

# Commercial Motor Agriculture



# The Underwriters

This policy is administered and underwritten by Victor Insurance, a trading name of Marsh Ltd, on behalf of the following Insurers (referred to collectively as the 'Underwriters'), in accordance with the authority granted under:

Binding Authority Agreement Number / UMR	Section	Underwriter	Proportion
as detailed in "The Underwriters" section of <b>your schedule</b>	All sections	MS Amlin Insurance SE (UK Branch), Amlin House, 9096 Victoria Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1QU. Tel. 44 (0) 1245 396396 Fax. 44 (0) 1245 396400 www.msamlin.com <b>MS Amlin Insurance SE</b> is authorised and regulated by the <b>NBB in Belgium</b> and deemed authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority. Subject to regulation by the Finance Conduct Authority and limited regulation by the Prudential Regulation Authority. Details of the Temporary Permissions Regime, which allows EEA-based firms to operate in the UK for a limited period while seeking full authorisation, are available on the Financial Conduct Authority's website.	100%

# **Contract of Insurance**

This **policy** is evidence of a legal contract between **you** and **us**.

The information **you** or **your** representative have supplied has been relied upon by **us** in offering the contract of insurance.

This **policy** document, **certificates of motor insurance**, **schedule** and any **endorsements**, form the contract of insurance between **you** and **us** and they must be read together as one contract.

The covers applicable to your insurance are specified on the schedule.

It is important that you read it carefully to make sure it meets your requirements.

If it does not, or if **your** requirements change, **you** should contact **your** insurance adviser at **your** earliest opportunity.

In consideration of the premium **you** have paid or have agreed to pay **we** will insure **you** against liability, loss or damage to property resulting from an accident or event occurring during the **period of insurance** arising out of the use of the **insured vehicle** in accordance with the terms, conditions and exclusions of this **policy**.

Where a word appears in **bold** text, please refer to Definitions on page 4 of this **policy**.

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# Definitions

The following words will have the same meaning wherever they appear in this **policy**, **schedule**, **certificate of motor insurance** or any **endorsement** forming part of this **policy**, other than in titles and paragraph headings. To help identify these words they will appear in **bold** in the **policy** wording. Where the singular is used, this will include the plural and vice versa.

#### Accessories

- (a) spare parts of the **insured vehicle** which are not directly related to the working mechanisms of the **insured vehicle** excluding wagon sheets, ropes and tarpaulins;
- (b) audio, satellite navigation, tracking, telematics, multimedia and communication equipment (excluding telephones) permanently fitted to the **insured vehicle** by the vehicle manufacturer which is unable to operate independently from the **insured vehicle**.

#### Audio Visual and Navigation Equipment

- (a) audio, satellite navigation, tracking, telematics, multimedia and communication equipment (excluding telephones) permanently fitted to the **insured vehicle** (other than by the vehicle manufacturer) which is unable to operate independently from the **insured vehicle**;
- (b) GPS systems including portable parts while they are fixed to the **insured vehicle**, including where this is in a fixed housing.

#### Certificate of motor insurance

A document which is legal evidence of your insurance and forms part of this policy.

#### **Compulsory motor insurance legislation**

The Road Traffic Act, and any other Acts, Laws or Regulations which govern the insurance of liabilities to Third Parties arising from the driving or use of a motor vehicle in any country in which this **policy** operates.

#### **Employee**

- (a) Any person who undertakes work for you or on your behalf, including:
- (b) employed by **you** under a contract of employment or apprenticeship;
- (c) supplied to you for the purpose of study work or training experience;
- (d) a prospective **employee** who is undergoing practical work experience while being assessed by **you** as to his or her suitability for employment;
- (e) a family member or voluntary helper working under **your** supervision and control and in connection with the business; or
- (f) Any other person who is contracted to perform work for you, who in all other respects you have arranged

to insure on the same basis as your other employees and who performs work under your supervision.

#### Endorsement

An alteration in the terms of the insurance which alters the standard wording and is shown in your schedule.

#### Excess

A financial contribution, for the first part of each claim, payable by you.

Note: The **excess** will apply to each **insured vehicle**. Where more than one **excess** applies, **we** will add these together. Where the Section carries a separate financial limit, the separate limit applies over and above the value of the **excess** as specified in the **schedule**.

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# GBP

Great Britain Pound sterling, the official currency of the United Kingdom.

# Hazardous goods

Goods of a generally hazardous or dangerous nature and/or quantity that require carriage in accordance with:

- (a) The Dangerous Substances (Conveyance by Road in Road Tankers and Tank Containers) Regulations 1992; and /or
- (b) The Carriage of Dangerous Goods and Use of Transportable Pressure Equipment Regulations 2009; and/or
- (c) The Carriage of Dangerous Goods Manual published by the Health and Safety Executive;

including amendments to and re-enactments or replacement of such regulations or directives and any other legislation of similar intent (including subsequent legislation, if applicable) and will include their equivalents in any jurisdiction in which this **policy** operates.

# Implement

A tool of trade that can be attached to and used with the **insured vehicle**.

# Insured vehicle

Any motor vehicle advised to us as described in the current certificate of motor insurance and including:

- (a) **agricultural vehicle** meaning a vehicle which is constructed to operate primarily as an agricultural tool of trade which is not a passenger carrying vehicle and is not designed for the carriage of goods, including but not restricted to plant, tractor, agricultural use vehicle, forestry vehicle, all-terrain vehicle, harvester and the like;
- (b) **articulated vehicle** meaning a goods carrying vehicle comprising of power unit and one or more semitrailers;
- (c) **bus** or **coach** meaning a passenger carrying vehicle with 17 or more passenger seats;
- (d) **car** meaning a private passenger carrying vehicle with less than 8 passenger seats, not used for hire and reward;
- (e) **commercial vehicle** meaning a motor vehicle manufactured or adapted for the carriage of goods or livestock (other than an **agricultural vehicle**);
- (f) **motor cycle** meaning any motor cycle, motor cycle and sidecar or moped;
- (g) minibus meaning a vehicle designed to carry between 9 and 16 passengers in addition to the driver;
- (h) **special type vehicle** meaning a vehicle which is constructed to operate primarily as a tool of trade which is not a passenger carrying vehicle and is not designed for the carriage of goods.

Unless requested by **you** and agreed by **us** this **policy** does not cover vehicles registered elsewhere than in the **United Kingdom**, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands.

# Market value

The cost of replacing the **insured vehicle, trailer** and/or **implement** (at the time the loss occurred) in an open and fair market with one of the same make, model, mileage (where applicable), specification and condition as determined by an independent motor engineer (or loss adjuster as appropriate) but not greater than the last value shown on **your schedule**.

# Misdelivery

The delivery of goods at a time or place or in a manner not meeting contractual requirements and includes circumstances where the driver or attendant has acted erroneously or been incorrectly directed.

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#### **Period of insurance**

The period of time shown in the **schedule** and any subsequent period for which **we** have agreed to provide insurance and **you** have paid or agreed to pay the premium, subject to the terms, conditions and exclusions of this **policy**.

#### **Personal effects**

Items which **you** would wear or carry around for personal use, adornment or convenience while in the **insured vehicle** including portable audio equipment, multimedia equipment, communication equipment, personal computers and satellite navigation not permanently fitted to the **insured vehicle**, but excluding child car seats, jewellery, money, stamps, tickets, documents, securities and tools, goods or samples carried in connection with any trade or business and the property of fee paying passengers.

#### Policy

This **policy** document including any **schedule**, **endorsement** or **certificate of motor insurance** you've received from **us**, which must be read together as one contract.

#### **Pollution or Contamination**

The actual or threatened release, discharge, escape or dispersal of any solid, liquid, gaseous or thermal irritant or containment including smoke, vapour, soot, fumes, acids, alkalis, chemicals or waste (including materials to be recycled reconditioned or reclaimed).

#### **Principal**

Any person, company, local authority or other body with whom **you** have entered into a contract or agreement for the performance of work in connection with **your** business.

#### Private hire

Use for the carriage of passengers for hire and reward by direct booking through a licensed operator, other than **public hire**.

#### Public hire

Use for the carriage of passengers for hire and reward, including plying for hire in the streets or operating from a rank or central stand but excluding **private hire**.

#### Schedule

This is the document unique to **your policy** highlighting the level of cover chosen, **policy** limits and **endorsements** applicable to **your policy**.

#### Terrorism

Any acts including but not limited to the use of, or the threat of use of force or violence as defined in the Terrorism Act 2000 (or subsequent amendments to, or successors of) committed for political, religious, racial or ideological purposes and with the intention to influence any government and/or to put the public or any section of the public in fear.

#### Trailer

Any vehicle manufactured not to be mechanically driven that is properly constructed to be towed by a motor vehicle and includes articulated trailers, semi-trailers and draw bar trailers.

