

# Landlord's Comprehensive Insurance

Policy wording



# ...for landlords

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# Welcome to HomeLet, here's your new policy

Your policy schedule sets out which sections of cover you have purchased and your sums insured. The policy, your schedule and any endorsement pages should be read together as one document. Please examine them to make sure they give you the protection according to your present needs. If at any time you wish to add to your cover or revise the cover you currently have, then please let HomeLet know – your policy is designed for easy amendment or extension and an updated schedule or endorsement page will be issued each time there is an alteration to sums insured or cover. Your policy is index linked and revised sums insured applicable at renewal will be advised to you on your renewal notice. Please ensure that this gives you an adequate sum insured.

# HomeLet's promise of service

Your policy is administered by HomeLet on behalf of the Insurers listed below. HomeLet is a trading name of Barbon Insurance Group Limited.

HomeLet aims to provide all their customers with a first class standard of service. Should you wish to contact them or if you are unhappy with the service you receive, or have any cause for dissatisfaction you should in the first instance contact us by writing to:

HomeLet Customer Service Department Hestia House Unit 2 Edgewest Road Lincoln LN6 7EL

Alternatively, you can telephone HomeLet's Customer Service Department on 0800 035 8258 Or send an e-mail to enquiries@homelet.co.uk

Or visit HomeLets website at www.homelet.co.uk

When contacting HomeLet please quote your policy number.

# **Privacy Notice**

We are Ageas Insurance Limited and are part of the Ageas group of companies. The details provided here are a summary of how we collect, use, share, transfer and store your information. For our full Privacy Policy please visit our website www.ageas.co.uk/privacy-policy or contact our Data Protection Officer at: Ageas House, Hampshire Corporate Park, Templars Way, Eastleigh, Hampshire SO53 3YA or by emailing thedpo@ageas.co.uk.

Your agent will have their own uses for **your** personal data. Please ask HomeLet if **you** would like more information about how they use **your** personal information.

# Collecting your information

We collect a variety of personal information about you including your name, address, contact details, date of birth, credit history, criminal offences, claims information and IP address (which is a unique number identifying your computer). Where relevant, we also collect special categories of personal information (which was previously known as sensitive personal information) such as details regarding your health.

We also collect information from a number of different sources for example: publically available sources such as social media and networking sites; third party databases available to the insurance industry; firms, loss adjusters and/or suppliers appointed in the process of handling a claim.

# Using your information

The main reason we collect your personal information and/or special categories of personal information is because we need it to provide you with the appropriate insurance quotation, policy and price as well as manage your policy such as handling a claim or issuing documentation to you. Our assessment of your insurance application may involve an automated decision to determine whether we are able to provide you with a quotation and/or the price. If you object to this being done, then we will not be able to provide you with insurance.

We will also use your information where we feel there is a justifiable reason for doing so for example: to prevent and detect fraud and financial crime (which may include processes which profile you); collecting information regarding your past policies; carrying out research and analysis (including profiling); and recording and monitoring calls.

If you have given us such information about someone else, you would have confirmed that you have their permission to do so.

#### Sharing your information

We share your information with a number of different organisations which include, but are not limited to: other insurers; regulatory bodies; carefully selected third parties providing a service to us or on our behalf; fraud prevention and credit reference agencies and other companies, for example, when we are trialling their products and services which we think may improve our service to you or our business processes. Unless required to by law, we would never share your personal data without the appropriate care and necessary safeguards being in place.

# Keeping your information

We will only keep your information for as long as is necessary in providing our products and services to you and/or to fulfil our legal and regulatory obligations. Please refer to our full Privacy Policy for more information.

Use and storage of your information overseas

Your information may be transferred to, stored and processed outside the European Economic Area (EEA). We will not transfer your information outside the EEA unless it is to a country which is considered to have equivalent data protection laws or we have taken all reasonable steps to ensure the firm has suitable standards in place to protect your information.

# Your rights

You have a number of rights in relation to the information we hold about you, these rights include but are not limited to: the right to a copy of your personal information we hold; object to the use of your personal information; withdraw any permission you have previously provided and complain to the Information Commissioner's Office at any time if you are not satisfied with our use of your information. For a full list of your rights please refer to the full Privacy Policy.

Please note that there are times when we will not be able to delete your information. This may be as a result of fulfilling our legal and regulatory obligations or where there is a minimum, statutory, period of time for which we have to keep your information. If we are unable to fulfil a request, we will always let you know our reasons.

# Marketing

HomeLet may use personal information, and information about **your** use of **our** products and services, to carry out research and analysis.

HomeLet will only use personal information to market **our** products and services to **you** if you agree to this.

# Monitoring and recording

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

# What this means to you

This clarifies how we collect, store, process and share your data.

# If things go wrong

Whilst both HomeLet and the Insurers will make every effort to maintain the highest standards, they recognise that there may be some occasions when they fail to satisfy the particular requirements of their customers. They therefore have in place procedures to investigate and remedy any area of concern. In such circumstances they promise:

- To acknowledge any complaint in 5 days or less.
- · To have the issues reviewed by a person of appropriate seniority and authority.
- To identify the person managing your complaint in their original letter of response.
- To respond fully to your concern or complaint within a maximum of 28 days. If for any reason this
  is not possible, they will write to you promptly to explain why they have been unable to finalise the
  matter quickly. They will also let you know when they will contact you again.

If you still feel they have been unable to resolve the matter to your satisfaction then please write to the Insurer direct, full details of which are provided on page 5.

Ageas Insurance Limited will respond to any complaint on behalf of both Insurers under the Buildings and Contents insurances. Propgen Insurance Limited will respond to any complaint under the Rent Guarantee, Legal Expenses and Emergency Assistance insurances.

If you are still unhappy following receipt of the Insurers final response, you may be eligible to refer the dispute to either:

The Financial Ombudsman Service, for all Buildings and Contents insurance matters and for Rent Guarantee, Legal Expenses and Emergency Assistance matters related to the sale of the policy, who will review your case on an independent basis. The address is:

## The Financial Ombudsman Service

Exchange Tower London E14 9SR Tel: 0800 023 4567

#### OR

The Malta Financial Services Authority, for Rent Guarantee, Legal Expenses & Emergency Assistance insurance matters that are related to the policy itself (not the selling aspect), who will review your case on an independent basis. The address is:

# Office of the Arbiter for Financial Services

1st Floor St Calcedonius Square Floriana FRN 1530

E: complaint.info@financialarbiter.org.mt

T: +356 (or 00356) 21249245

# 14 Day Money Back Guarantee – Applicable to retail customers only

Should the cover provided by this policy not meet with your requirements we agree to refund any premium paid, in full, subject to your written notification to us within 14 days of receipt of the policy documentation provided that:

- a) a claim has not been made and
- b) no incidents have arisen that could result in a claim under the policy.

A Retail Customer is a Policyholder or a potential Policyholder acting outside their trade or business or profession.

# Financial Services Compensation Scheme

Ageas Insurance Limited is covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). This means that you may be entitled to receive compensation if Ageas Insurance Limited are unable to meet their obligations. Full details are available from the FSCS (www.fscs.org.uk). Propgen Insurance Limited is not covered by the FSCS.

If you take any of the action mentioned, it will not affect your right to take legal action. Telephone calls may be recorded.

# The Insurer(s)

• The Buildings and Contents sections of your Policy are underwritten by the following insurers:

The Insurers	Proportion
Ageas Insurance Limited Registered Number 354568 Registered in England and Wales Registered Office address: Ageas House, Hampshire Corporate Park, Templars Way, Eastleigh, Hampshire, SO53 3YA www.ageas.co.uk Member of the Association of British Insurers Authorised and regulated by the Ageas Insurance Limited is Authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority	50%
Propgen Insurance Limited Registered Number C37777 Registered in Malta Registered Office: The Hedge Business Centre Level 3, Triq Ir-rampa Ta' San Giljan Balluta Bay, St. Julians Malta, STJ 1062  Authorised and regulated by the Malta Financial Services Authority  With the exception of the Legal Liability as Owner, Legal Liability as Employer, Occupiers Legal Liability and Worldwide Personal Liability sections of cover which are underwritten as follows:	50%
Ageas Insurance Limited	100%

Rent Guarantee, Legal Expenses and Emergency Assistance
 The Rent Guarantee and Legal Expenses and Emergency Assistance sections of your Policy are
 underwritten by

Propgen Insurance limited The Hedge Business Centre Level 3, Triq Ir-rampa Ta' San Giljan Balluta Bay, St. Julians Malta, STJ 1062.

# How to make a claim

# **Buildings and Contents**

In the event that you need to make a claim simply telephone the Buildings and Contents claim line on 0330 333 7230. Lines are open Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm.

# Rent Guarantee and Legal Expenses

In the event that you need to make a claim simply telephone the HomeLet Rent Guarantee claim line on 0330 333 7067. Lines are open Monday to Friday 9am - 5.30pm.

# **Emergency Assistance**

If you have taken out Emergency Assistance Cover and need to make a claim then simply telephone HomeLet on 0330 333 7231. This telephone number is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

# Law applicable to this contract

The parties to a contract of insurance covering a risk in the United Kingdom are allowed to choose the law applicable to that contract. The law applicable to this contract will be that of the country where the policyholder is usually resident where this is within the United Kingdom. Otherwise English law will apply. Definition of words

At the beginning of each Section of your policy certain words have been defined. Defined words have the same meaning wherever they are used in that section or your policy schedule and they and other important words are highlighted by the use of bold print.



# **BUILDINGS INSURANCE**

# Definition of words

# Insured Property

Buildings used wholly or partially as private dwellings including:

- · outbuildings tennis courts and swimming pools used by residents for domestic and leisure purposes
- garden walls patios terraces hedges fences gates paths drives cesspits and septic tanks and communal receiving antennae
- · interior decorations, landlord's fixtures and fittings including aerials
- · any common parts to Your Insured Property
- garages, forecourts and car parks for which You are responsible situated at the address(es) shown in Your policy Schedule

# Period of Insurance

The period stated in Your Policy Schedule for which We agree to accept and You have paid or agreed to pay the premium for.

#### You/Your

The person or persons actually named in the Policy Schedule or in the event of their death a legal personal representative.

