases the risk of accident, injury, loss, damage or liability.

Upon notification of any such change **we** will be entitled to vary the premium and terms for the rest of the period of insurance. If the changes make the risk unacceptable to **us** then **we** may no longer be able to provide **you** with cover.

If **you** do not notify **us** of any such change this policy may be affected in one or more of the following ways depending on what **we** would have done had **we** known about the change in circumstances:

- a) if **we** would not have continued to provide **you** with any cover **we** may treat this policy as if it did not exist from the date of the change in circumstances; or
- b) if **we** would have applied different terms to the cover **we** may treat this policy as if those different terms applied from the date of the change in circumstances; and/or
- c) if **we** would have charged **you** a higher premium for providing the cover **we** will charge **you** the additional premium which **you** must pay in full.

4. Claims Procedures

a) Your Responsibilities

It is agreed that:

- i) when **you** first become aware of any **circumstance** or receive verbal or written notice of any **claim** **you** will:
 - 1) as soon as reasonably possible give notice to **us**; and
 - 2) as soon as reasonably possible forward to **us** any **claim**, writ or summons received by any **insured** or any notice of prosecution, inquest or fatal inquiry; and
 - 3) at **your** own expense and as soon as reasonably possible supply full details of the **claim** in writing to **us** together with any evidence and information that may be reasonably required by **us** for the purpose of investigating or verifying the **claim** and keep **us** up to date with any future evidence and information received by **you** or reasonably required by **us**; and
 - 4) in the case of notification of a **circumstance** supply full particulars including all material facts, dates and persons involved and the reasons for anticipating that it is a **circumstance** as defined in this policy
- ii) no settlement, admission of liability, payment or promise of payment will be made to a third party without **our** written consent.

b) Our Rights

We will:

- i) be entitled to conduct the defence or settlement of any **claim** made against any **insured** and they will give all assistance as may be reasonably required by **us**; and
- ii) be entitled to appoint legal counsel; and
- iii) be entitled to take the benefit of any rights of any **insured** against any other party before or after any **insured** has received indemnification under this policy and they will give all assistance as may be reasonably required by **us**; and
- iv) treat any **circumstance** notified during the period of insurance which subsequently gives rise to a **claim** after the period of insurance as a **claim** first made during the period of insurance.

c) Prejudice

Where in **our** opinion any **insured** has prejudiced the handling of or the settlement of any **claim** the amount payable in respect of such **claim** including **defence costs** will be reduced to such an amount as in **our** opinion would have been payable in the absence of such prejudice.

5. Contractual Right of Renewal (Tacit)

If **you** pay the premium to **us** using **our** Direct Debit instalment scheme **we** will have the right (which **we** may choose not to exercise) to renew this policy each year and continue to collect premiums using this method. **We** may vary the terms of this policy (including the premium) at renewal. If **you** decide that **you** do not want **us** to renew this policy provided **you** tell **us** or **your** broker or insurance intermediary before the next renewal date **we** will not renew it.

6. Fair Presentation of the Risk

- a) At inception and renewal of this policy and also whenever changes are made to it at **your** request **you** must:
- i) disclose to **us** all material facts in a clear and accessible manner; and
 - ii) not misrepresent any material facts.
- b) If **you** do not comply with clause a) of this condition and the non-disclosure or misrepresentation by **you** is proven by **us** to be deliberate or reckless **we** may from the relevant date specified in clause d):
- i) treat this policy as if it had not existed; and
 - ii) not return the premium paid by **you**.
- c) If **you** do not comply with clause a) of this condition and the non-disclosure or misrepresentation is not deliberate or reckless the cover, meaning this policy or the changes made to it, may be affected from the relevant date in clause d) in one or more of the following ways depending on what **we** would have done if **we** had known about the facts which **you** failed to disclose or misrepresented:
- i) if **we** would not have provided **you** with the cover **we** will have the option to treat the cover as if it had not existed and repay the premium paid for such cover; or
 - ii) if **we** would have applied different terms to the cover **we** will have the option to treat this policy as if those different terms apply; and/or
 - iii) if **we** would have charged **you** a higher premium for providing the cover **we** will charge **you** the additional premium which **you** must pay in full.
- d) Clauses b) and c) apply with effect from inception, renewal or the date of the changes, depending on when the non-compliance occurred. **We** may also recover any claims payments which have already been made to the extent that the cover under which such payments were made is being treated as if it did not exist or as if it had been subject to different terms under which the claim would not have been payable.

7. Fraudulent Claims

If **you** or anyone acting on **your** behalf:

- a) makes a fraudulent or exaggerated claim under this policy; or
 - b) uses fraudulent means or devices including the submission of false or forged documents in support of a claim whether or not the claim is itself genuine; or
 - c) makes a false statement in support of a claim whether or not the claim is itself genuine; or
 - d) submits a claim under this policy for loss or damage which **you** or anyone acting on **your** behalf or in connivance with **you** deliberately caused; or
 - e) realises after submitting what **you** reasonably believed was a genuine claim under this policy and then fails to tell **us** that **you** have not suffered any loss or damage; or
 - f) suppresses information which **you** know would otherwise enable **us** to refuse to pay a claim under this policy
- we** will be entitled to refuse to pay the whole of the claim and recover any sums that **we** have already paid in respect of the claim.

We may also notify **you** that **we** will be treating this policy as having terminated with effect from the date of any of the acts or omissions set out in clauses a) to f) of this condition.

If **we** terminate this policy under this condition **you** will have no cover under this policy from the date of termination and not be entitled to any refund of premium.

If any fraud is perpetrated by or on behalf of an **insured** and not on behalf of **you** this condition should be read as if it applies only to that **insured's** claim and references to this policy should be read as if they were references to the cover effected for that person alone and not to the policy as a whole.

8. Other Insurances

If at the time any **claim** arises under this policy the **insured** is or would be but for the existence of this policy be entitled to indemnity under any other policy or policies **we** will not be liable except in respect of any excess beyond the amount which would have been payable under such other policy or policies had this policy not been effected.

9. Payment by Instalments

Reference to the payment of premium includes payment by monthly instalments. If **you** pay by this method this policy remains an annual contract.

10. Sole Agent

It is agreed that:

- a) if the **insured** comprises more than one party then **you** will act for **yourself** and be deemed to act as the sole agent for the **insured**. All parties comprising the **insured** are deemed to have consented and agreed that rights of action under this policy are not assignable except with **our** prior written consent
- b) **you** have the sole right to file notice or proof of loss or make a **claim**
- c) **you** have the sole right to bring legal proceedings arising under or in connection with this policy
- d) knowledge possessed or discovery made by any person, company or entity forming part of **you** or by any **business partner**, director, **member**, principal or officer, departmental head or other senior manager or the equivalent thereof will be deemed to constitute knowledge possessed or discovery made by all other persons, companies or other entities forming part of **you**.

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