#### United Kingdom

England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

#### We/us/our

MS Amlin Insurance SE (UK Branch).

#### You/your

The insured company, person or people named as the policyholder in the **schedule** and **certificate of motor insurance**.

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# Customer helplines

# Glass and Windscreen helpline (excludes panoramic roofs and agricultural vehicles)

To contact our approved glass repairer please call 01245 396260.

If **your policy** does not extend to provide windscreen or window glass cover, **we** would still recommend that **you** contact **our** approved glass specialist for a quotation, as they are able to offer special discounted rates to **our** policyholders where they carry out glass replacement.

# To make a claim for all other damage

Please telephone our 24 hour helpline on 01245 396544.

**Note: We** recommend that **you** take advantage of **our** approved repairer scheme. **We** will arrange for the approved repairer in **your** area to contact **you** and arrange for the collection of **your** vehicle at a convenient time and date. If available the approved repairer will provide **you** with a courtesy car for the duration of the repair. Courtesy cars are not available where **your** vehicle is an **agricultural vehicle** or **special type vehicle** or for **trailers** or **implements**.

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# How to make a claim

It is important that **you** notify **us** of any incident (irrespective of who may be to blame), that may lead to a claim, at **your** earliest opportunity.

When you need to report an incident which may give rise to a claim, please provide us with the following

- □ your policy number, your name and your driver's name;
- **your** vehicle make, model and registration details;
- □ date, time and place where the incident occurred;
- □ the nature of the incident and the damage to the vehicles;
- name and address of the other driver, their insurance company, **policy** number and vehicle registration number;
- □ note the number of passengers in the third party's vehicle;
- □ take photos, if safe to do so, of the accident scene and the other driver's damage;
- □ police incident reference if applicable;
- details of any witnesses including passengers in your vehicle; and
- □ a copy of the tachograph record and CCTV footage if available.

#### **Claims Conditions**

There are various conditions that apply in the event of a claim – for full details please refer to General Conditions 3 (Claim Conditions) on page 29.

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# How to cancel your policy

# Your right of cancellation

If you wish to cancel and cover has not yet started we will provide a full refund of the premium paid.

Where your policy is cancelled you must return to us your certificate of motor insurance issued to you.

# Cancellation within the cooling off period

**You** may cancel this **policy** within 14 days of purchase, or within 14 days from the day on which **you** receive the insurance documents whichever is the later.

Where cover has not yet started we will provide a full refund of the premium paid.

Alternatively if cover has started, **we** will refund the premium for the exact number of days left on the **policy**, as long as no claim has been made. **We** will also do this if **you** want to cancel **your policy** within 14 days after renewal.

# Cancellation outside the cooling off period

You may cancel this **policy** anytime during the **period of insurance** and **we** will refund the premium for the exact number of days left on the **policy** as long as no claim has been made.

If more than one vehicle is insured under this **policy**, the return premium will apply only for the vehicles which are not subject to a claim.

Any underpayment by you will be offset against any cancellation return of premium.

# How to make a complaint

If **you** are unhappy with any aspect of the handling of **your** insurance we would encourage **you**, in the first instance, to seek resolution by contacting **your** insurance adviser. In the event that **you** remain dissatisfied and wish to make a complaint, **you** can do so by writing to:

Country Manager, UK, Victor Insurance, Tower Place East, London, EC3R 5BU Email – <u>insurance.complaints@victorinsurance.co.uk</u>

If appropriate **your** complaint may ultimately be handled by the insurer or a third party acting on the insurers' behalf. If this is the case we will notify **you** upon receipt of **your** complaint. Making a complaint does not affect **your** right to take legal action.

If **you** are not happy with the outcome of **your** complaint, **you** may have the right to ask the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS) to review **your** case. **You** will need to contact them within six months of the date of our final decision letter.

You can also ask the Ombudsman to review your case if we have not provided you with a final decision within eight weeks of receiving your complaint.

The Ombudsman can help with most complaints if you are:

- A consumer;
- A micro enterprise employing fewer than ten persons that has an annual turnover and/or balance sheet total that does not exceed €2 million\*;
- A charity which has an annual income of less than £6.5 million\*;
- A trustee of a trust which has a net asset value of less than £5 million\*;
- (in relation to consumer buy-to-let business) a buy-to-let consumer;
- A small business (which is not a micro enterprise) which has an annual turnover of less than £6.5 million and (i) employs fewer than 50 persons or (ii) has a balance sheet total of less than £5 million\*;
- A guarantor

\* at the time you refer your complaint

If **you** are unsure whether the ombudsman will consider **your** complaint, or for more information, please contact the Ombudsman directly on 0800 023 4567 or visit the FOS website at www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk

The address of the Ombudsman is: The Financial Ombudsman Service, Exchange Tower, London E14 9SR.

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# Important information

# **Privacy notice**

A copy of the Victor Insurance up to date Privacy Notice can be viewed using the following link: <u>https://www.marsh.com/uk/privacy-notice.html</u>

A copy of the MS Amlin Insurance SE (UK Branch) up to date Privacy Notice can be viewed using the following link: <u>www.msamlin.com/en/site-services/data-privacy-notice.html</u> or a paper copy of the Data Privacy Notice can be obtained by contacting the Data Protection Officer by email (dataprotectionofficer@msamlin.com) or at the below address:

Data Protection Officer MS Amlin Insurance SE (UK Branch) The Leadenhall Building 122 Leadenhall Street London EC3V 4AG.

#### Motor Insurance Databases

Information relating to your insurance policy will be added to the Motor Insurance Database (MID) managed by the Motor Insurers' Bureau (MIB). MID and the data stored on it may be used by certain statutory or authorised bodies including the police, the DVLA, the DVANI, the Insurance Fraud Bureau and other bodies permitted by law for purposes not limited to but including:

- a) electronic licensing
- b) continuous insurance enforcement
- c) law enforcement (prevention, detection, apprehension and or prosecution of offenders)
- d) the provision of government services or other services aimed at reducing the level and incidence of uninsured driving.

If a vehicle of yours is involved in a road traffic accident (either in the United Kingdom, the EEA or certain other territories), insurers or the MIB may search the MID to obtain relevant information.

Persons (including their appointed representatives) pursuing a claim in respect of a road traffic accident (including citizens of other countries) may also obtain relevant information which is held on the MID.

It is vital that the MID holds correct registration numbers for your vehicles.

If incorrect details for any of your vehicles are shown on the MID you are at risk of having the relevant vehicle seized by the police. You can check that correct registration number details for your vehicles are shown on the MID at www.askmid.com

# **Our Regulator**

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# **Financial Services Compensation Scheme**

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Victor Insurance underwrites on behalf of a select group of insurers who are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). **You** may be entitled to compensation from the Scheme if they are unable to meet their obligations to **you** under this contract of insurance. Further information about the Scheme is available at www.fscs.org.uk or by contacting the FSCS directly on 0800 678 1100.

# Important information continued...

#### Law and Jurisdiction

The parties are free to choose the law applicable to this policy. Unless specifically agreed to the contrary, this policy shall be governed by English law and subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales.

#### Language

The language of **your policy** and any communication throughout the duration of the **period of insurance** will be English.

#### **Premium adjustments**

Any changes in premium that result in a total amount below **GBP**25 + Insurance Premium Tax (IPT) at the prevailing rate will not be payable by **you** or **us**.

For full details please refer to Premium adjustments on page 25.

#### **Rights of third parties**

A person who is not a party to this **policy** has no right under the Contracts (Right of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of this contract, but this does not affect any right or remedy of a third party which exists or is available apart from that Act.

#### Sanctions

No (re)insurer shall be deemed to provide cover and no (re)insurer shall 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 that (re)insurer to any sanction, prohibition or restriction under United Nations resolutions or the trade or economic sanctions, laws or regulations of the European Union, United Kingdom or United States of America.

#### Taxes

There may be circumstances where taxes may be due that are not paid via **us**. If this occurs then it is **your** responsibility to ensure that these are paid direct to the appropriate authority.

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# Cover

# The insurance cover you have

Your schedule shows you what cover you have. The different types of cover are listed below together with the Sections of the **policy** that apply. These may be amended on your schedule by endorsement.

Section Name	Comprehensive	Damage, Fire and Theft	Third Party Fire & Theft	Fire and Theft	Third Party Only
Section 1 Liability to Third Parties					
• Section 2 Loss of or damage to your vehicle, trailer or implement					
Section 2 (a) Accidental Damage and (b) Malicious Damage					
Section 2 2 (c) Fire	·	· 🗆 🗆	· 🗆 🗆		· 🗆 🗆
Section 2 2 (d) Theft					
Section 3 Additional Benefits					
Section 4 Personal Effects					
Section 5 Prosecution Defence Costs					

Certain sections of this document only apply to certain types of vehicle. This will be clearly shown in the title of the section or subsection concerned.