### Insurers/Our/Us/We

The Insurers described in the paragraph headed 'The Insurers' on Page 5.

#### Sum Insured

The amount shown in Your current Policy Schedule or subsequent renewal invitation, subject to index linking.

# Endorsement

A variation in the terms of the policy.

#### Residence

That part of Your Insured Property whether in whole or in part, occupied as an individual private dwelling or flat.

# Commercial Unit

Any part of Your Insured Property occupied for business purposes.

# Unoccupied

- if Your Insured Property, Residence or Commercial Unit is not lived in by a Tenant or not lived in by You as Your main residence
- · if a Commercial Unit is not used for business purposes

Tenant

An occupier of Your Insured Property, Residence or Commercial Unit by virtue of a tenancy agreement.

Excess

The first amount as shown in the Policy Schedule of any claim resulting from the same incident of loss or damage to any **Insured Property**.

Value

The amount of money You would have received by selling the article or property immediately prior to the loss or damage occurring.

Accidental Damage

Sudden and unexpected damage caused by external means.

The Business

Owning the Insured Property described in the Policy Schedule.

# HomeLet insurance policy

In consideration of the person or persons named as the Insured in the Policy Schedule (You) paying to the Insurers the First Premium mentioned in the Policy Schedule the Insurers severally agree each for the proportion set against its name to insure in the manner and to the extent provided for in the respective sections specified in the Policy Schedule in respect of events occurring during the Period of Insurance set out in the Policy Schedule or any subsequent period for which You shall pay and We shall accept the premium required.

The liability of each of the Insurers individually shall be limited to the proportion set against its name.

Signed by the Leading Office for and on behalf of the Insurers

François-Xavier Boisseau - CEO, Insurance

Ageas Insurance Limited

# General conditions

- 1 We will act in good faith in all Our dealings with You. Equally the payment of claims is dependent on: Your own observance of the following
  - a taking reasonable steps to safeguard against accident, injury loss or damage
  - b reporting to Us as soon as reasonably possible full details of any incident which may result in a claim under this Policy
  - c forwarding to Us every writ, summons, legal process or other communication in connection with the claim immediately upon receipt
  - d not admitting liability or making an offer or promise of payment or indemnity without Our written consent
  - e giving all necessary information and assistance that We may require
  - f notifying the police as soon as You become aware of loss or damage caused by theft or malicious act Your recognition of Our rights
  - a to take over and deal with in Your name the defence or settlement of any claim
  - b to take proceedings in Your name, but at Our expense, to recover for Our benefit the amount of any payment made under this Policy
  - c to settle Your claim on a proportionate basis if You have other insurance covering the same loss, damage or liability
  - d to avoid paying any claim which is in any respect fraudulent

Any other person entitled to claim the benefit of this Policy must also observe its terms and conditions.

#### 2 Arbitration

Where **We** have accepted a claim but the amount to be paid is in dispute the matter will be referred to an independent arbitrator acceptable to the parties involved.

# 3 Cancellation

You may cancel the Policy at any time by letter. We may cancel Your Policy or any section by sending seven days notice by recorded delivery letter or registered letter to Your last known address.

If the premium is payable by instalments and a payment is not made, Your policy will be automatically cancelled. We are not obliged to give You notice of this cancellation. Any return of premium due will depend on how long the Policy has been in force and whether any claims have been made in the event that You are paying for Your policy monthly and You make a claim, the annual premium, less any payments made by You will be deducted from Your claim settlement.

# 4 Non-invalidation

Any act or omission on the part of a **Tenant** without **Your** knowledge and beyond **Your** control will not affect **Your** rights under this Policy provided **You** give notice to **Us** in writing immediately **You** become aware of such act or omission and **You** agree to pay any additional premium **We** may require.

# 5 Non-invalidation - mortgagees

If the Insured or the occupiers of the Insured Property do anything which increases the risk of loss or damage occurring and such action has been taken without the knowledge or authority of the Mortgagees then the rights of the Mortgagees under this Policy will not be affected provided notice is given to **Us** in writing immediately that they become aware of the action taken and they agree to pay any additional premium **We** may require.

# 6 Other interests

The interest(s) of other parties in the insurance by this policy is noted, it being understood that in the event of Damage, the nature and extent of such other interest(s) will be disclosed by **You**.

7 Index linking – protection against inflation

**Your Sum Insured** will be adjusted annually by the latest percentage change in the House Rebuilding Cost Index prepared by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors or other appropriate index.

At each renewal the premium will be recalculated on **Your** new **Sum Insured** and will be shown on **Your** renewal invitation.

8 Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act

No person or company who is not party to this policy shall have any right under the Contract (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any terms or conditions of this policy. This shall not affect any right or remedy of a third party that exists or is available apart from this act.

9 Advice of unoccupancy

It is a condition precedent to **Our** liability under this policy that if any **Residence** is **Unoccupied** for more than 180 consecutive days **You** will notify **Us** in writing immediately.

10 Voidance

This Policy will be voidable in the event of misrepresentation misdescription or non-disclosure in any material fact.

If any claim under this Policy is in any respect fraudulent or if any fraudulent means or devices are used by **You** or anyone acting on Your behalf to obtain any benefit under this Policy or if any loss damage or destruction is occasioned by the wilful act or with the connivance of **You** all benefits under this Policy shall be forfeited.

11 Basis of Tenancy Agreement

It is a condition precedent to **Our** liability under this policy that any letting of the **Insured Property** by **You** is on the basis of a written Assured Shorthold Tenancy agreement (or the equivalent in Scotland or Northern Ireland) between **You** and the **Tenant** with a minimum initial period of at least three months unless an alternative basis of tenancy has otherwise been agreed and confirmed by **Us** in writing.

# General Exclusions

This policy does NOT provide Insurance in respect of:

- 1 Radioactive contamination
  - a loss damage or destruction to any material property whatsoever or any loss or expense whatsoever resulting or arising therefrom or any direct or indirect consequential loss
  - b any legal liability of whatsoever nature directly or indirectly caused by or contributed to by or arising from
    - i ionising radiation or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear fuel or fuel from nuclear waste from the combustion of nuclear fuel
    - ii the radioactive toxic explosive or other hazardous properties of any explosive nuclear assembly or nuclear component thereof

This General Exclusion does not apply to the Employers Liability insurance provided by this policy.

#### 2 War and similar risks

Any contingency occasioned by or happening through or in consequence of war invasion acts of foreign enemies hostilities or warlike operations (whether war be declared or not) civil war rebellion revolution insurrection civil commotion assuming the proportions of or amounting to an uprising military or usurped power or martial law.

# 3 Nationalisation

Loss destruction or damage occasioned by nationalisation confiscation requisition seizure or destruction of or damage to property by or under the order of any Government or public or local authority.

# 4 Sonic bangs

Loss destruction or damage directly occasioned by pressure waves caused by aircraft or other aerial devices travelling at sonic or supersonic speeds.

# 5 Deliberate acts or omissions

Loss destruction or damage directly occasioned by any deliberate act or omission by You which could reasonably have been expected by **You** having regard to the nature and circumstances of such act or omission.

# 6 Terrorism

- a liability death injury loss damage or destruction or any cost or expense of whatsoever nature or wheresoever arising (including consequential loss and damage) directly or indirectly caused by resulting from or in connection with:
- i any act of TERRORISM regardless of any other cause or event contributing concurrently or in any other sequence to the loss
- iii any action taken in controlling preventing suppressing or in any way relating to any act of TERRORISM
- b Loss damage or destruction or any consequential loss resulting from loss damage or destruction in Northern Ireland occasioned by or happening through or in consequence directly or indirectly of riot civil commotion and (except in respect of loss damage or destruction by fire or explosion) strikers locked out workers or persons taking part in labour disturbances or malicious persons except to the extent:
  - i that it is necessary to comply with the minimum requirements of the law in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland relating to compulsory insurance of liability to employees
  - ii stated in the SPECIAL PROVISION TERRORISM

For the purpose of this Exclusion an act of TERRORISM means an act including but not limited to the use of force or violence and/or the threat (or perceived threat) thereof of any person or group of persons whether acting alone or on behalf of or in connection with any organisation or government

(de jure or de facto) committed for political religious ideological or similar purposes including the intention to influence any government (de jure or de facto) and/or to put the public or any section of the public in fear.

In any action suit or other proceedings where **We** allege that by reason of this Exclusion any liability death injury loss damage destruction cost or expense is not covered by this Policy (or is covered only up to a specified Limit of Liability) the burden of proving that such liability death injury loss damage destruction cost or expense is covered (or is covered beyond the Limit of Liability) shall be **Yours**.

In the event any portion of this Exclusion is found to be invalid or unenforceable the remainder shall remain in full force and effect.

