

Policy wording

The General terms and conditions and the following terms and conditions all apply to this section.

# Special definitions for this section

**Bodily injury** 

Death, or any bodily or mental injury or disease of any person.

**Defence costs** 

Costs incurred with **our** prior written agreement to investigate, settle or defend a claim against **vou**.

**Denial of access** 

Nuisance, trespass or interference with any easement or right of air, light, water or way.

**Employee** 

Any person normally resident in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or the Republic of Ireland working for **you** in connection with **your business** who is:

- a. employed by you under a contract of service or apprenticeship;
- b. hired to or borrowed by you;
- c. self-employed and working on a labour-only basis under your control or supervision;
- d. engaged by labour-only sub-contractors;
- e. a labour master or a person supplied by him;
- f. engaged under a work experience or training scheme;

Inefficacy

The failure of any of **your products** or any service, process or system provided or managed by **you** to perform the function or serve the purpose for which it was intended.

Personal injury

False arrest, detention or imprisonment; malicious prosecution; wrongful entry into, or eviction of a person from, a room, dwelling or premises that they occupy; invasion of any rights of privacy.

**Pollution** 

Any pollution or contamination, including noise, electromagnetic fields, radiation and radio waves.

**Products** 

Any goods sold, supplied, distributed, manufactured, constructed, erected, installed, altered, tested, serviced, maintained, repaired, cleaned or treated by **you**.

**Property damage** 

Physical loss of or damage to or destruction of tangible property including the resulting loss of use of such property.

Tool of trade

Mobile plant or equipment being used where insurance or security is not required under the provisions of any road traffic legislation.

You/your

Also includes any person who was, is or during the **period of insurance** becomes **your** partner or director or senior manager in actual control of **your** operations.

### What is covered

Claims against you

If, as a result of your business, any party brings a claim against you for:

- a. bodily injury or property damage occurring during the period of insurance;
- b. personal injury or denial of access committed during the period of insurance;

we will indemnify you against the sums you have to pay as compensation.

This includes a claim against any **employee** of **yours** when they are acting on **your** behalf in whatever capacity.

We will also pay defence costs but we will not pay costs for any part of a claim not covered by this section.

Overseas personal liability

We will indemnify you and if you so request, any of your directors, partners or employees or spouse of such person against legal liability as a result of bodily injury, property damage or personal injury incurred in a personal capacity whilst temporarily outside the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or the Republic of Ireland other than:

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- a. where indemnity arises out of the ownership or occupation of land or buildings;
- b. where indemnity is provided by any other insurance.

Claims against principals

If, as a result of **your business**, any party brings a claim, which falls within the scope of **What is covered**, Claims against you, against a customer of **your business** for whom **you** are providing services under contract or agreement and **you** are liable for that claim, **we** will treat such claim as if made against **you** and make the same payment to such customer that **we** would have made to **you**, provided that the party to be indemnified:

- a. has not, in **our** reasonable opinion, caused or contributed to the claim against them;
- accepts that we can control the claim's defence and settlement in accordance with the terms of this section:
- c. has not admitted liability or prejudiced the defence of the claim before we are notified of it;
- d. gives us the information and co-operation we reasonably require for dealing with the claim.

Cross liabilities

If more than one insured is named in the schedule, **we** will deal with any claim as though a separate policy had been issued to each of them provided that **our** liability in the aggregate shall not exceed the limit of indemnity shown in the schedule.

Criminal proceedings costs

If any governmental, administrative or regulatory body brings any criminal action against **you** during the **period of insurance** for any breach of statute or regulation directly relating to any actual or potential claim under this section, **we** will pay the costs incurred with **our** prior written consent to defend such an action against **you** or any **employee** of **yours**.

#### Additional cover

Court attendance compensation

If any person within the definition of **you** has to attend court as a witness in connection with a claim against **you** covered under this section, **we** will pay **you** compensation for each day, or part of a day, that their attendance is required by **our** solicitor.

Loss of third-party keys

**We** will pay the reasonable costs to replace locks, keys or electronic pass cards of third parties following **your** loss of their keys or electronic pass cards for which **you** are legally responsible.

Unauthorised use of thirdparty telephones by your employees We will pay for the sums you have to pay as compensation to third parties following the unauthorised use of their telephone system by any of your employees during the period of insurance, provided that the unauthorised use is notified to us within three months of its happening.

### What is not covered

A. **We** will not make any payment for any claim or loss directly or indirectly due to:

Property for which you are responsible

- loss of or damage to any property belonging to you or which at the time of the loss or damage is in your care, custody or control. This does not apply to:
  - vehicles or personal effects belonging to your employees or visitors, while on your premises;
  - premises, including their contents, which are not owned or rented by you, where you are temporarily carrying out your business;
  - c. premises rented to **you**, for loss or damage not insurable under property insurance policies and for which **you** would not be liable other than by the lease or other agreement.
- the ownership, possession, maintenance or use by you or on your behalf of any aircraft
  or other aerial device, hovercraft, watercraft (other than hand propelled or sailing craft
  less than 20 feet in length in inland or territorial waters) or any mechanically propelled
  vehicles and their trailers.

This does not apply to:

- a. any tool of trade;
- b. the loading or unloading of any vehicle off the highway.

Injury to employees

3. **bodily injury** to any **employee**:



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**Pollution** 

- a. i. any pollution of buildings or other structures or of water or land or the atmosphere; or
  - ii. any **bodily injury** or **property damage** directly or indirectly caused by **pollution**,

unless caused by a sudden, identifiable, unintended and unexpected incident which occurs in its entirety at a specific time and place during the **period of insurance**;

b. any **pollution** occurring in the United States of America or Canada.