The General Terms, General Exclusions and General Conditions apply to all Sections of this **policy**. **IMPORTANT**: - You can only have Damage Fire & Theft cover and Fire & Theft cover if **your** vehicle is not

being used on the public road.

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# Section 1 - Liability to Third Parties

We will insure you for all sums you may be legally liable to pay, including costs and expenses recovered by any claimant, for death or bodily injury to any person and/or loss or damage to property of a third party caused by or arising out of the use of the **insured vehicle** or **trailer** or during the loading or unloading of the **insured vehicle** or **trailer**.

In the same way as you are insured, we will also insure:

- (a) any person permitted by you to drive the insured vehicle provided that the person holds a licence to drive the vehicle and/or has held and is not disqualified from holding or obtaining a licence unless a licence is not required by law and who is not prevented from holding or obtaining a licence as a result of failing to meet the relevant residency requirements;
- (b) any person (other than the driver or operator) permitted by **you** to use the **insured vehicle** provided the cover is shown on the **certificate of motor insurance**;
- (c) at your request any person being carried in, on or getting into or out of the insured vehicle; and
- (d) the legal representatives of any person who would have been entitled to insurance under this Section.
- (e) any person permitted by **you** to drive an **agricultural vehicle** or **special type vehicle** in a place where no licence is required by law, provided that:
- i) the driver meets the limitations of any relevant health and safety legislation, including age, fitness and training; and
- ii) the terms of this **policy**, **Certificate of motor insurance**, **Schedule** and any **endorsement** are otherwise observed.

#### (1.1) - Damage to Property – (the maximum amount we will pay)

The maximum amount **we** will pay for loss or damage to property of a third party, including costs and expenses, for any one loss or series of losses arising from one event caused by or arising out of the use of an **insured vehicle** and/or **trailer** or **implement** attached to an **insured vehicle** will be:

- (a) **GBP**20,000,000 where the **Insured vehicle** is a **car**, except as c) below.
- (b) **GBP**5,000,000 for all other **insured vehicles**, except as c) below.
- (c) GBP1,200,000 while the insured vehicle is being used for the carriage of hazardous goods.

# (1.2) - Towing Disabled Vehicles

We will insure you while any insured vehicle is towing a caravan, trailer or broken-down vehicle.

What is not covered:

- (a) where a caravan, trailer or broken-down vehicle is being towed for reward;
- (b) where the **insured vehicle** is towing more **trailers**, caravans or broken down vehicles than is allowed by law;
- (c) where towing any vehicle, caravan or trailer exceeds the plated train weight of the insured vehicle or
- (d) for loss or damage to the towed caravan or broken down vehicle or the contents carried in or on it.

#### (1.3) - Vehicles Loaned or Hired

We will insure the owner of a vehicle loaned or hired to you provided that:

- (a) you request us to;
- (b) the contract between the owner and you requires it;
- (c) the owner is not insured under any other policy;
- (d) the vehicle is not being driven (or operated) by the owner or an employee of the owner;
- (e) the vehicle has been declared to us and you have paid or have agreed to pay the premium; and
- (f) the owner complies with the terms and conditions of this **policy** as far as they can.

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# Section 1 - Liability to Third Parties continued...

# (1.4) - Cross Liabilities

Where **your policy** is in the name of more than one person or company **we** will also cover each person or company specified as the policyholder as though separate policies had been issued in individual names.

The maximum sum **we** will pay in total will not exceed the limits shown in "(1.1) - Damage to Property – (the maximum amount we will pay)" on page 144.

# (1.5) - Principal's Clause

Where **you** have entered in to a contract with a **Principal** and are undertaking work involving the use of the **insured vehicle**, at **your** request **we** will provide cover to insure any **Principal** against liability at law provided that:

- (a) **we** will not be liable for death or bodily injury or loss or damage to property arising out of the negligence or other default of the **Principal** or their employees or agents;
- (b) we will have the sole conduct of any claim arising under the terms of this policy; and
- (c) the **Principal** complies with the terms and conditions of this **policy**, as far as is possible.

# (1.6) - Movement of Third Party Vehicles

We will provide cover for any accident caused by or arising out of you or your employee:

- (a) driving or moving any motor vehicle, not belonging to **you**, impeding **your insured** vehicles' legitimate access or exit during the course of **your** business; and
- (b) parking or moving vehicles belonging to customers or visitors while the vehicles are on **your** premises.

For the purposes of this Section the vehicles will not be regarded as property in **your** custody or control.

# (1.7) - Contingent Liability

We will insure you and no other party for your legal liability arising out of an event caused by or in connection with any motor vehicle not belonging to or provided by you being used for your business, provided that we will not be liable:

- (a) in respect of loss or damage to the vehicle; and
- (b) to make any payment if at the time of the loss or liability there is any other insurance in force covering the same liability.

# (1.8) – Unauthorised Use

We will insure you (and no other person) in accordance with the terms of and subject to the limitations of Sections 1 and 2 of this **policy** while the **insured vehicle** is being used, driven or operated by any **employee** of **yours**, without **your** authority, for any purpose not permitted under this **policy**.

Provided always that **you** shall take all reasonable precautions to ensure that all persons who may use, drive or operate a vehicle are made aware of the permitted purposes of use under this **policy**.

# (1.9) - Emergency Medical Treatment

We will pay for emergency treatment as required by the Road Traffic Act arising out of the use of the **insured** vehicle.

# (1.10) - Compulsory Insurance

Your policy provides the minimum insurance required to comply with the laws relating to **compulsory motor insurance legislation** in any country in respect of which the Commission of the European Union is satisfied that arrangements have been made to meet the requirements of Articles 7 (2) of EU Directive on insurance of civil liabilities arising from the use of motor vehicles (No72/166/CEE).

Where the minimum insurance required is less than that provided in the **United Kingdom**, the higher level will apply.

# (1.11) - Compensation for court attendance

If at **our** request **you**, any director, partner or **employee** of **yours**, is attending court as a witness in connection with a claim in respect of which **you** are entitled to indemnity, **we** will compensate **you** for any reasonable travel or accommodation expense in connection with this attendance at court. The most **we** will pay is **GBP**100 per person per day.

# Exclusions to Section 1

### What is not covered:

We will not insure you for the following except to the extent required by any compulsory motor insurance legislation in respect of:

- i) death or bodily injury or loss or damage to property caused by or arising beyond the limits of any carriageway or thoroughfare in connection with:
  - a) the bringing of the load to the insured vehicle, trailer or implement for loading; or
- b) the taking away of the load from the **insured vehicle**, trailer or **implement** after unloading

by any person other than the driver or attendant of the insured vehicle, trailer or implement;

- i) death of or bodily injury to anyone, arising out of and in the course of their employment by you;
- ii) loss of or damage to property, including property being carried in or on the **insured vehicle**, **trailer** or **implement** belonging to or in the custody or control of any person claiming under this **policy**;
- death or bodily injury to any person or loss or damage to property directly or indirectly caused by spillage, pollution or contamination unless this is directly caused by a sudden identifiable, unintended and unexpected event which occurs in its entirety at a specific time and place during the period of insurance;
- iv) death or bodily injury to any person or loss or damage to property directly or indirectly caused by or attributed to the spraying or spreading of any chemical by an **insured vehicle, trailer** or **implement** attached unless arising out of the collision or impact of the **insured vehicle, trailer** or **implement** with an object, or the overturning of the **insured vehicle, trailer** or **implement**;
- v) death or bodily injury or loss or damage to property arising while an insured vehicle, trailer or implement is working as a tool of trade;
- vi) death or bodily injury to any person or loss or damage to property arising from the carriage of hazardous goods unless this has been declared to and accepted by us. Where accepted, we will not pay any amount in excess of the sum shown in the schedule in respect of any loss or event. In the event of a claim where the carriage of hazardous goods has not been declared and accepted by us we will seek our right to recovery under General Condition "1 Right of Recovery" on page 29.
- vii) death or bodily injury or loss or damage arising in respect of a detached **trailer** unless declared to and accepted by **us** and **you** have paid or agreed to pay any premium **we** have requested;
- viii) exemplary, aggravated or punitive damages;
- ix) fixed penalties, fines or any costs arising from them; or
- any accident, loss or damage to any aircraft, any liability or injury arising as a result or any indirect loss in connection with any aircraft operation arising from the presence of the insured vehicle, trailer or implement in any area to which aircraft have access.

# Section 2 - Loss of or Damage to your Vehicle, Trailer or Implement

# We will insure you for loss of or damage to; the **insured vehicle** and its **accessories trailer** and **implement** up to its **market value** at the time of the loss or damage caused by:

- (a) accidental damage;
- (b) malicious damage or vandalism caused by any person you do not employ;
- (c) fire, lightning, self-ignition, explosion;
- (d) theft or attempted theft, or the taking away of the vehicle without your permission;

For a claim under this Section we may at our option:

- (e) pay for the damage to be repaired;
- (f) pay an amount of cash to replace the lost or damaged item with one of a similar type and in similar condition; or
- (g) replace the lost or damaged item with one of a similar type and in similar condition.