#### SPECIAL PROVISION - TERRORISM

Subject otherwise to the terms definitions exclusions exceptions provisions and conditions of the Policy this Insurance includes loss damage or destruction within the United Kingdom other than Northern Ireland but not the territorial seas adjacent thereto as defined in the Territorial Sea Act 1987 occasioned by or happening through or in consequence of an act of any person or group of persons acting on behalf of or in connection with any organisation with activities directed as defined in the Terrorism Exclusion provided that:

- a this Policy is issued in the name of an individual or individuals
- b the original Insured is not a trustee or a body of trustees that holds the Insured Property under a trust
- c Your main occupation/trade is not that of a Property Owner
- d the proportion of commercial occupation in the **Insured Property** does not exceed twenty per cent
- e in respect of loss damage or destruction to Buildings Contents and subsequent Loss of Rent and Alternative Accommodation in total any one loss occurrence **Our** liability shall not exceed £500,000 or the **Sum Insured** whichever is the lesser
- f We will not be liable for loss damage or destruction arising directly or indirectly from
  - the release or threat of release or explosion of germs or disease or other chemical or biological contagions or contaminants
  - ii the use or threat of use or explosion of any nuclear device or radioactive substance
- g this Special Provision does not apply to the Legal Liability as Employer Extension or to **Your** Legal Liability as Owner

For the purpose of this Special Provision a Loss Occurrence shall mean all individual losses arising in respect of a continuous period of twelve hours

#### 7 Pollution

Any general liability under the Liability Extension to this Policy for pollution or contamination other than caused by a sudden identifiable unintended and unexpected incident which takes place in its entirety at a specific time and place during the **Period of Insurance**:

- a all pollution or contamination which arises out of one incident will be deemed to have happened at the time such incident took place
- b Our liability for all damages other than liquidated damages payable in respect of all pollution or contamination which is deemed to have happened during the Period of Insurance will not exceed the sum stated in the Policy Schedule as the Amount of Indemnity for any one Event

For the purpose of this Exclusion — pollution or contamination means:

- all pollution or contamination of Buildings or other structures or of water or land or the atmosphere and
- all loss or damage or injury directly or indirectly caused by such pollution or contamination

# 8 Date recognition

Any claim of whatsoever nature that arises directly or indirectly from or consists of the failure or inability of any:

- a electronic circuit microchip integrated circuit microprocessor embedded system hardware software firmware program computer data processing equipment telecommunication equipment or systems or any similar device
- b media or systems used in connection with any of the foregoing whether the property of the Insured or not at any time to achieve any or all of the purposes and consequential effects intended by the use of any number symbol or word to denote a date including without limitation the failure or inability to recognise capture save or retain or restore and/or correctly to manipulate interpret transmit return calculate or process any date data information command logic or instruction as a result of:
  - i recognising using or adopting any date day of the week or period of time otherwise than as or other than the true or correct date day of the week or period of time
  - ii the operation of any command or logic which has been programmed or incorporated into anything referred to in a and b above

Provided always that this General Exclusion shall not apply:

- to any claim for subsequent loss or destruction of or damage to any property otherwise indemnifiable by this Policy
- to any claim made arising under insurance in respect of Employers Liability if provided by this Policy

# 9 Wear and tear

Loss destruction or damage directly occasioned by wear and tear.

#### 10 General

Loss destruction or damage occasioned by any cleaning, repairing, restoration, depreciation, rot, mould, woodworm, insects, vermin, any climatic condition or other gradual cause.

# 11 Asbestos

Any liability of whatsoever nature arising out of mining processing manufacturing removing disposing of distributing or storing of asbestos or products made entirely or mainly of asbestos.

This exclusion shall not apply in respect of such removal or disposal provided that:

- a such activity does not form part of Your usual Business or contract and
- b the discovery of asbestos by You is unintentional and accidental and
- c upon discovery of asbestos or products made entirely or mainly of asbestos all work immediately stops and
- d an HSE licensed asbestos removal contractor is employed if legally required
  - i to make safe the area in which the discovery is made as soon as is practicable
  - ii who has Employers Liability and Public Liability insurances in force
    - that provide Limits of Indemnity no less than those stated in the Policy Schedule and
    - that do not exclude the work to be carried out

- 1 Up to the Sum Insured under this section for loss of or damage to Your Insured Property caused by:
  - a Fire explosion lightning or earthquake
  - b Storm or flood
  - c Collision or impact involving any:-
    - vehicle, train, aircraft or other aerial device or anything dropped from them,
    - ii animal
  - d Riot, civil commotion, labour and political disturbances
  - e Malicious Act
  - f Escape of water from any fixed water or heating installation or domestic appliance

- g Escape of oil from any fixed heating installation
- h Theft, or attempted theft

- i Breakage or collapse of any aerial or satellite dish
- j Falling trees or branches

# We will not pay for:

# 1 · The Excess

- b loss or damage to hedges, fences and gates
  - loss or damage caused by or attributable to inadequate maintenance of the Insured Property
  - · loss or damage caused by frost
- loss or damage to Your Insured
   Property or Residence when it has remained Unoccupied for more than 90 consecutive days
  - loss or damage to a Commercial Unit which is Unoccupied
  - · loss or damage caused by the Tenant
- loss or damage to any Residence or Insured Property which has remained Unoccupied for more than 90 consecutive days
  - loss or damage to a Commercial Unit which is Unoccupied
  - loss or damage to the appliance/ installation itself
  - loss or damage resulting from any gradually operating cause
- g loss or damage resulting from any gradually operating cause
- h loss or damage to Your Insured
   Property or Residence when it has remained Unoccupied for more than 90 consecutive days
  - loss or damage to a Commercial Unit which is Unoccupied
  - loss or damage unless violent and forcible means are used to gain entry or exit to Your Insured Property
  - loss or damage caused by the occupiers of Your Insured Property
- j loss or damage caused by felling or lopping

2 Up to the Sum Insured under this section for loss or damage to Your Insured Property caused by Subsidence or ground heave of the site on which Your Insured Property stands or landslip.

- Property fees and costs
  For fees, clearance and shoring up costs, incurred with Our prior consent, following loss or damage insured by this section; provided such fees and costs together with the amount payable under any other cause insured by this section do not exceed the Sum Insured on Your Insured Property
- 4 The additional costs of rebuilding or repair of the damaged part of the property solely to comply with any statute or bye-laws
- 5 In the event of loss or damage to the Building by escape of water from a pipe concealed in a wall ceiling or floor or in the ground of the land on which the Building stands up to £5000 in respect of the cost of locating the point of escape repairing or replacing the defective section of pipe and making good
- 6 Metered Water and Gas Charges
  The cost incurred by You as determined by the respective Supply Undertaking Company's Meter for metered water and gas charges demanded by the Supply Undertaking Company following damage to the apparatus after the point of the service feed to the Insured Property

# We will not pay for:

# 2 • The Excess

- loss or damage caused by erosion of the coast or riverbank
- loss or damage to swimming pools, garden walls, pathways, patios, terraces, fences, paths and drives unless damaged at the same time as the main buildings which form part of Your Insured Property
- loss or damage to solid floor slabs unless the foundations beneath the external walls are damaged or destroyed at the same time by the same cause
- loss or damage caused by bedding down of new structures
- loss or damage caused by any settlement shrinkage or expansion
- loss or damage caused by demolition, structural alteration or repair, inadequate construction of foundations
- loss or damage that originated prior to the commencement of this insurance
- 3 The Excess
  - Fees charged for the preparation of any claim

## 5 • The Excess

Any cost arising from normal wear and tear or deterioration

# 6 • The Excess

- Any loss not discovered within 180 days of the damage occurring
- Any loss occurring when the Insured Property or Residence or Commercial Unit in which the loss occurs is unoccupied
- · Any amount in excess of £250

- 7 Loss of Rent or Alternative Accommodation up to 30% in total of the Sum Insured on Your Insured Property for:
  - a i loss of rent as a result of any part of Your Insured Property being made uninhabitable following loss of or damage to Your Insured Property by any cause insured by this section or ii the necessary cost of alternative accommodation and temporary storage of furniture incurred by You in respect of any Residence rendered uninhabitable or to which access is denied from any cause covered by this Policy provided that all Residences which form Your Insured Property are insured in one amount on behalf of the individual owners or lessees
  - b the costs necessarily and reasonably incurred by You with Our consent in re-letting the Insured Property solely as a consequence of the loss or damage
- 8 Sale of Buildings

Up to the **Sum Insured** on **Your Insured Property** to any purchaser for loss or damage or other costs covered by this section. This applies only during the period between exchange of contracts and completion date and provided **Your Insured Property** is not otherwise insured

# We will not pay for:

- 7 The Excess
  - Any loss where any part of Your Insured Property was Unoccupied prior to the loss unless verified by a tenancy agreement confirming future occupation
  - Any loss incurred once the damaged part of Your Insured Property is habitable

# 9 Accidental Damage

(This cover only applies when Accidental Damage appears under the Buildings section on the policy schedule)

- Up to the Sum Insured for loss or damage to Your Insured Property caused by Accidental Damage
- Accidental Damage to service pipes, cables and inspection costs for which You have accepted responsibility, which service Your Insured Property
- Accidental Damage to fixed water pipes and tanks caused by internal stress due to freezing, overheating or excessive water pressure
- Up to the Sum Insured for loss or damage to Your Insured Property caused by Malicious Act of the Tenant

# We will not pay for:

# 9 · The Excess

- any amount recoverable from the Tenant up to the total amount of the initial deposit paid (proof of the deposit payment must be submitted in the event of a claim)
- loss or damage that is already covered under the Tenants own contents insurance policy
- loss or damage resulting from any gradually operating cause
- loss or damage to Your Insured Property or Residence when it has remained Unoccupied for more than 90 consecutive days
- loss or damage to a Commercial Unit which is Unoccupied
- loss or damage to service pipes and cables which You are not legally liable to repair
- loss or damage caused by neglect or lack of routine maintenance
- loss or damage caused by cleaning, repairing, restoration, wear and tear or depreciation, rot, mould, woodworm, insects, vermin, any climatic condition or other gradual cause
- loss or damage caused by faulty workmanship, defective design or defective materials
- loss or damage caused by mechanical or electrical fault, breakdown or derangement
- · loss or damage caused by domestic pets
- loss or damage specifically excluded under the Buildings section or elsewhere in this policy
- the cost of maintenance and normal redecoration

# Basis of Settlement Memorandum

In the event of loss or damage the basis on which the amount payable in respect of the **Insured Property** is to be calculated will be the Reinstatement of the property lost destroyed or damaged

For the purpose of this Memorandum, Reinstatement means

- 1 if the building has not been maintained in a good state of repair **We** will pay the cost of reinstatement less a deduction for wear and tear.
- 2 the rebuilding or replacement of property lost or destroyed which provided **Our** liability is not increased may be carried out:
  - a in any manner suitable to Your requirements
  - b upon another site
- 3 the repair or restoration of property damaged in either case to a condition equivalent to or substantially the same as but not better or more extensive than its condition when new.