Computer virus

5. transmission of a computer virus.

Professional advice

6. designs, plans, specifications, formulae, directions or advice prepared or given by you.

Your products

- the costs of recalling, removing, repairing, reconditioning or replacing any product or any of its parts.
- 8. a. any **products** relating to aircraft, including missiles or spacecraft, and any ground support or control equipment used in connection with such **products**;
  - any products installed in aircraft, including missiles or spacecraft, or used in connection with such craft, or for tooling used in their manufacture including groundhandling tools and equipment, training aids, instruction manuals, blueprints, engineering or other data, advice and services and labour relating to such craft or products.

Deliberate or reckless acts

9. any act, breach, omission or infringement you deliberately, spitefully, dishonestly or recklessly commit, condone or ignore which could reasonably be expected to cause injury or damage to another party even if such injury or damage is of a different degree or type than could reasonably have been anticipated.

Contracts

 your liability under any contract which is greater than the liability you would have at law without the contract.

Date recognition

11. date recognition.

War, terrorism and nuclear

12. war, terrorism or nuclear risks.

**Asbestos** 

- 13. asbestos risks.
- B. **We** will not make any payment for:

Restricted recovery rights

1. that part of any claim where **your** right of recovery is restricted by any contract.

Non-compensatory payments

2. fines and contractual penalties, punitive or exemplary damages.

Claims outside the applicable courts

 any claim, including arbitration, brought outside the countries set out in the schedule under applicable courts.

This applies to proceedings in the applicable courts to enforce, or which are based on, a judgment or award from outside the applicable courts.

Geographical limits

- any claim brought against you:
  - a. resulting from work you undertake in any country outside the geographical limits; or
  - b. for **bodily injury** or **property damage** occurring in any country outside the **geographical limits** and arising from **your products** or from **inefficacy**.

# How much we will pay

**We** will pay up to the limit of indemnity shown in the schedule for each actual or threatened claim, unless limited below or in the schedule. **We** will also pay for **defence costs**. However, if a payment greater than the limit of indemnity has to be made for a claim **our** liability for **defence costs** will be limited to the same proportion that the limit of indemnity bears to the amount paid. **You** must pay the **excess** for each claim.

All claims which arise from the same original cause, a single source or a repeated or continuing shortcoming in **your** work will be regarded as one claim.



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#### **Special limits**

**Products** 

For claims arising from **your products** and from **inefficacy**, the most **we** will pay is a single limit of indemnity for the total of all such claims. **We** will also pay for **defence costs** for those claims until the limit of indemnity has been exhausted. **You** must pay the relevant **excess** shown in the schedule.

**Pollution** 

For claims arising from **pollution**, the most **we** will pay is a single limit of indemnity for the total of all such claims and their **defence costs**, including any claims forming part of a series of other claims regarded as one claim under this section. The most **we** will pay for **defence costs** in relation to **pollution** claims is the amount shown in the schedule. **You** must pay the relevant **excess** shown in the schedule.

Claims brought against you in USA or Canada

If it is stated in the schedule that cover is provided for claims brought in the United States of America or Canada, the most **we** will pay is a single limit of indemnity for the total of all such claims and their **defence costs**. **You** must pay the relevant **excess** shown in the schedule.

Criminal proceedings costs

The most **we** will pay for the costs to defend criminal proceedings is the amount shown in the schedule. This applies to all actions brought against **you** during the **period of insurance**.

Paying out the limit of indemnity

At any stage **we** can pay **you** the applicable limit of indemnity or what remains after any earlier payment from that limit. **We** will pay **defence costs** already incurred at the date of **our** payment. **We** will then have no further liability for those claims or their **defence costs**.

## Your obligations

We will not make any payment under this section:

If a problem arises

unless you notify us promptly of any claim or threatened claim against you. For claims arising out of bodily injury, you must notify us immediately and in any event within seven days of a claim or anything which may give rise to a claim under this section. At our request, you must confirm the facts in writing within 30 days with as much information as is available.

**You** should make this notification directly to **us** (and **your** insurance adviser, if **you** have one) as follows, ensuring **you** quote **your** policy number:

by email to: liability.claims@hiscox.com; or

by post to: Hiscox Liability Claims, 25 London Road, Sittingbourne ME10 1PE, UK.

- 2. unless you notify us as soon as practicable of:
  - a. your discovery that products are defective or if your awareness of the inefficacy of any of your products or any service, process or system provided or managed by you;
  - b. any threatened criminal action by any governmental, administrative or regulatory body.
- 3. if, when dealing with **your** client or a third-party, **you** admit that **you** are liable for what has happened or make any offer, deal or payment, unless **you** have **our** prior written agreement. **You** must also not reveal the amount of cover available under this insurance, unless **you** had to give these details in negotiating a contract with **your** client or have **our** prior written agreement.

Correcting problems

**We** will not make any payment for **products** or **inefficacy** claims if **you** fail to take reasonable steps to remedy or rectify, at **your** expense, any defect or failure in the goods or services **you** have supplied to a client, customer or distributor.

#### Control of defence

**We** have the right, but not the obligation, to take control of and conduct in **your** name, the investigation, settlement or defence of any claim. If **we** think it necessary **we** will appoint an adjuster, solicitor or any other appropriate person to deal with the claim. **We** may appoint **your** own solicitor but on a similar-fee basis as **our** solicitor and only for work done with **our** prior written approval. Proceedings will only be defended if there is a reasonable prospect of success and taking into account the commercial considerations of the costs of defence.