If after payment is made in respect of a claim under this Section the **insured vehicle** and/or **accessories** are subsequently recovered then they will become **our** property.

#### (2.1) - Incorrect Fuelling and Fuel contamination Damage

If incorrect fuel is accidentally put into the insured vehicle, we will pay the costs of:

- (a) draining and cleansing the fuel system and including disposal of contaminated fuel; and
- (b) rectifying any subsequent damage inadvertently caused to the **insured vehicle** through it being driven or moved.

#### What is not covered:

The cost of the incorrect or replacement fuel.

# (2.2) - Vehicles in the possession of a Motor Trader or Attendant Parking Services

We will insure you under Section 2 a) for loss or damage to the **insured vehicle** while the **insured vehicle** is in the possession of a member of the motor trade for service or repair or while the **insured vehicle** is being driven for the purpose of manoeuvring or parking by an employee of a hotel or restaurant valet service or other parking attendant.

#### What is not covered:

Sections 2 b), c), d) will not apply while the **insured vehicle** is in the hands of a motor trader for service or repair or valet service.

#### (2.3) - Total Loss

If the **insured vehicle** suffers loss or damage where the costs of repair or replacement exceed the **market value** of the vehicle **we** will pay **you** up to **the market value** of the vehicle at the time of the loss.

You must send us the insured vehicle registration document (V5c), purchase receipt, keys and all other relevant documents that we request.

When we have paid you, the vehicle becomes our property and cover in respect of the vehicle ceases.

If the insured vehicle is subject to:

(a) a lease agreement,

payment will be made to the lease company/owner after deduction of any **excess** to discharge their interest in the vehicle.

(b) a hire purchase or other credit agreement,

payment will be made to the legal owner to discharge their interest in the vehicle after deduction of any **excess**. Any remaining balance will then be paid to **you**.

# Section 2 - Loss of or Damage to your Vehicle, Trailer or Implement continued...

# (2.4) – Trailers

We will insure you in respect of loss or damage to any trailer or implement (where the trailer is not constructed as a mobile home, caravan or the like) in your care, custody and control up to its market value at the time of the loss or damage where the trailer or implement was attached (or last attached to) your insured vehicle and:

- (a) it has a market value not exceeding GBP100,000, or;
- (b) where **you** have given **us** details of **your trailer** or **implement** and **you** have paid or agreed to pay any premiums which **we** have determined.

The level of cover and **excess** applied to the **trailer** or **implement** will be the same as **your insured vehicle** to which the **trailer** or **implement** is (or was last) attached.

#### What is not covered:

Any liability for loss or damage where the **trailer** or **implement** is attached (or was last attached) to another vehicle that is not insured by this **policy**.

Any liability for loss or damage where the trailer is a catering trailer unless declared to and accepted by us.

Where a catering trailer is accepted by us, we will not cover any liability for loss or damage;

- (a) of consumables such as food, drink, cooking supplies, fuel and power sources;
- (b) caused by fire and / or explosion in connection with power sources (gas and electric) used in or on the catering trailer

# (2.5) – Young and novice drivers - excess

The following **excess** apply in addition to the **excess** specified in the **schedule** whilst the **insured vehicle** is being driven by a person who is:

**GBP**350

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- (a) aged under 21 years
- (b) aged 21 years and over but under 25 years
- (c) a novice driver aged 25 years or over

For the purposes of this clause a novice driver is a driver who holds a provisional licence or has held a full licence for less than 12 months.

The increased **excess** will not apply to any **agricultural vehicle** or whilst the **insured vehicle** in in the custody or control of the motor trade.

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# Section 3 - Additional Benefits

# (3.1) – New Vehicle Replacement

If the insured vehicle, being a private car or commercial vehicle with a gross weight of 7.5 tonnes or less is:

- (a) stolen and not recovered; or
- (b) damaged to the extent that the cost of repairs will exceed 50% of the manufacturer's list price (including vehicle tax and Value Added Tax) at the time of the loss;

we will pay the cost of replacing the **insured vehicle** with a new one of the same or similar make, model and specification provided that:

- i. it is within its first year of registration;
- ii. you request it;
- iii. every other person with an interest in the insured vehicle consents; and
- iv. one is available in the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands.

If one is not available, the maximum **we** will pay is the amount shown in the purchase receipt of the **insured vehicle** and its **accessories** after any applicable discounts but not including the vehicle tax or Value Added Tax.

We will then own the insured vehicle that was the subject of the claim.

# (3.2) – Glass and windscreen replacement

We will insure you in respect of damage to the **insured** vehicles' windscreen, windows or glass sun roof and for any scratching of bodywork resulting solely and directly from that damage. Claims paid under this *Glass* and *windscreen replacement* Section will not affect any applicable No Claims Discount, but will be subject to the level of **excess** shown in **your schedule**.

The **excess** will not apply where the glass is repaired, instead of being replaced.

#### What is not covered:

Damage to lights, reflectors or panoramic roofs.

# (3.3) – Audio, Visual and Navigation Equipment.

We will pay for loss of, or damage to the insured vehicle's accessories and audio, visual, and navigation equipment permanently fitted to the vehicle, provided that their value has been included within the value shown in the schedule.

#### What is not covered:

More than:

- i) **GBP**1,000 in respect of **accessories** (excluding spare parts) or **audio visual and navigation equipment** fitted in the **insured vehicle**; increasing to
- ii) GBP30,000 in respect of Global Positioning System (GPS) equipment used for precision farming

for each insured vehicle in any one period of insurance.

# (3.4) – Replacement Locks

Where the keys and/or key fobs, ignition card or lock transmitter for the **insured vehicle** are lost or stolen, **we** will pay the cost of:

- (a) replacing the door and/or boot locks;
- (b) replacing the ignition and/or steering lock;
- (c) replacing the lock transmitter and/or central locking interface;

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# Section 3 - Additional Benefits continued...

- (d) recoding or, if necessary, replacing any alarm system used with the **insured vehicle**; and
- (e) replacing the key or key fob.

#### What is not covered:

More than GBP1,250 per vehicle for any one incident.

#### (3.5) – Personal Accident Cover

We will at your request, pay **GBP**15,000 to the driver of the **insured vehicle or** their legal representative if they suffer accidental injury while travelling in, or getting into or out of an **insured vehicle**, if the injury, within 12 months of the accident results in death, total and permanent loss of sight in one or both eyes, or the loss of one or more limbs.

Loss of limb means the permanent physical severance of the limb above the knee or elbow or the permanent irrecoverable loss of use of the limb.

#### What is not covered:

If the injury or death:

- i) is the result of suicide or attempted suicide;
- ii) happens when the person killed or injured is under the influence of drugs or alcohol to a level which would be a **driving** offence in the country where the accident happens;
- iii) occurs to a **driver** who is under 17 or over 70 years of age; or
- iv) occurs as a direct result of the person not wearing a seatbelt when required by law.

# (3.6) – Emergency Accommodation and Travel Expenses

If as a result of an incident occurring in the course of a journey in the **United Kingdom**, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands, **you** cannot use **your insured vehicle** as a consequence of loss or damage covered under this insurance and no suitable courtesy vehicle is available from the repairer,

we will reimburse the cost of:

- i. one night's accommodation including food and travel costs; or
- ii. rail / taxi fares, or a vehicle, to get **you (**and any passengers and / or vehicle load) to **your** home or to **your** destination

whichever is the lesser.

**Note**: Hire vehicles are restricted to **cars** up to 1600cc, except in circumstances where the load in or on **your** vehicle necessitates the hire of a larger vehicle.

#### What is not covered:

Any costs occurring more than 36 hours after the incident.

Accommodation and travel expenses outside the **United Kingdom**, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands. More than **GBP**100 for any one person or **GBP**400 in total for any one incident.

# (3.7) – Medical Expenses

We will pay up to **GBP**500 per person, for medical expenses incurred by anyone travelling in the **insured vehicle** that is injured as a direct result of an event involving the **insured vehicle**.

#### What is not covered:

More than GBP500 for any one person for any one incident.

# (3.8) – Child Car Seat

If the **insured vehicle** has a child car seat fitted and the **vehicle** suffers damage from fire, theft or is involved in an accident and **you** make a valid claim under Section 2 of this **policy**, **we** will pay up to **GBP**500 towards the cost of replacing the child seat(s), even if there is no apparent damage to it.

The excess shown in the schedule will not apply to any loss under this Child car seat insurance.

What is not covered:

More than **GBP**500 in total for any one incident.