# Special conditions

- 1 If at the time of loss or damage the cost of reinstating the whole of the Insured Property exceeds its Sum Insured then You will be considered as being Your own insurer for the difference and shall accordingly bear a proportionate share of the loss.
- 2 Our liability for the repair or restoration of property damaged in part only will not exceed the amount which would have been payable had such property been wholly destroyed.
- 3 No payment beyond the amount which would have been payable in the absence of this Memorandum will be made:
  - a unless Reinstatement commences and proceeds without unreasonable delay
  - b until the cost of Reinstatement has actually been incurred
  - c if the Insured Property at the time of its loss destruction or damage is insured by any other Insurance effected by or on behalf of You which is not on the same basis of Reinstatement
- 4 If the repair or replacement is not carried out, **We** may, at **Our** option, pay the reduction in market **Value** resulting from the loss or damage but not exceeding what it would have cost to repair or replace.
- 5 We will not pay for the replacement of or work on any undamaged items or remaining parts of the **Insured Property** solely because they form part of a set, suite, group or collection of articles of a similar nature colour pattern or design.
- 6 The **Sum Insured** on **Your Insured Property** will be reinstated automatically from the date of notification of any claim under this section.

- 10 Legal Liability as Owner (or in the event of death the legal personal representative)
  - a Up to £5,000,000 in respect of any one event, plus costs agreed by **Us** in writing which **You** become legally liable to pay as the owner of the **Insured Property** for
  - i injury, illness or disease of any person
  - ii loss of or damage to property which neither belongs to **You** or is in **Your** care
  - occurring during the Period of Insurance
  - b Up to £5,000,000 which **You** as the former owner of any property covered by this section, become legally liable to pay for injury or damage to the property of others arising from a defect in the premises If the Buildings section of the Policy is cancelled this part of the liability cover will continue to operate
  - c Solicitors fees arising from a claim under this paragraph for
    - i representation at any coroner's inquest or fatal accident enquiry
    - ii defence in any court of summary jurisdiction arising out of any possible claim

We will for the purpose of this clause treat as though they were the owner or former owner any of **Your Tenants** or lessees provided that they fulfil the terms and conditions of this policy in so far as they can apply.

# We will not pay for:

# 10 a & b

- Loss of or damage to property or injury, illness or disease,
  - arising out of any deliberate act
  - arising out of any employment, business or profession other than property owning
  - arising out of any work in the Insured
     Property by Your employees
  - suffered by anyone under a contract of service with You and arising out of the work they are employed to do
  - arising from accidents involving any dog described in section 1 of the Dangerous Dogs Act
- injury, illness or disease, loss or damage arising from the ownership, possession or use by You or on Your behalf of
  - any mechanically propelled vehicle (including any type of machine on wheels or tracks) licensed for road use or for which compulsory insurance or security is required by any road traffic legislation or trailer attached thereto or the loading or unloading of such vehicle or trailer or the delivery or collection of goods in connection with such vehicle or trailer within the limits of any carriageway or thoroughfare
  - any vessel or craft (other than hand propelled boats) made or intended to float on or in or travel through water or air or space or the loading or unloading of such vessel or craft
- · any fines or penalties

# 10 b

 Loss or damage to property or injury, illness or disease insured under any other current policy or any subsequent policy if this section has been cancelled

# Extension

Legal liability as employer

The cover provided by this Section is extended to provide Legal Liability Insurance as follows:

Amount of indemnity

Employers Liability .....£10,000,000

Public Liability .....£5,000,000

The following interpretation applies throughout this Extension

- 1 The Insured includes:
  - a in the event of Your death, any of Your legal personal representatives in respect of liability incurred by You
  - b if **You** so request as far as concerns Occurrence b) only any of **Your** directors, partners, gardeners, porters, caretakers or cleaners in their capacity as such
- 2 If there is more than one person specified in the Policy Schedule as being the Insured, this extension shall apply separately to each person but Our total liability shall not exceed the Amount of Indemnity.
- 3 Property in Your charge or under Your control shall not include employees' or visitors' personal effects.
- 4 Occurrences:
  - a Employers liability:
    - Bodily injury, illness or disease to any gardener, porter, caretaker or cleaner under a contract of service or apprenticeship with **You** and resulting from the work they are employed to do
  - b Public Liability:
    - i Bodily injury to or illness or disease of any person
    - ii loss or damage to property excluding bodily injury to or illness or disease of any person arising out of and in the course of their employment by You under a contract of service or apprenticeship and excluding loss of or damage to property belonging to You or in Your charge or under Your control

# We will pay:

In the event of any Occurrence described above, happening during the **Period of Insurance**, **We** will indemnify **You** against:

- a sums which You shall become legally liable to pay for compensation and claimant's costs and expenses in respect of any Occurrence in connection with The Business
- b costs and expenses of litigation incurred with
   Our written consent in respect of a claim made against You to which the indemnity expressed in this extension applies
- c the payment of Solicitors' fees incurred with
  Our written consent for Your representation
  at proceedings in any Court of Summary
  Jurisdiction, arising out of any alleged breach of
  a statutory duty resulting from an Occurrence
  which may be the subject of indemnity under
  this Extension, or at any Coroner's Inquest or
  Fatal Accident Enquiry in respect of
  such Occurrence

We will not pay for:

Any liability under Occurrence b in respect of:

- a injury, illness or disease, loss or damage caused by anyone in Your employment other than a gardener, porter, caretaker or cleaner
- b loss or damage to property which results from Your deliberate act or omission and which could reasonably have been expected by You having regard to the nature and circumstances of such act or omission
- c injury, illness or disease, loss or damage, arising from the ownership, possession or use by You or on Your behalf of
  - i any mechanically propelled vehicle (including any type of machine on wheels or tracks) licensed for road use or for which compulsory insurance or security is required by any road traffic legislation or trailer attached thereto or the loading or unloading of such vehicle or trailer or the delivery or collection of goods in connection with such vehicle or trailer within the limits of any carriageway or thoroughfare

#### Extension

The indemnity provided by this Extension shall also apply to liability incurred by You in respect of legal costs and other expenses (other than fines or penalties imposed) incurred with Our written consent and prosecution costs awarded against You, arising out of Your prosecution for a breach or alleged breach, during the Period of Insurance, of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 or the Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978.

- ii any vessel or craft (other than hand propelled boats) made or intended to float on or in or travel through water or air or space or the loading or unloading of such vessel or craft
- d loss of or damage to any commodity article or thing supplied installed or erected by **You** if such loss or damage is attributable to any defect therein or the harmful nature or unsuitability thereof
- e accidents involving any dog described in Section 1 of the Dangerous Dogs Act
- f any fines or penalties

Conditions for legal liability as employer

# Avoidance and Recovery

If any claim is not covered by this Extension **You** will repay to **Us** all payments made solely because of the compulsory insurance law of a country to which this extension applies.

# Basis of claims settlement for all liability cover

Our liability for all compensation payable to any claimant or number of claimants in respect of or arising out of any one Occurrence or all Occurrences of a series consequent on one original cause shall not exceed the Amount of Indemnity for any one event.



# **CONTENTS INSURANCE**

# Property

Buildings used wholly or partially as private dwellings situated at the address(es) shown in the Policy Schedule.

#### Sum insured

The amount shown in **Your** current Policy Schedule or subsequent renewal invitation, subject to index linking.

# Residence

That part of the Property whether in whole or in part, occupied as an individual private dwelling or flat.

#### You / Your

The person or persons actually named in the policy schedule or in the event of their death a legal personal representative.

#### Insurers/Our/Us/We

The Insurers described in the paragraph headed 'The Insurers' on Page 5.

#### Unoccupied

If any Residence is not lived in by a Tenant or not lived in by You as Your main residence.

#### Tenant

An occupier of Your Insured Property or Residence by virtue of a tenancy agreement.

#### Contents

# Either:

- a Domestic furniture and furnishings (excluding Valuables) or if Limited Contents Cover is operative
- b Carpets, curtains, interior sun blinds, light fittings, fridges, freezers, dishwashers, washing machines, dryers, cookers and microwaves

belonging to You or for which You are responsible in any Residence or in the common parts of Your Property

# Money

Cash, bank or currency notes, cheques, postal and money orders, current postage stamps and National Insurance Stamps all belonging to **You** or for which **You** are responsible.

# Valuables

Articles of gold, silver or other precious metals, jewellery, watches, photographic equipment, binoculars, furs, curios and other works of art, audio and audio visual equipment (but not television receiving

equipment [except satellite and cable television receivers] having a replacement cost as new of £750 or less), home computer equipment, collections of stamps coins and medals all belonging to You or for which You are responsible.

Excess

The first amount as shown in the Policy Schedule of any claim resulting from the same incident of loss or damage to any **Insured Property**.

Period of insurance

The period stated in the Policy Schedule for which **We** agree to accept and **You** have paid or agreed to pay the premium.

Endorsement

A variation in the terms of the policy.

Value

The amount of money **You** would have received by selling the article or property immediately prior to the loss or damage occurring.

Household

You, all members of your family and any other persons permanently living in Your home (other than Tenants).

Accidental damage

Sudden and unexpected damage caused by external means.

The Business

Owning the Contents in the Insured Property as described in the Policy Schedule.

# HomeLet insurance policy

In consideration of the person or persons named as the Insured in the Policy Schedule (**You**) paying to the Insurers the First Premium mentioned in the Policy Schedule the Insurers severally agree each for the proportion set against its name to insure in the manner and to the extent provided for in the respective sections specified in the Policy Schedule in respect of events occurring during the Period of Insurance set out in the Policy Schedule or any subsequent period for which **You** shall pay and **We** shall accept the premium required.

The liability of each of the Insurers individually shall be limited to the proportion set against its name

Signed by the Leading Office for and on behalf of the Insurers

François-Xavier Boisseau - CEO, Insurance

Ageas Insurance Limited

# General Conditions

- 1 We will act in good faith in all our dealings with You. Equally the payment of claims is dependent on: Your own observance of the following:
  - a taking reasonable steps to safeguard against accident, injury loss or damage
  - b reporting to **Us** as soon as reasonably possible full details of any incident which may result in a claim under this Policy
  - c forwarding to **Us** every writ, summons, legal process or other communication in connection with the claim immediately upon receipt
  - d not admitting liability or making an offer or promise of payment or indemnity without **Our** written consent
  - e giving all necessary information and assistance that We may require
  - f notifying the police as soon as **You** become aware of loss or damage caused by theft or malicious act Your recognition of our rights
  - a to take over and deal with in Your name the defence or settlement of any claim
  - b to take proceedings in **Your** name, but at **Our** expense, to recover for **Our** benefit the amount of any payment made under this Policy
  - c to settle Your claim on a proportionate basis if You have other insurance covering the same loss, damage or liability

Any other person entitled to claim the benefit of this Policy must also observe its terms and conditions

2 Arbitration

Where **We** have accepted a claim but the amount to be paid is in dispute the matter will be referred to an independent arbitrator acceptable to the parties involved.