# (3.9) Uninsured loss recovery

Subject to **you** having obtained **our** written agreement first, **we** will help **you** to recover uninsured losses directly arising out of an accident involving the **insured vehicle** for which indemnity is provided by this **policy** anywhere in the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands, provided that

- (a) you report the claim to our claims helpline 01245 396544
- (b) you are complying fully with the terms and conditions of this policy, schedule, Certificate of motor insurance and endorsements(s)
- (c) you do not incur any legal fees without having obtained our written agreement first
- (d) the accident happened during the **period of insurance**.

The following conditions apply to this uninsured loss recovery extension;

- i. **you** must co-operate fully with **us** in all respects and as soon as is practical pass on to **us** all unanswered correspondence relating to **your** claim
- ii. if any offer to settle the claim, which in **our** opinion is reasonable, is not accepted by **you**, **we** will have no further liability under this extension, unless **we** have given **our** written consent to the rejection of the offer
- iii. **we** reserve the right to abandon any claim at any time where **w**e, supported by legal advice, do not believe there is a better than fifty per cent chance of success
- iv. the maximum amount **we** will pay in respect of any one claim is **GBP**100,000.

#### What is not covered;

- i) any loss under this extension where **you** are entitled to make any claim under any other uninsured loss recovery or legal expenses policy
- ii) any medical expenses arising from personal injury
- iii) any cost which you have paid or will have to pay before we have accepted the claim
- iv) a claim which is in any way false or fraudulent
- v) any cost **you** have paid or will have to pay after **you** withdraw **your** instructions from the lawyer or if **you** withdraw from legal proceedings without **our** permission
- vi) any costs incurred when the **insured vehicle** was being used or driven by anyone who did not fall within the driving or use limitations on the **Certificate of motor insurance** or the terms of the policy.

# Section 4 - Personal Effects

We will at your request, insure you in respect of loss or damage to personal effects arising from an event covered by Section 2 involving the **insured vehicle** provided that:

- (a) the maximum sum we will pay for any one event is GBP500 for each insured vehicle
- (b) the excess shown in the schedule will apply to the first part of any loss; and
- (c) the **insured vehicle** windows, doors and other openings are locked and it is entered by force.

Where the **insured vehicle** is an open top or convertible **car** and is parked, **we** will not pay for goods stolen from the **insured vehicle** unless taken from the locked boot or glove box, or from the **insured vehicle** when its roof was not secured and locked in place.

#### What is not covered:

No more than **our** share of the loss up to the limits specified in this **policy**, if, at the time of any claim under this **policy**, there is in force any other insurance covering the same event, injury, loss or damage.

# Exclusions to Sections 2, 3 and 4

#### What is not covered:

We will not be liable in respect of:

- i) loss of use, wear and tear, depreciation, mechanical, electrical, electronic or computer breakdown failure or breakages or damage to tyres unless resulting from an accident involving the **insured vehicle**, trailer or **implement**;
- ii) loss or damage to the **insured vehicle** and/or **trailer** or **implement** attached to the **insured vehicle** arising out of theft or attempted theft unless **you** have removed the ignition keys from the vehicle and the vehicle is securely locked and all windows and sun roofs are closed;
- iii) loss or damage suffered by you due to any person obtaining any property by deception or fraud;
- iv) reduction in the value of the insured vehicle, trailer or implement following a claim;
- v) any excess shown in the schedule. Where more than one of your insured vehicles is damaged in the same event, the excess will be applied separately to each vehicle.
  Note: Where damage to the insured vehicle results in a claim being made against more than one section of this policy, we will only apply a single excess, as determined by the section that attracts the highest level of excess.
- vi) loss or damage where **you** do not take reasonable precautions to protect the **insured vehicle** and maintain it in a roadworthy condition;
- vii) loss or damage resulting from the solidification of the insured vehicles' load; and/or
- viii) loss of fuel including theft.
- ix) loss or damage to any **trailer** or **implement** that is attached to, or was last attached to, a vehicle that is not insured under this **policy**, unless **you** have given **us** details of **your trailer** or **implement** and **you** have paid or agreed to pay any premiums which **we** have determined.
- x) Any amount as compensation for **you** not being able to use **your** vehicle (including the cost of hiring another vehicle).
- xi) Repairs or replacements which improve the condition of your insured vehicle or accessories.
- xii) Any amount over the value (and no more than the manufacturer's last list price or quoted price) of any part of the **insured vehicle**, **trailer** or **implement** and/or its **accessories** at the time of the accident or event where any part becomes unavailable or obsolete.
- xiii) Any amount for shipping from overseas for any part or **accessory** if the vehicle manufacturer or its agent cannot supply such part or **accessory** from stock held in the **United Kingdom**.
- xiv) Loss resulting from repossessing your insured vehicle and returning it to its rightful owner.
- xv) Loss of or damage to your insured vehicle resulting from a member of your immediate family, or a person living in your home, taking your vehicle without your permission, unless that person is convicted of theft.
- xvi) Loss or damage due to confiscation, requisition or destruction by or under the order of any government, public or local authority.

# Section 5 - Prosecution Defence Costs

In respect of any death or serious injury which is insured under Section 1 of this **policy we** will arrange to provide and pay legal fees incurred for representation if proceedings are being taken against **you** or any authorised driver or operator for:

- (a) manslaughter;
- (b) causing serious injury by driving a vehicle dangerously on the road;
- (c) reckless or dangerous driving causing death;
- (d) an offence under the following legislation: or similar;
- i. Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974;
- ii. Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978
- iii. Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007;
- iv. Health and Safety Inquiries (Procedure) Regulations 1975,

including amendments to and re-enactments or replacement of such regulations or directives and any other legislation of similar intent (including subsequent legislation, if applicable) and will include their equivalents in any jurisdiction in which this **policy** operates.

In addition we will also pay for:

- (e) representation by a solicitor at any coroner's court, or fatal accident enquiry;
- (f) the costs of appeal against a conviction mentioned in a), b) c) or d) above;
- (g) prosecution costs awarded against you arising from those proceedings described in (a),(b), (c) or (d) above;

provided that:

- i. the event causing death or serious injury occurs in the **United Kingdom**, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands during the **period of insurance**.
- ii. the maximum sum **we** will pay under Section 5 of this **policy** will be **GBP**2,000,000 for any loss or series of losses arising from one event; and
- iii. the claim has a greater than fifty percent chance of success.

# Appointment of advisor

Claims under this Section will be referred to one of **our** panel of expert legal advisors, but **you** can appoint **your** own legal representative should **you** wish.

If **you** elect to appoint **your** own legal representative **you** must provide **us** with their details. **We** will pay for their services on the basis of **our** standard terms of appointment for legal representation or other reasonable terms of appointment to which **we** agree; **our** agreement not to be unreasonably withheld.

We will be entitled to have sight of the appointed legal representative's file, relating to the defence of a prosecution or representation at an inquiry or inquest at any time, and **you** are considered to have provided consent for **us** or **our** appointed agent to have sight of the file for auditing, quality and cost control purposes.

### Barrister's opinion

At any time **we** may seek an independent barrister's opinion as to the prospects of success in defending the prosecution or of an appeal against a conviction as a result of any proceedings described in a), b), c) or d) above. If the opinion is that a "not guilty" plea does not have a reasonable prospect of success then **we** will advise **you** of that opinion.

Should **you** elect to continue with a "not guilty" plea then **we** will withdraw **our** support for **your** defence and be under no further obligation to **cover you** against any costs incurred from the date of **your** refusal to accept that opinion. **You** can obtain an independent barrister's opinion at **your** own expense. If the opinion **you** have obtained contradicts the opinion that **we** have obtained, **we** will ask the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson of the Bar Council to appoint a Queen's Counsel to give a final opinion, at **our** expense, as to the prospects of success in defending the prosecution or the success of an appeal.

# Section 5 - Prosecution Defence Costs continued...

If the opinion of the Queen's Counsel agrees with **your** Barrister's opinion then **we** will continue to support **your** defence or appeal, but if it does not **we** will withdraw **our** support for **your** defence or appeal and be under no further obligation to indemnify **you** against any costs incurred from the date of the Queen's Counsel final opinion.

If you are dissatisfied with the service provided by the appointed legal representative:

- i) during the proceedings, **you** should raise this with them in the first instance. If **you** remain dissatisfied and they;
  - a) are a member of **our** panel **you** can complain to **us** by following the complaints procedure How to make a complaint on page 100.
  - b) were your own appointment you could elect to replace them, but you must understand that;
    - $\Box$  this could prolong the court case;
    - whilst the consequences could be to **your** advantage they might be to **your** disadvantage; and
    - this is likely to incur increased costs for which we would only indemnify you if you have made us aware of your dissatisfaction and if we have given our written consent to replacement before it happens.

Clause i) b) does not affect any other part of Section 5.

- ii) after the proceedings have been concluded and a verdict handed down and they;
  - a) are a member of **our** panel **you** may complain to **us** by following the complaints procedure How to make a complaint on page 10.
  - b) were **your** own appointment **you** can complain to them and if **you** remain dissatisfied **you** can refer **your** complaint to the Solicitors Regulation Authority Contact Centre on 0370 606 2555 or email contactcentre@sra.org.uk.

# **Exclusions to Section 5**

#### What is not covered:

We will not provide cover under this Section in respect of:

- i) any prosecution arising out of **you** or the driver (or operator) of the **insured vehicle** being under the influence of drugs or alcohol to a level which would be a driving offence;
- ii) defending a prosecution or making an appeal where there is any other insurance in force covering the same legal fees;
- iii) costs and expenses incurred without our written consent;
- iv) fines or penalties of any kind; and
- v) any actual or alleged act, omission or dispute happening before, or existing at the inception of this policy, and which you or the driver (or operator) of the insured vehicle knew or ought reasonably to have known could lead to a claim.

# General Terms

# Premium adjustments

Where **you** make any changes to **your policy** and any additional premiums payable fall below **GBP**25 + Insurance Premium Tax (IPT) at the prevailing rate, **we** will make no charge.

If the change gives rise to a refund of premium and this falls below **GBP**25 + Insurance Premium Tax (IPT), no refund will be given.

This does not apply to cancellation of **your policy**.

# **Territorial Limits and Foreign Travel**

We will insure you under this policy where an insured vehicle is involved in an accident occurring:

- (a) in the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands;
- (b) in any other country that is a member of the European Union but only so far as is necessary to meet the requirements of any **compulsory motor insurance legislation**;
- (c) in any other country including Switzerland, Iceland, Norway, Andorra and Liechtenstein which has made arrangements which meet the insurance conditions of and are approved by the Commission of the European Union but only so far as is necessary to meet the requirements of any **compulsory motor insurance legislation**;
- (d) in any other country which **we** have agreed in advance to provide cover in and for which **you** have paid or have agreed to pay any additional premium; and
- (e) during transit (including loading and unloading) between the countries by a recognised sea passage not exceeding 65 hours.

If loss or damage to the **insured vehicle** occurs outside of the **United Kingdom**, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands, **our** liability in respect of the cost of delivery to **you** after repair will be limited to the cost of delivery in the country where the loss or damage was sustained.

# Customs duties and other charges

Where the **vehicle** is insured under Section 2 (a):

- (a) suffers loss or damage, and as a result you are required to pay any customs duties; or
- (b) if during the course of the **insured vehicle's** transit by sea **you** are required to pay general average, salvage and/or sue and labour charges

we will pay you up to the market value of the insured vehicle at the time the loss occurred.

# Foreign Use Declaration

Where the **insured vehicle** is a private **car**, the same cover will apply to that vehicle while it is being used in the countries named within the Territorial Limits and Foreign Travel sub-section of this **policy** as it would if it was being used in the **United Kingdom**.

Where any other **insured vehicle** is being used in the countries named within the Territorial Limits and Foreign Travel sub-section of this **policy**, provided **we** have been advised and **you** have paid or agreed to pay any additional premium agreed by **us**, **we** will insure the vehicle on the same terms and cover as shown in the **schedule** as applying to the **insured vehicle**.

# Payments for journeys (car sharing) – only applies to private cars.

If **you** receive payment from passengers as part of a car sharing agreement **we** will not regard this as being the carriage of passengers for hire and reward (or the use of the **insured vehicle** for hiring) provided:

- (a) the passengers are not being carried in the course of a business of carrying passengers;
- (b) total contributions received for the journey do not involve an element of profit; and
- (c) the **insured vehicle** is a **car** not constructed to carry more than 8 passengers.

If **you** have any doubts as to whether any arrangements entered into are covered by the terms of this **policy you** should contact **your** insurance adviser as soon as reasonably practicable.

# General Terms continued...

#### Voluntary service – only applies to private cars

You or any other person allowed to drive your car will be covered to use the car in connection with part time voluntary services provided you have told us. Out of pocket expenses paid for this use to cover running expenses will not constitute use for hire or reward.

#### No Claim Discount

A no claims discount (NCD) does not apply and cannot be earned under this insurance where the **Insured vehicle** is a **special type vehicle, trailer** or **implement.** 

If **you** renew **your** insurance with **us**, **you** will be entitled to a discount from the renewal premium in accordance with **our** scale of no claim discount applicable at that time, provided that no claim has arisen or is pending during the last **period of insurance**.

If **we** have allowed an introductory no claim discount, this discount will be lost entirely where a claim has arisen or is pending during the last **period of insurance**.

			Number of Claims and reduction in NCD				NCD
			none	1	2	3	4 or more
	Cars/CV's NCB %	Agricultural NCB %	Step-back NCD applicable				
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
1	20%	10%	2	0	0	0	0
2	35%	20%	3	0	0	0	0
3	50%	N/A	4	1	0	0	0
4	55%	N/A	4 See Section PNCD Below				ow

# Protected No Claim Discount (PNCD)

A protected no claims discount does not apply under this insurance where the **Insured vehicle** is an **agricultural vehicle, special type vehicle, trailer** or **implement**.

No claims discount protection does not protect the overall price of **your** insurance policy. The price of **your** insurance policy may increase following an accident even if **you** were not at fault.

No claims discount protection allows **you** to make one or more claims before **your** number of no claims discount years falls. Please see the step-back procedures (below) for details.

If your NCB at renewal is 3 years or less, you will not be able to protect your NCB for the forthcoming period of insurance.

Where no claims discount protection is applicable, **we** do not make a charge. It is automatically applied to **your policy**.

			Number of Claims				
			none	1	2	3	4 or more
Claims Period	NCD Years	Cars / CV's NCD %	Step-back NCD applicable				
Within 12 Months	4	55%	4	4	2	0	0
Within 36 Months	4	55%	4	4	4	2	0

# General Exclusions

# What is not covered:

These exclusions apply to the whole **policy** unless otherwise stated in a **policy** Section or **endorsement**. We will not be directly or indirectly liable, (except so far as is necessary to meet the requirements of any **compulsory motor insurance legislation)**, in respect of:

# 1. Drivers and Licensing

Any accident, injury, loss, damage or liability caused, sustained or incurred as a result of the **insured vehicle** being driven by any person (including **you**):

- i) not authorised by the certificate of motor insurance or who has been excluded from driving by any endorsement, exclusion or condition of this policy (other than where cover is provided under Section 1 (1.8) – Unauthorised Use or Section 2 (2.2) - Vehicles in the possession of a Motor Trader or Attendant Parking Services;
- who you know is disqualified from driving, has never held a licence to drive the insured vehicle or is prevented by law from having a licence (unless a licence is not required by law) (other than where cover is provided under Section 2 (2.2) - Vehicles in the possession of a Motor Trader or Attendant Parking Services;
- iii) who does not hold a full licence to drive the **insured vehicle** or, being the holder of a provisional licence, are not conforming with its terms and conditions other than where a licence is not required by law;

If **we** have to pay a claim under any **compulsory motor insurance legislation we** will reserve **our** right to recovery under General Condition 1.

# 2. Construction and Use

Any accident, injury, loss, damage or liability caused, sustained or incurred as a result of the **insured vehicle** trailer or **implement**:

- i) being used for any purpose not permitted by the certificate of motor insurance;
- ii) being used for the carriage of hazardous goods unless this has been declared to and approved by us;
- iii) carrying a load in excess of that for which it was constructed or in excess of the maximum carrying capacity advised to **us**;
- iv) carrying any load which is greater than the maximum carrying capacity as set by the vehicle manufacturer or if applicable; any plated weight limit of the **insured vehicle**;
- v) carrying more passengers than the maximum seating capacity for the **insured vehicle** as set by the vehicle manufacturer
- vi) being driven in an unsafe and/or un-roadworthy condition or operated in an unsafe condition;
- vii) which does not meet statutory requirements for use on public roads;
- viii) carrying a load in an unsafe condition or manner; or
- ix) being used on the Nürburgring; any race track, race circuit or derestricted toll road.

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x) used for racing or pace-making, used in any contest such as Tractor power pulling, speed trial or is involved in any rigorous reliability testing.

Any loss, destruction of or damage to any property or any loss, expense, indirect loss or legal liability directly or indirectly resulting from, caused by **misdelivery** of the load from the **insured vehicle**, trailer or **implement**;

If **we** have to pay a claim under any **compulsory motor insurance legislation we** will reserve **our** right to recovery under General Conditions 1 Right of Recovery.

# General Exclusions continued...

# 3. Criminal Acts

Any loss or damage caused whilst **your insured vehicle** is used by anyone insured under this insurance:

- i) in the course of; the assisting in; or furtherance of a crime or;
- ii) as a means of escape from, or avoidance of lawful apprehension:

# 4. Deliberate Acts

Death, injury, loss or damage arising as a result of a deliberate act or omission to act by anyone insured under this **policy**.