3 Cancellation

You may cancel the Policy at any time by letter. We may cancel Your Policy or any section by sending seven days notice by recorded delivery letter or registered letter to Your last known address.

If the premium is payable by instalments and payment ceases, **Your** policy will be automatically cancelled. **We** are not obliged to give **You** notice of this cancellation.

Any return of premium due will depend on how long the Policy has been in force and whether any claims have been made.

4 Non-invalidation

Any act or omission on the part of a **Tenant** without **Your** knowledge and beyond **Your** control will not affect **Your** rights under this Policy provided **You** give notice to **Us** in writing immediately **You** become aware of such act or omission and **You** agree to pay any additional premium **We** may require.

5 Index Linking – protection against inflation

The **Sum Insured** in respect of Domestic Furniture and Furnishings will be adjusted monthly by the latest percentage change in the Consumer Durables Section of the Government's Retail Price Index or other appropriate index. No additional premium during the current period of insurance will be required for this adjustment.

At each renewal the premium will be recalculated on **Your** new **Sum Insured** and will be shown on **Your** renewal invitation

6 Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act

No person or company who is not party to this policy shall have any right under the Contract (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any terms or conditions of this policy. This shall not affect any right or remedy of a third party that exists or is available apart from this act.

# 7 Advice of unoccupancy

It is a condition precedent to **Our** liability under this policy that if any **Residence** is **Unoccupied** for more than 180 consecutive days **You** will notify **Us** in writing immediately.

# 8 Voidance

This Policy will be voidable in the event of misrepresentation misdescription or non-disclosure in any material fact.

If any claim under this Policy is in any respect fraudulent or if any fraudulent means or devices are used by **You** or anyone acting on **Your** behalf to obtain any benefit under this Policy or if any loss damage or destruction is occasioned by the wilful act or with the connivance of **You** all benefits under this Policy shall be forfeited.

# 9 Basis of Tenancy Agreement

It is a condition precedent to **Our** liability under this policy that any letting of the **Insured Property** by **You** is on the basis of a written Assured Shorthold Tenancy agreement (or the equivalent in Scotland or Northern Ireland) between **You** and the **Tenant** with a minimum initial period of at least three months unless an alternative basis of tenancy has otherwise been agreed and confirmed by **Us** in writing.

# General Exclusions

This policy does NOT provide Insurance in respect of:

- 1 Radioactive Contamination
  - a loss damage or destruction to any material property whatsoever or any loss or expense whatsoever resulting or arising therefrom or any direct or indirect consequential loss
  - b any legal liability of whatsoever nature directly or indirectly caused by or contributed to by or arising from:
    - i ionising radiation or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear fuel or fuel from nuclear waste from the combustion of nuclear fuel
    - ii the radioactive toxic explosive or other hazardous properties of any explosive nuclear assembly or nuclear component thereof

This General Exclusion does not apply to the Employers Liability insurance provided by this policy

# 2 War and Similar Risks

Any contingency occasioned by or happening through or in consequence of war invasion acts of foreign enemies hostilities or warlike operations (whether war be declared or not) civil war rebellion revolution insurrection civil commotion assuming the proportions of or amounting to an uprising military or usurped power or martial law.

# 3 Nationalisation

Loss destruction or damage occasioned by nationalisation confiscation requisition seizure or destruction of or damage to property by or under the order of any Government or public or local authority.

# 4 Sonic Bangs

Loss destruction or damage directly occasioned by pressure waves caused by aircraft or other aerial devices travelling at sonic or supersonic speeds.

# 5 Deliberate Acts or Omissions

Loss destruction or damage directly occasioned by any deliberate act or omission by **You** which could reasonably have been expected by **You** having regard to the nature and circumstances of such act or omission.

# 6 Terrorism

- a liability death injury loss damage or destruction or any cost or expense of whatsoever nature or wheresoever arising (including consequential loss and damage) directly or indirectly caused by resulting from or in connection with
  - i any act of TERRORISM regardless of any other cause or event contributing concurrently or in any other sequence to the loss
  - ii any action taken in controlling preventing suppressing or in any way relating to any act of TERRORISM
- b loss damage or destruction or any consequential loss resulting from loss damage or destruction in Northern Ireland occasioned by or happening through or in consequence directly or indirectly of riot civil commotion and (except in respect of loss damage or destruction by fire or explosion) strikers locked out workers or persons taking part in labour disturbances or malicious persons except to the extent:
  - i that it is necessary to comply with the minimum requirements of the law in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland relating to compulsory insurance of liability to employees
  - ii stated in the SPECIAL PROVISION TERRORISM

For the purpose of this Exclusion an act of TERRORISM means an act including but not limited to the use of force or violence and/or the threat (or perceived threat) thereof of any person or group of persons whether acting alone or on behalf of or in connection with any organisation or

government (de jure or de facto) committed for political religious ideological or similar purposes including the intention to influence any government (de jure or de facto) and/or to put the public or any section of the public in fear.

In any action suit or other proceedings where **We** allege that by reason of this Exclusion any liability death injury loss damage destruction cost or expense is not covered by this Policy (or is covered only up to a specified Limit of Liability) the burden of proving that such liability death injury loss damage destruction cost or expense is covered (or is covered beyond the Limit of Liability) shall be **Yours**.

In the event any portion of this Exclusion is found to be invalid or unenforceable the remainder shall remain in full force and effect.

#### SPECIAL PROVISION - TERRORISM

Subject otherwise to the terms definitions exclusions exceptions provisions and conditions of the Policy this Insurance includes loss damage or destruction within the United Kingdom other than Northern Ireland but not the territorial seas adjacent thereto as defined in the Territorial Sea Act 1987 occasioned by or happening through or in consequence of an act of any person or group of persons acting on behalf of or in connection with any organisation with activities directed as defined in the Terrorism Exclusion provided that:

- a this Policy is issued in the name of an individual or individuals
- b the original Insured is not a trustee or a body of trustees that holds the **Insured Property** under a trust
- c Your main occupation/trade is not that of a Property Owner
- d the proportion of commercial occupation in the Insured Property does not exceed twenty per cent
- e in respect of loss damage or destruction to Buildings Contents and subsequent Loss of Rent and Alternative Accommodation in total any one loss occurrence **Our** liability shall not exceed £500,000 or the **Sum Insured** whichever is the lesser
- f We will not be liable for loss damage or destruction arising directly or indirectly from:
  - i the release or threat of release or explosion of germs or disease or other chemical or biological contagions or contaminants
  - ii the use or threat of use or explosion of any nuclear device or radioactive substance
- g this Special Provision does not apply to the Legal Liability as Employer Extension or to **Your** Legal Liability as Owner

For the purpose of this Special Provision a Loss Occurrence shall mean all individual losses arising in respect of a continuous period of twelve hours.

#### 7 Pollution

Any general liability under the Liability Extension to this Policy for pollution or contamination other than caused by a sudden identifiable unintended and unexpected incident which takes place in its entirety at a specific time and place during the **Period of Insurance** 

- a all pollution or contamination which arises out of one incident will be deemed to have happened at the time such incident took place
- b Our liability for all damages other than liquidated damages payable in respect of all pollution or contamination which is deemed to have happened during the Period of Insurance will not exceed the sum stated in the Policy Schedule as the Amount of Indemnity for any one Event

For the purpose of this Exclusion — pollution or contamination means:

- all pollution or contamination of Buildings or other structures or of water or land or the atmosphere and
- ii all loss or damage or injury directly or indirectly caused by such pollution or contamination

# 8 Date recognition

Any claim of whatsoever nature which arises directly or indirectly from or consists of the failure or inability of any:

- a electronic circuit, microchip, integrated circuit, microprocessor, embedded system, hardware, software, firmware, program, computer, data processing equipment, telecommunication equipment or systems or any similar device:
- b media or systems used in connection with any of the foregoing whether the property of the Insured or not at any time to achieve any or all of the purposes and consequential effects intended by the use of any number, symbol or word to denote a date including without limitation the failure or inability to recognise, capture, save or retain or restore and/or correctly to manipulate, interpret, transmit, return, calculate or process any date, data, information, command, logic or instruction as a result of:
  - i recognising using or adopting any date day of the week or period of time otherwise than as or other than the true or correct date day of the week or period of time
  - ii the operation of any command or logic which has been programmed or incorporated into anything referred to in a and b above

Provided always that this General Exclusion shall not apply:

- a to any claim for subsequent loss or destruction of or damage to any property otherwise indemnifiable by this Policy
- b to any claim made arising under insurance in respect of Employers Liability if provided by this Policy
- 9 Wear and tear

Loss destruction or damage directly occasioned by wear and tear.

# 10 Faulty workmanship

Loss destruction or damage directly occasioned by faulty workmanship, defective design or defective materials.

#### 11 Household removal

Loss destruction or damage occasioned in the course of household removal.

#### 12 General

Loss destruction or damage occasioned by any cleaning, repairing, restoration, depreciation, wet or dry rot, mould, woodworm, insects, vermin, any climatic condition or other gradual cause.