# 5. Pollution or Contamination

Any loss, destruction of or damage to any property or any loss, expense, indirect loss or legal liability caused by seepage

# 6. Earthquake. Riot. War. Terrorism

Any direct or indirect loss, damage or liability caused by, contributed to or arising from:

- i) earthquake, volcanic eruption or meteorite shower occurring elsewhere than in the **United Kingdom**, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man;
- ii) actual or threatened war, invasion, act of foreign enemies, hostilities (whether war be declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, military or usurped power;
- iii) confiscation, nationalisation, requisition or destruction of or damage to property by or under the order of any government or public or local authority;

#### iv) acts of terrorism;

- v) martial law;
- vi) the act of any lawfully constituted authority;
- vii) riot or civil commotion occurring in other territories outside of England, Scotland, Wales, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands.

# 7. <u>Sonic bangs</u>

Any direct or indirect loss, damage or liability caused by, contributed to or arising from pressure waves caused by aircraft and other flying objects.

# 8. Other Contracts

Any liability which attaches to **you** by reason of any agreement which would not attach apart from the agreement.

# 9. Nuclear/Radioactive Contamination

Loss, destruction of or damage to any property or any loss, expense, indirect loss or legal liability of any nature directly or indirectly resulting from, caused by or contributed to as a result of:

- i) ionising radiation or **contamination** by radioactivity from any nuclear fuel or nuclear waste from the combustion of nuclear fuel; or
- ii) the radioactive, toxic, explosive or other hazardous properties of any nuclear assembly or nuclear component thereof.

# 10. Jurisdiction

Damages, liabilities, costs and expenses in respect of judgements delivered or obtained otherwise than by a court within the jurisdiction of the countries noted under General Terms Territorial Limits and Foreign Travel as specified in this **policy**.

# General Conditions

These are the conditions of the insurance that **you** need to meet as **your** part of this contract. If **you** do not meet these conditions, **we** may need to reject a claim payment or a claim payment could be reduced. In some circumstances **your policy** may not be valid.

Note: Further conditions may be added by endorsement that can be found on your current schedule.

### 1. Right of Recovery

If **we** have to settle a claim under this **policy** only by virtue of the provisions of the law of any territory in which this **policy** operates, **you** must repay to **us** all sums **we** have paid which **we** would not have been liable to pay but for the provisions of the law.

# 2. Your Responsibilities

You are responsible for the information you or your appointed representative has provided to us. You should ensure that the information provided is, as far as you know, correct and complete.

If you have failed to give us complete and accurate information, this could lead to us changing the terms of your policy, refusing your claim or the insurance not being valid.

**You** must, if requested, provide **us** with all relevant information and documentation in relation to this insurance.

#### (2.1) Your Duty of Fair Presentation

By entering into this insurance contract **we** accept that **you** have made a reasonably clear and accessible presentation of the risk, in accordance with Section 3(3)(b) of the Insurance Act 2015.

# **Remedies for breach of Duty of Fair Presentation**

#### Before the policy was entered into

If you have breached your duty of fair presentation before this policy was entered into, then:

- a) where the breach was deliberate or reckless, **we** may avoid this policy and refuse all claims, and keep all premiums paid;
- b) where the breach was neither deliberate nor reckless, and but for the breach:
  - i) we would not have agreed to provide cover under this policy on any terms we may avoid this policy and refuse all claims, but will return any premiums paid;
  - ii) we would have agreed to provide cover under this policy but on different terms(other than premium terms):

we may require that this policy includes those different terms with effect from its start; and/or

- iii) we would have agreed to provide cover under this policy but would have charged a higher premium.
  - a) If the discovery of the breach arose because of a claim, at your option:
    - i. **we** will reduce proportionately the amount paid on a claim. **We** will pay only X% of what **we** would otherwise have been required to pay, where X = premium actually charged divided by the higher premium that would have been charged x 100; or
    - ii. **we** will pay the claim in full provided that **you** pay to **us** the additional premium that **we** would have charged, but for **your** breach of **your** duty of fair presentation, calculated from the start of the **period of insurance**.
  - b) If the discovery of the breach did not arise because of a claim you must pay to us the additional premium that we would have charged, but for your breach of your duty of fair presentation, calculated from the start of the period of insurance.

#### Before a variation was agreed

If you have breached your duty of fair presentation us before any variation to this policy was agreed, then:

- a) If the breach was deliberate or reckless, **we** may terminate this policy with effect from the date of the variation, and keep all premiums paid;
- b) where the breach was neither deliberate nor reckless, and but for the breach:
  - i) we would not have agreed to the variation on any terms:

**we** may treat this policy as though the variation was never made, but will return any additional premiums paid in relation to the variation;

- ii) we would have agreed to the variation but on different terms (other than premium terms): we may require that the variation includes those different terms with effect from the date the variation was made; and/or
- iii) we would have agreed to the variation but would have increased the premium, or would have increased it by more than we did, or would not have reduced it or would have reduced it by less than we did:
  - a. if the discovery of the breach arose because of a claim, at **your** option:
    - i. **we** may reduce proportionately the amount paid on a claim arising out of events after the variation. In those circumstances, **we** will pay only Y% of what **we** would otherwise have been required to pay, where Y = total premium actually charged divided by the premium that would have been charged x 100; or
    - ii. **we** will pay the claim in full provided that **you** pay to **us** the additional premium that **we** would have charged, but for the breach of the duty of fair presentation, calculated from the date the variation was entered into.
  - b. If the discovery of the breach did not arise because of a claim, **you** must pay to **us** the additional premium that **we** would have charged, but for the breach of the duty of fair presentation, calculated from the date the variation was entered into.
- iv) where we would have agreed to the variation but on different terms and we would also have increased the premium, or would have increased it by more than we did, or would not have reduced it or would have reduced it by less than we did:
  - a. **we** may require that the variation includes those different terms with effect from the date the variation was made; and
  - b. before a variation was agreed b) iii) as shown above will also apply.

## (2.3) Condition of the insured vehicle

You must take all reasonable precautions to safeguard the **insured vehicle**, trailer and **implement** and maintain them in a roadworthy condition.

You must allow our authorised representative free access to examine the **insured vehicle**, trailer or **implement** at any reasonable time.

# (2.4) Changes to Your Details

You must tell us immediately about any changes to the information you have already provided. Please contact your broker if you are not sure if information is relevant. If you don't tell us about relevant changes, your insurance may not cover you fully, or at all.

Here are some examples of the changes **you** should tell **us** about:

- (a) details of unspent criminal convictions, motoring convictions and fixed penalty notices;
- (b) any known pending prosecutions;
- (c) changes of use of the insured vehicle, trailer and/or implement or change of business activities;
- (d) modifications to the insured vehicle, trailer or implement;
- (e) any accident, damage or losses (whether claim made or not) during the past 3 years, involving anyone entitled to drive under this insurance.
- (f) anyone entitled to drive under this insurance who has ever been refused insurance, had insurance

cancelled or had special terms imposed by a previous insurer.

- (g) drivers aged under 25 years or where any driver has not held a Full UK driving licence for a minimum of 12 months (unless **your policy** is endorsed to allow drivers in these categories);
- (h) drivers who do not hold an appropriate EU licence;
- (i) details concerning the carriage of **hazardous goods**.
- (j) change of address;
- (k) where any driver suffers from or develops a disability or medical condition that must be disclosed to the DVLA.

#### **Note**: details of notifiable disabilities and conditions may be found at: https://www.gov.uk/health-conditionsand-driving

If **you** do not disclose all requested or material information as appropriate to **your** status under this insurance contract, this could lead to **your** insurance being cancelled, or a claim rejected or not fully paid, and/or different terms being applied to **your policy**.

If you are unsure as to whether or not certain facts should be disclosed please ask your insurance adviser.

## 3. Claim Conditions

# (3.1) Your Rights and Obligations

As soon as practicable after any accident, loss or event likely to give rise to a claim under this **policy you** or any person insured must:

- (a) provide **us** with full particulars of the event;
- (b) forward to us as soon as possible (but no later than 14 days) unanswered all letters from any third party and every claim, writ, summons or process you receive
- (c) advise us of the time and place of any impending prosecution or inquest of fatal injury;
- (d) use reasonable endeavours to obtain the names and addresses of all witnesses; and
- (e) notify **us** as soon as reasonably practical, where an **insured vehicle** has been damaged as a result of riot and civil commotion in England, Scotland, Wales, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands; and

You or any person insured must:

- (a) not make any admission of liability, payment or offer of payment, or incur legal expenses without our written consent and you (or any person insured) must not in any way act to the detriment or prejudice of our interests.
- (b) act honestly and give **us** all assistance and information **we** require in all matters related to the claim.
- (c) take all reasonable action to mitigate the loss.
- (d) pay **us** the required amount on demand. Where **you** bear any part of any claim as a result of an **endorsement** or condition of this **policy**.