# 13 Asbestos

Any liability of whatsoever nature arising out of mining, processing, manufacturing, removing, disposing of distributing or storing of asbestos or products made entirely or mainly of asbestos

This exclusion shall not apply in respect of such removal or disposal provided that:

- a such activity does not form part of Your usual Business or contract and
- b the discovery of asbestos by You is unintentional and accidental and
- c upon discovery of asbestos or products made entirely or mainly of asbestos all work immediately stops and an HSE licensed asbestos removal contractor is employed if legally required:
  - i to make safe the area in which the discovery is made as soon as is practicable
  - ii who has Employers Liability and Public Liability insurances in force:
    - that provide Limits of Indemnity no less than those stated in the Policy Schedule and
    - that do not exclude the work to be carried out

- 1 Up to the Sum Insured under this section for loss of or damage to the Contents caused by: a Fire explosion lightning or earthquake b Storm or flood
  - c Collision or impact with the **Property** involving any
  - i vehicle, train, aircraft or other aerial devices or anything dropped from them ii animal
  - d Riot, civil commotion, labour and political disturbances
  - e Malicious act
  - f Escape of water or oil from any fixed water or heating installation or domestic appliance
  - g Theft or attempted theft

- h Breakage or collapse of any aerial or satellite dish
- i Falling trees or branches
- j Subsidence or ground heave of the site on which the **Property** stands, or landslip

# We will not pay for:

- The Excess
  - b loss or damage caused by or attributable to inadequate maintenance of the Property
    - · loss or damage caused by frost

- e loss or damage to the **Contents** of any **Residence** which has remained **Unoccupied** for more than 90 consecutive days
  - · loss or damage caused by the Tenant
- f loss or damage to the **Contents** of any **Residence** which has remained **Unoccupied** for more than 90 consecutive days
  - loss or damage resulting from any gradually operating cause
  - loss or damage to the appliance / installation itself
- g loss or damage to the **Contents** of any **Residence** which has remained **Unoccupied** for more than 90 consecutive days
- loss or damage to Your Contents unless violent and forcible means are used to gain entry or exit
- loss or damage caused by the occupiers of the individual Residence
- loss or damage to Your Contents whilst outside of the Property or in any outbuilding in excess of £500
- j loss or damage caused by bedding down of new structures, any settlement shrinkage or expansion
  - loss or damage caused by demolition, structural alteration or repair, inadequate construction of foundations
  - loss or damage caused by erosion of the coast or riverbank
  - loss or damage which originated prior to the commencement of this insurance

- 2 Replacement of external door locks Up to £250 for the replacement and installation cost of external door locks of Your Property including any Residence where the keys of such locks have been stolen.
- 3 Metered Water and Gas Charges Up to £250 for the costs incurred by You as determined by the respective Supply Undertaking Companys Meter for metered water and gas charges demanded by the Supply Undertaking Company following loss or damage to the apparatus after the point of the service feed to the Property.
- 4 Loss of Rent or Alternative Accommodation
  Up to 30% in total of the Sum Insured on Your
  Contents for:
  - a i loss of rent as a result of Your

    Residence being made uninhabitable following loss of or damage to Your

    Contents from any cause insured by this Policy or
    - iii the necessary cost for alternative accommodation for Tenants incurred by You as a result of the Contents being made unusable following loss or damage from any cause insured by this Policy
  - b the costs necessarily and reasonably incurred by You with Our consent in re-letting the Residence solely as a consequence of the loss or damage
- 5 Accidental Damage

(This cover only applies when Accidental Damage appears under the Contents section on Your policy schedule)

- Up to the Sum Insured for loss or damage to Contents in Your Insured Property caused by Accidental Damage
- Up to the Sum Insured for loss or damage to Your Contents in Your Insured Property caused by Malicious Act of the Tenant

# We will not pay for:

- 2 Loss arising from theft by persons who lawfully occupy or have lawfully occupied the **Property** or **Residence**.
- any loss not discovered within 180 days of the damage occurring
  - any loss occurring when the Property or Residence in which the loss occurs is Unoccupied

#### 4 • The Excess

- Any loss where the Residence was unoccupied prior to the loss unless verified by a tenancy agreement evidencing future occupation.
- Any loss incurred once the Residence is habitable

#### 5 • The Excess

- any amount recoverable from the deposit paid by the Tenant, up to the total amount of the initial deposit paid (proof of the deposit payment must be submitted in the event of a claim)
- loss or damage that is already covered under the **Tenant's** own contents insurance policy
- loss or damage resulting from any gradually operating cause
- loss or damage to the Contents of any Residence which has remained Unoccupied for more than 90 consecutive days
- loss or damage caused by neglect or lack of routine maintenance

# We will not pay for:

- loss or damage caused by cleaning, repairing, restoration, wear and tear or depreciation, rot, mould, woodworm, insects, vermin, any climatic condition or other gradual cause
- loss or damage caused by faulty workmanship, defective design or defective materials
- loss or damage caused by mechanical or electrical fault, breakdown or derangement
- · loss or damage caused by domestic pets
- loss or damage specifically excluded under the Contents section or elsewhere in this policy
- the cost of maintenance and normal redecoration

# Basis of Claims Settlement

# Repair

We will pay up to the Sum Insured, or any lower limit specified, for the cost of repair of each item that is partially damaged or, at Our option, We will arrange for the repair of any such item.

Subject to the overall limits shown above, **We** will not pay more for the repair of an item than the cost of replacing it as new.

If a damaged item can be repaired but the repair is not carried out, **We** may, at **Our** option, pay the reduction in the **Value** of the item as a result of the loss or damage but not exceeding the estimated cost of repair.

# Replacement

We will pay up to the **Sum Insured**, or any lower limit specified, for the cost of replacement as new of each item that is totally lost or damaged beyond repair or, at **Our** option, **We** will arrange to replace any such item.

If an item has been totally lost or damaged beyond repair and is not replaced, **We** will pay the **Value** of that item at the time of the loss or damage.

# Special conditions

- 1 If at the time of loss or damage the cost of reinstating the whole of the Contents exceeds its Sum Insured then You will be considered as being Your own insurer for the difference and shall accordingly bear a proportionate share of the loss.
- 2 We will not pay for the replacement of or work on any undamaged or remaining items solely because they form part of a set, suite, group or collection of articles of a similar nature, colour, pattern or design.
- 3 The Sum Insured on Contents will be reinstated automatically from the date of notification of any claim under this section.

- 6 Legal liability as Owner (or in the event of death the legal personal representative)
  - a Up to £5,000,000 in respect of any one event, plus costs agreed by Us in writing which You become legally liable to pay as the owner of the Contents for:
    - i injury, illness or disease of any person
    - ii loss or damage to property which neither belongs to You or is in Your care occurring during the Period of Insurance
  - b Solicitors fees arising from a claim under this paragraph for:
    - representation at any coroners inquest or fatal accident enquiry
    - ii defence in any court of summary jurisdiction arising out of any possible claim

We will for the purpose of this clause treat as though they were the owner any of Your Tenants or Lessees provided that they fulfil the terms and conditions of this Policy in so far as they apply.

- 7 Occupiers Legal Liability and Worldwide Personal Liability
  - a Up to £5,000,000, plus costs agreed by Us in writing which a member of Your Household, as occupier of Your home or in a personal capacity could become legally liable to pay for: injury, illness or disease of any person
    - loss or damage to property which neither belongs to, nor is in the charge of a member of Your Household

# We will not pay for:

- 6 a Loss of or damage to property or injury, illness or disease
  - arising out of any deliberate act or omission by any member of Your Household which could reasonably have been expected having regard to the nature and circumstances of such act or omission
  - arising out of any employment, business or profession other than property owning
  - arising out of any work on the Property by Your employees
  - suffered by anyone under a contract of service with You and arising out of the work they are employed to do
  - arising from accidents involving any dog described in Section 1 of the Dangerous Dogs Act
  - arising from the ownership, possession or use by You or on Your behalf of:
    - i any mechanically propelled vehicle (including any type of machine on wheels or tracks) licensed for road use or for which compulsory insurance or security is required by any road traffic legislation or trailer attached thereto or the loading or unloading of such vehicle or trailer or the delivery or collection of goods in connection with such vehicle or trailer within the limits of any carriageway or thoroughfare
    - ii any vessel or craft (other than hand propelled boats) made or intended to float on or in or travel through water or air or space or the loading or unloading of such vessel or craft
  - · any fines or penalties
- Compensation or other costs arising from accidents involving the following if owned by or in the charge of a member of Your Household:
  - motor vehicles and any trailers attached
  - aircraft, motor boats, yachts or caravans
  - animals which escape from land (other than Your home) on which they are usually kept

 loss or damage caused by fire, explosion, lightning, earthquake or escape of water from any fixed water or fixed heating installation to any private residence and/or its Contents, temporarily occupied for holiday purposes by a member of Your Household

occurring during the Period of Insurance

- b Solicitors fees arising from a claim under this paragraph for
  - representation at any coroners inquest or fatal accident enquiry
  - defence in any court of summary jurisdiction arising out of any possible claim

We will not pay for:

- any dog described in Section 1 of the Dangerous Dogs Act
- property usually kept on land other than Your home
- Loss of or damage to property or injury, illness or disease
  - arising out of any deliberate act or omission by any member of Your Household which could reasonably have been expected having regard to the nature and circumstances of such act or omission
  - arising out of any employment, business or profession of any member of Your Household
  - suffered by anyone under a contract of service with a member of Your Household and arising out of the work they are employed to do
  - arising directly or indirectly from the transmission of any communicable disease or virus by any member of Your Household
  - suffered by any member of Your Household
- · Any fines or penalties

# Extension

Legal Liability as Employer

The cover provided by this Section is extended to provide Legal Liability Insurance as follows:-

# Amount of Indemnity

Employers Liability .....£10,000,000
Public Liability .....£5,000,000

The following interpretation applies throughout this Extension.

- 1 The Insured includes:
  - a in the event of **Your** death, any of **Your** legal personal representatives in respect of liability incurred by **You**
  - b if You so request as far as concerns Occurrence b) only any of Your directors, partners, gardeners, porters, caretakers or cleaners in their capacity as such
- 2 If there is more than one person specified in the Policy Schedule as being the Insured, this extension shall apply separately to each person but Our total liability shall not exceed the Amount of Indemnity
- 3 Property in Your charge or under Your control shall not include employees' or visitors' personal effects
- 4 Occurrences
  - a Employers liability

Bodily injury, illness or disease to any gardener, porter, caretaker or cleaner under a contract of service or apprenticeship with **You** and resulting from the work they are employed to do.

# b Public Liability

- i Bodily injury to or illness or disease of any person
- ii loss or damage to property excluding bodily injury to or illness or disease of any person arising out of and in the course of their employment by **You** under a contract of service or apprenticeship and excluding loss of or damage to property belonging to **You** or in **Your** charge or under **Your** control

#### We will pay:

In the event of any Occurrence described above, happening during the **Period of Insurance**, We will indemnify **You** against:

- sums which You shall become legally liable to pay for compensation and claimant's costs and expenses in respect of any Occurrence in connection with The Business
- costs and expenses of litigation incurred with Our written consent in respect of a claim made against You to which the indemnity expressed in this extension applies
- the payment of Solicitors' fees incurred with Our written consent for Your representation at proceedings in any Court of Summary Jurisdiction, arising out of any alleged breach of a statutory duty resulting from an Occurrence which may be the subject of indemnity under this Extension, or at any Coroner's Inquest or Fatal Accident Enquiry in respect of such Occurrence

# Extension

The indemnity provided by this Extension shall also apply to liability incurred by You in respect of legal costs and other expenses (other than fines or penalties imposed) incurred with Our written consent and prosecution costs awarded against You, arising out of Your prosecution for a breach or alleged breach, during the Period of Insurance, of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 or the Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978.

# We will not pay for:

Any liability under Occurrence b in respect of:-

- injury, illness or disease, loss or damage caused by anyone in Your employment other than a gardener, porter, caretaker or cleaner
- loss or damage to property which results from Your deliberate act or omission and which could reasonably have been expected by You having regard to the nature and circumstances of such act or omission
- injury, illness or disease, loss or damage, arising from the ownership, possession or use by You or on Your behalf of
  - i any mechanically propelled vehicle (including any type of machine on wheels or tracks) licensed for road use or for which compulsory insurance or security is required by any road traffic legislation or trailer attached thereto or the loading or unloading of such vehicle or trailer or the delivery or collection of goods in connection with such vehicle or trailer within the limits of any carriageway or thoroughfare
  - ii any vessel or craft (other than hand propelled boats) made or intended to float on or in or travel through water or air or space or the loading or unloading of such vessel or craft
- loss of or damage to any commodity article or thing supplied installed or erected by You if such loss or damage is attributable to any defect therein or the harmful nature or unsuitability thereof
- accidents involving any dog described in Section 1 of the Dangerous Dogs Act
- · any fines or penalties

# Conditions for legal liability as employer

# Avoidance and Recovery

If any claim is not covered by this Extension **You** will repay to **Us** all payments made solely because of the compulsory insurance law of a country to which this extension applies.

# Basis of claims settlement for all liability cover

Our liability for all compensation payable to any claimant or number of claimants in respect of or arising out of any one Occurrence or all Occurrences of a series consequent on one original cause shall not exceed the Amount of Indemnity for any one event.



## RENT GUARANTEE

## Definition of words

Administrator

HomeLet
Hestia House
Unit 2 Edgewest Road
Lincoln
LN6 7EL

## Deposit

The sum of money held by the Landlord or the Landlord's agent as security for the performance of the Tenant's obligations.

#### Event

Means one of the following:

- i the Tenant's failure to deliver up to the Landlord vacant possession of the Property upon the expiry of a notice requiring possession served pursuant to section 21 Housing Act 1988 (as amended by the Housing Act 1996)
- ii an incident or circumstances which give rise to a claim for possession by the Landlord upon one or more grounds for possession as set out in Schedule 2, Housing Act 1988 (as amended by the Housing Act 1996)
- iii occupation of the Property by person or persons unknown to the Landlord and or persons allowed into occupation by a lawful Tenant but without the Landlord's authority
- iv an incident or circumstances which give rise to a claim by the Insured against the Tenant for damages for failing to return the Property to the Insured in the same condition of repair and cleanliness, as that, at which it was in at the commencement of the Tenancy.

#### Fyress

The first amount, as shown in the **Schedule** of any claim resulting from the same incident.

## Landlord

The person(s) or company, being the person entitled to the reversionary interest in the **Property**, whom enters into a **Tenancy** agreement with the **Tenant** and is the beneficiary of the **Policy**, as specified in the **Schedule**.

#### Insurer

Propgen Insurance Limited.

#### Limit of indemnity

The amount payable by the **Insurer** under this **Policy** for all **Professional Costs** and payments of **Monthly Benefit** in respect of any **Event**. The maximum amount payable by the **Insurer** in respect of all **Events** occurring during any **Term** is £50,000.

### Monthly benefit

Means the sum of money paid each month by the **Insurer** to the **Landlord** in the event of a successful claim and as defined in the **Schedule**.

#### Offer

Has the same meaning as that attributed to it by Part 36 Civil Procedure Rules 1996.

#### Period of guarantee

Is that as described in the **Schedule** provided that the **Landlord** has paid and the **Insurer** has accepted the **Relevant Payment** for each Period of Guarantee.

#### Policy

Means this written undertaking between the Insurer and Landlord.

#### Proceedings

Civil Court action or Arbitration or Appeal arising therefrom.

#### Professional adviser

The solicitor or accountant or other appropriately qualified person, firm or company appointed under the terms of the **Policy** to act for the **Landlord**.

#### Professional costs

Means in respect of an **Event**, unrecovered fees, costs and disbursements reasonably, properly and necessarily incurred by the **Professional Adviser** and the costs (on the standard basis) of any **Proceedings** incurred by a third party for which the **Landlord** may be made liable by order of a court or by agreement.

#### Property

Means the residential premises at the address specified in the Schedule.

## Prospect of success

The Landlord's likely success in the Proceedings decided according to the terms of the Policy.

#### Relevant payment

The premium payable by the Landlord to the Insurer for the Legal Expenses and Rent Policy.

#### Dont

The amount payable under the **Tenancy** as shown on the **Schedule**.

#### Schedule

The document issued to the **Landlord** on behalf of the **Insurer**, which specifies details of the **Landlord's** cover under the Policy.

## Start date

The date specified as the Start Date in the Schedule.

#### Tenancy

An Assured Shorthold **Tenancy** as defined in the Housing Act 1988 and corresponding legislation in Scotland, Northern Ireland and any amending legislation.

#### Tenant

The occupier of the **Property** by virtue of a **Tenancy** agreement.

#### Term

The period specified in the Schedule.

## **Exclusions**

## 1 Eligibility

For a Landlord to be eligible for cover

- a the Tenant must be at least 18 years of age
- b the Landlord, or the managing agent acting on his behalf, must ensure that the following procedures are adhered to.

#### The Landlord must:

- i not allow a Tenant into possession of the Property other than on the basis of an already completed written Tenancy agreement duly signed by all parties;
- ii ensure that all necessary statutory pre-grant notices are served personally in the correct form on the **Tenant** prior to the granting of the **Tenancy**;
- iii ensure that, prior to the granting of any cover, all Tenants are either:
  - satisfactorily referenced by the HomeLet Referencing Service or
  - satisfactorily referenced by another licensed referencing service that has been approved, in writing, by HomeLet or
  - HomeLet has received the Tenants references and has confirmed in writing that they are acceptable

and that any conditions attached to the references provided have been met.

- iv not enter into a Tenancy agreement where a person has been requested to stand surety for the Tenant unless that person has been referenced in accordance with the criteria set out in paragraph iii above and that person has entered into a legally enforceable Policy in favour of the Landlord;
- not allow any Tenant into occupation of the Property until the first month's Rent and Deposit
  payment has been paid in cash or payment has cleared in the Landlord's or managing agents bank
  account;
- vi prepare prior to the granting of the **Tenancy**, a detailed inventory of the contents and condition of the **Property**.

#### 2 Terms of cover

For cover to continue under the Policy, the Landlord or the managing agent acting on their behalf must:

- i keep a clear record of all Rent due and payments received including the date of any payment received.
- iii upon vacant possession being obtained, prepare a detailed inventory of the contents and condition of the Property together with, if applicable, a schedule of dilapidations.

#### 3 Legal Expenses cover

If during a **Period of Guarantee** an **Event** occurs, the **Insurer** will provide to the **Landlord** indemnity for fees not otherwise recoverable for **Professional Costs** incurred in the pursuit or defence of a civil claim relating to that **Event** 

- 4 Legal Expenses exclusions
  - i The Policy will not cover any claim:
    - a where there is an insufficient Prospect of Success
    - b where the **Event** had commenced or occurred before the first **Period of Guarantee**
    - c where the Tenancy commenced before the first Period of Guarantee began and the Event occurs within 90 days of the Start Date
    - d where at or prior to the start of the first **Period of Guarantee** the **Landlord** in the reasonable judgement of the **Insurer** should have realised that a claim might occur
    - e where the Landlord fails promptly to provide evidence or information reasonably required by the Insurer or the Administrator to establish whether support can be provided for an Landlord under

## the Policy

- f where the Landlord or anyone acting on behalf of the Landlord is responsible for anything which in the reasonable opinion of the Insurer prejudices either the Landlord's or the Insurer's Prospect of Success in the prosecution, defence or settlement of the Proceedings
- g where the Landlord acts without the consent of the Insurer or contrary to or in a manner different from the advice of the Insurer or the Professional Adviser
- h where the **Landlord** has failed to adhere to the eligibility criteria and terms of cover specified in the **Policy**
- i which is false, fraudulent or arises from any deliberate criminal act or omission of the Landlord
- j unless the **Administrator** is promptly notified of the **Event** by receipt of a fully-completed Claim Form together with supporting documents, providing a full and truthful account of the facts of the claim, to be received by the **Administrator**:
  - i no later than sixty days after the Event occurs; or
  - ii in the case of Rent arrears accruing no later than seven days after the balance of Rent unpaid exceeds a sum equivalent to two months Rent or no later than ninety days after the first arrears accrue whichever is the sooner
- k arising from war, riot, radioactive contamination, nuclear accidents and similar risks
- l where the amount in dispute is less than £250
- m in a dispute or conflict of interest between the **Landlord** and the **Insurer** or the **Administrator**, mortgage lender, property agent or **Professional Advisor**
- n relating to the damage or loss of the items not contained in an inventory prepared by the Landlord or the Landlord's agent and signed by the Tenant prior to or at the commencement of the Tenancy
- o arising from:
  - i subsidence or mining or quarrying activities
  - the compulsory purchase, placing of restrictions or any other action by any government, public or local authority
  - iii planning law including the Town and Country Planning Legislation
  - iv the construction of or structural alteration to buildings or parts of buildings
  - v libel or slander or malicious falsehood
- p for an application for a Judicial Review or for an appeal unless the **Insurer** has given their prior written consent to such costs being incurred
- q falling within the jurisdiction of a Rent Assessment Committee, the lands tribunal or the leasehold valuation tribunal
- r relating to the payment or non payment of service charges as defined in the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985 (as amended); or
- s for damages, interest, fines or other penalties.
- 5 Legal Expenses limit of cover
  - i There is no cover for **Professional Costs** that are:
    - a incurred in avoidable correspondence
    - b incurred prior to written confirmation from the Insurer that the claim has been accepted
    - c in excess of the Limit of Indemnity in aggregate with Rent Guarantee Cover
    - d in excess of those for which the **Insurer** has given its prior approval in accordance with the terms and conditions of the **Policy**
    - e recoverable from a court, tribunal or elsewhere; or

f incurred in respect of any claim where the **Landlord** is, or but for the existence of this **Landlord** would be, entitled to indemnity under any other **Policy** or Guarantee

The Insurer will not be liable for any Excess specified in the Schedule.