# (3.2) Our Rights and Obligations

We are entitled to take sole control of all negotiations, proceedings and mediation, to use **your** name to settle, prosecute or defend any claim and to abandon the same at any time.

We will have and take full control of all third party claims including those where you under the terms of this policy are liable for any amount; and

We are entitled to make payments to third parties as we think fit in respect of any claim.

# (3.3) To arrange repair of your agricultural vehicle, special type vehicle, trailer or implement (including glass damage)

Please contact our helpline on 01245 396544 in order to report the incident.

Should the total cost of repair exceed **GBP**750 **you** will need to contact **us** as **we** may need to arrange for an inspection of **your** vehicle by an independent Engineer.

We will provide the repairer with **our** authority for the repairs to be completed and for the invoice to be sent directly to **us** for payment. The repairer will require **you** to pay to them any **policy excess** that applies, together with any amount of VAT (if **you** are VAT registered).

If the total cost of repair does not exceed **GBP**750 then **you** have the option to give **your** own authority for the repairs to commence provided that all damaged parts are retained by **you** or the repairer in case **we** need to inspect them. Upon completion of the repair **we** would simply request that that **you** send to **us** the original receipted invoice paid by **you** and **we** will reimburse **you** less any **excess** that applies, together with any amount of VAT (if **you** are VAT registered).

# (3.4) To arrange repair of your vehicle (where it is not an agricultural vehicle, special type vehicle, trailer or implement).

## Windscreen or window glass damage (excluding panoramic roofs)

To contact our approved glass repairer please call 01245 396260

If **your** insurance extends to include windscreen and window glass cover **our** approved glass specialist will arrange for the repair or replacement of the windscreen or window glass to be completed and for the invoice to be sent direct to **us** for payment.

- If the glass needs to be replaced **our** approved glass specialist will require **you** to pay to them any **policy excess** that applies, together with any amount of VAT (if **you** are VAT registered).
- If the glass can be repaired you will not be asked to pay any amount, unless you are liable for the VAT element.

If **you** choose not to use **our** approved glass specialist **we** would simply request that that **you** send to **us** the original receipted invoice paid by **you** and **we** will reimburse **you** as appropriate (less any **excess** and VAT where applicable).

If **your policy** does not extend to provide windscreen or window glass cover, **we** would still recommend that **you** contact **our** approved glass specialist for a quotation, as they are able to offer special discounted rates to **our** policyholders where they carry out glass replacement.

# For all other damage

Please telephone our 24 hour helpline on 01245 396544

We recommend that you take advantage of our approved repairer scheme. We will arrange for the approved repairer in your area to contact you and arrange for the collection of your vehicle at a convenient time and date. If available the approved repairer will provide you with a courtesy car for the duration of the repair.

Upon collection of **your** vehicle by the approved repairer, **you** will simply need to present the repairer with **your** insurance documents. They will then email **us** details of their estimate for the repair, which will enable **us** to process **your** claim quickly and allow for the repair to be authorised without delay.

Upon completion of the repair, the approved repairer will return **your** vehicle to **you** having sent the invoice directly to **us** for payment. They will however require **you** to pay to them any **excess** that applies, together with any amount of VAT (if **you** are VAT registered).

If you choose not to use our approved repairer, you must still contact our helpline on 01245 396544 in order to report the incident.

Should the total cost of the repair not exceed **GBP**750 then **you** do have the option to give **your** own authority for the repairs to commence, provided that all damaged parts are retained by **you** or the repairer in case **we** need to inspect them at a later date.

Should the total cost of repair exceed **GBP**750 **you** will need to contact **us** as **we** may need to arrange for an inspection of **your** vehicle by an independent Engineer **We** will provide the repairer with **our** authority for the repairs to be completed.

Upon completion of the repair **we** would simply request that **you** send to **us** the original receipted invoice paid by **you** and **we** will reimburse **you** as appropriate less any **excess** that applies, together with any amount of VAT (if **you** are VAT registered).

#### 4. Other insurances

If, at the time of any claim under this **policy**, there is in force any other insurance covering the same event, injury, loss or damage then **we** will pay no more than **our** share of the loss up to the limits specified in this **policy**.

NB: This does not apply in respect of Section 3 (3.5) – Personal Accident Cover.

# 5. Fraudulent Claims

If **you** or anyone acting on **your** behalf makes a fraudulent claim under **your policy**, including providing fraudulent information or documentation, **we** will:

- (a) refuse to pay the claim;
- (b) seek to recover any costs already incurred by **us** relating to the fraudulent claim;
- (c) have the option to cancel the **policy** from the date of the fraudulent act; and
- (d) keep any premium paid to us.

This will not affect separate claims made before the fraudulent act unless they too were fraudulent.

# 6. Arbitration

If any difference arises as to the amount to be paid under this **policy** (liability being otherwise admitted by **us**) this difference will be referred to an arbitrator to be appointed by **you** and **us** in accordance with Insurance and Reinsurance Arbitration Society (ARIAS) (UK) Arbitration Rules (or any subsequently amending authority or rules).

All costs of the arbitration will be at the discretion of the arbitrator who will decide how much each of the parties in dispute must pay and to whom.

The seat of the arbitration will be in London, England and the arbitration tribunal will apply the proper law of this contract and of this arbitration condition as stated in "Choice of law and jurisdiction" on page 122.

However, **you** may not need to engage in arbitration if **you** meet the criteria for the Financial Ombudsman Service to deal with the dispute and **you** follow the complaints procedure, all of which is contained in "How to make a complaint" on page 100.

## 7. Assignment

This **policy** is a contract personal to **you** and may not be assigned or transferred in any circumstances and no person apart from **you** (or in the case of **your** death **your** legal representative) will have any rights against **us** in respect of the subject matter of this insurance or any rights to receive monies payable either before or after the loss and whether admitted or not, unless this right has been endorsed on this **policy** and signed by **us**.

## 8. Breach of licence conditions

Where applicable, **you** will hold the appropriate operator's or other licence and at all times comply with the terms and conditions of the licence.

## 9. Loss of licence. bankruptcy. insolvency or liquidation

If you lose your operator's licence or go into liquidation, insolvency or bankruptcy the cover provided by this **policy** will be reduced to the minimum required by any **compulsory motor insurance legislation** unless we have agreed otherwise.

#### 10. Notification of vehicle details

You must notify us of any additional vehicles, temporary vehicles or amendments to the existing vehicles before commencement of or during the currency of this **policy** and pay any additional premium required by us as a result of the changes.

In addition **you** are required by law to supply details of all vehicles (including any temporary vehicles where cover is required for 14 consecutive days or more) owned by **you** or in **your** care, custody or control or for which **you** are legally responsible, which are to be covered by this **policy** for entry on the Motor Insurance Database.

If **your vehicle** is not recorded on the Motor Insurance Database and it should have been, **your** cover may not operate.

## 11. Suspending your policy

If **you** wish to temporarily suspend this insurance, **you** should be aware that there will be no refund of premium for the period that **your** insurance is suspended.

#### 12. Our right of cancellation

We or your insurance broker will provide you with a letter of Notice of cancellation should we (or your insurance broker) feel that there is a valid reason to cancel this insurance. Valid reasons include, but are not limited to:

- (a) non co-operation/failure to provide information;
- (b) reasonable suspicion of fraud;
- (c) material failure to take reasonable care of a vehicle/property;
- (d) the use of threatening or abusive behaviour or language to our staff; or
- (e) Non-payment of premium.

In the event **we** (or **your** insurance broker) invoke **our** right of cancellation, **you** will be given 30 days' written notice, other than where the reason is for non-payment of premium. See "13 Non-payment of premium" below for details.

In all cases, we will provide the reason for cancellation by special delivery to your last known address.

When **your policy** is cancelled **we** also cancel **your policy** records and remove the **insured vehicle** from the Motor Insurance Database.

If we cancel this insurance we will pay you a refund of any premium proportionate to the number of days you have been on cover.

#### 13. Non-payment of premium

If you fail to pay your premium we will give you 14 days' notice before we cancel the policy.

If **you** have failed to pay any premium for **your policy** and have not paid the premium requested before the end of the notice period then **we** reserve the right to avoid this **policy** from inception (which means as though never existed).

If you are paying your premium via instalments and you fail to pay an instalment, we will write to you requesting payment by a certain date. If still no payment is received by the deadline, we will issue you with a 14 day notice of cancellation letter before we cancel your policy. Any return premium will be used to clear your remaining balance, with any surplus funds being paid to you. If the refund does not clear your remaining balance in full, you will be required to settle the outstanding balance to us for the cost of the cover provided up to the date of cancellation, including any applicable service charge.

If the premium for this policy is being paid through a finance house and this policy is cancelled, any refund

will be paid to the finance house.

# 14. Return of premium

Any underpayment by **you** will be offset against any cancellation return of premium.

Please also see Premium adjustments on page 25.





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