- 6 Rent Guarantee cover
  - a Monthly Benefit will be paid by the Insurer in respect of arrears of Rent owed on a Property by the Tenant to the Landlord, for up to 12 months or until vacant possession has been gained, whichever happens soonest, subject to the following:
    - i such arrears commenced during the Period of Guarantee
    - ii the Administrator is promptly notified of the Event by receipt of a fully-completed Claim Form together with supporting documents, providing a full and truthful account of the facts of the claim, to be received by the Administrator no later than seven days after the balance of Rent unpaid exceeds a sum equivalent to two months Rent or no later than ninety days after the first arrears accrue whichever is the sooner
    - iii action is taken promptly to gain vacant possession of the Property or recover unpaid Rent, unless the only reason for not taking action is that the Professional Adviser advises that the expected costs incurred will be more than any money recovered
    - iv the Insurer has the right at any time under subrogation to pursue Proceedings against the Tenant
  - b The following provisions take effect once vacant possession has been obtained in accordance with paragraphs 6,a,i-iv above
    - i after the Landlord has recovered vacant possession the Monthly Benefit will cease to be payable until such time that the Property is in a suitable condition to be let upon a further Tenancy. When the Property is in a suitable condition to be let, and provided that the Property is made available for letting, then benefit will be paid at 50% of the Monthly Benefit, however all benefit will cease upon:
      - the Property being let on a new Tenancy; or
      - three months from the date of vacant possession

whichever shall be the sooner.

- ii once vacant possession is obtained if the **Property** is to be re-let, the **Rent** must be set in accordance with the current market Rental value appropriate for the **Property**
- iii the Landlord must accept any reasonable offer of Tenancy.

Benefit will be paid as stipulated in 6,a and 6,b,i above at a rate of 1/30th of the **Monthly Benefit** for each continuous day that **Rent** is in arrears or that vacant possession benefit is payable.

The **Monthly Benefit** will be paid monthly in arrears and will only be paid if the terms and conditions of the **Policy** are met.

7 Rent Policy exclusions

The Policy will not cover:

- i any claim which would be excluded under Section 4,i. of this Policy
- ii The first months Rent arrears or a sum equivalent to the monthly Rent under the Tenancy whichever is the greater
- iii Rent once the Property is re-let
- iv periods for which the Property is not available for reletting once vacant possession is obtained
- v periods for which the **Property** is advertised for sale or is the subject of a contract for sale; or
- vi any interest on Rent arrears.
- 8 Rent Policy limit of cover

The Insurer shall not be liable for more than:

i The Limit of Indemnity for Rent Guarantee Cover in aggregate with Legal Expenses; or

ii A sum equivalent to 12 x the **Rent**;

whichever is the lesser.

#### 9 Alteration in risk

The **Landlord** shall notify the **Insurer** as soon as they become aware of any alteration in risk which may materially affect the **Policy**. The Landlord may be required to pay an additional premium to the **Insurer**.

## 10 Claims procedure

- i If Rent is overdue the Tenant must be contacted by the Landlord or the Landlord's agent within seven days of the Rent falling due to attempt to ascertain why the Rent is unpaid. If the Rent remains unpaid, within a further seven days, the Tenant must be contacted by the Landlord or the Landlord's agent again.
- ii If the Landlord or the Landlord's agent becomes aware of a potential claim the Landlord or the Landlord's agent shall notify the Administrator by sending to the Administrator a fullycompleted Claim Form together with supporting documents, providing a full and truthful account of the facts of the claim, to be received by the Administrator, no later than 60 days after the Event occurs, save in the case of Rent arrears accruing, notification of the Event to the Administrator as described above must be no later than seven days after the balance of Rent unpaid exceeds a sum equivalent to two months Rent.
- iii The **Landlord** must provide documentary evidence as requested by the **Insurer** in the event a claim is made.

## 11 Prospects of success

If at any time during the claims procedure the **Professional Adviser** considers in his professional capacity that the **Landlord's Prospects of Success** in the **Proceedings** do not warrant continuing with the **Proceedings**, or that the interests of the **Landlord** can be better achieved by other means, the **Insurer** shall then be under no further liability to indemnify the **Landlord** in respect of the case. The **Insurer** shall provide the **Landlord** with a written explanation of their decision. If the **Landlord** disagrees with this decision, the dispute must be resolved in accordance with the **Insurer's** internal appeals procedure.

#### 12. Conduct of the proceedings

- i The Insurer may make its own investigations into the claim and may, subject to the approval of the Landlord (which shall not be unreasonably withheld), attempt to reach a settlement of the Proceedings.
- ii In any claim where the appointment of a **Professional Adviser** is appropriate, a **Professional Adviser** will be nominated to act for the **Landlord** by the **Insurer**.
- iii The Professional Adviser must promptly inform the Insurer of:
  - a their professional opinion as to the Prospects of Success of the Landlord's Proceedings; and
  - b an estimate of the total costs likely to be incurred in the Proceedings with details of their charging rates.
- iv The Landlord must immediately on the appointment of the Professional Adviser pay any Excess shown in the Schedule to the Professional Adviser.
- v The Professional Adviser must keep the Insurer fully and promptly informed on the progress of the case, of any change in their opinion of the Prospects of Success and their estimate of costs during the Proceedings.
- vi The Insurer will only meet the Professional Costs:
  - a which have been agreed in advance by the Insurer as to both amount and purpose; and
  - b while Prospects of Success in the Proceedings remain reasonable.
- vii The Insurer reserves the right, and the Landlord agrees that the Insurer may take over conduct of any Proceedings in the name of the Landlord. The Landlord will cooperate and assist the Insurer

in connection with the said conduct of the Proceedings.

#### 13 Withdrawal and discontinuance

If the **Landlord** withdraws from or discontinues the **Proceedings** without the prior agreement of the **Professional Advisor** then any **Professional Costs** incurred and third party costs will become the responsibility of and payable by the **Landlord**.

## 14 Co-operation

- i The Landlord will co-operate with the Insurer/Administrator at all times and reply promptly to any correspondence connected with the claim.
- iii The Landlord shall give promptly to the Professional Adviser all information requested and will meet with them whenever requested.
- iii The Landlord or the Professional Adviser must promptly notify the Insurer should a conflict of interest arise between the Landlord and the Insurer.
- iv The Landlord shall provide all evidence or information required by the Insurer and the Professional Advisor and shall keep them fully and continually informed of all developments relating to the Proceedings.
- v The Landlord shall, if so requested by the Insurer, instruct the Professional Adviser to submit his bill of costs for taxation by the court or certification by the appropriate professional body.
- vi The Landlord shall whenever reasonably possible attempt to recover costs from a third party and shall instruct the Professional Adviser accordingly.
- vii The Landlord or managing agent will attend any court hearing if required to do so by the appointed Professional Adviser.

## 15 Rights to information

- i The Insurer shall have direct access to the Professional Adviser at all times. The Insurer shall be entitled to obtain from the Professional Adviser any information, relating to the Proceedings, whether or not privileged, and the Landlord shall, if so requested, immediately give any instructions to the Professional Adviser which may be required for this purpose.
- The Insurer shall be notified immediately in writing by the Landlord or the Professional Adviser of any Offer made. If the Insurer considers the outcome of the Proceedings to be equally or less favourable to the Landlord than the Offer, the Insurer shall have no liability in respect of any further Professional Costs.

#### 16 Cancellation

- i The Insurer may cancel the Landlord's cover under this Policy at any time by giving 14 days notice in writing.
- iii The Landlord may cancel their cover under the Policy at any time by giving 14 days notice in writing to the Insurer. If no claim has been notified to the Administrator a return of the Relevant Payment proportionate to the unexpired period of the Policy may be made at the discretion of the Insurer.
- iii If the Administrator or the Insurer becomes aware that the Landlord gave false or misleading information when they applied for Policy cover, and this information would have affected the Insurer's decision to indemnify the Landlord, then the Insurer may cancel the Policy with immediate effect. No benefit under the Policy will be payable to the Landlord should the Policy be cancelled under the terms of this paragraph. The Insurer may, at its discretion return to the Landlord the Relevant Payment proportionate to the unexpired period of the Policy.

#### 17. Termination

The Policy will terminate on the earliest of the following events:

- i the end of the Term:
- ii failure of the Landlord to pay the Relevant Payment when due; or
- iii the Landlord's cover under the Policy is cancelled.

Notification of a claim will not be accepted for an **Event** occurring after termination of the **Policy**.

#### 18 General conditions

- i If the Landlord does not comply with the terms and conditions of the Policy, the Landlord will not be entitled to any benefit provided by the Policy.
- ii The contract between the **Landlord** and the **Insurer** is made up of the **Policy**, the **Schedule**, any endorsement and any other information provided by the **Landlord**.
- iii The **Insurer** shall not be bound by any agreement to which they are not a party.
- iv The rights under this **Policy** cannot be transferred to anyone other than the **Landlord**.
- v The **Policy** cannot be used to protect any person other than the **Landlord**.
- vi The benefit cannot be paid to anyone else or in any way other than as described in the **Policy**.
- vii Any notice to be given under these terms and conditions shall be either delivered personally or sent by first class post. The address for service of each party is (in the case of a company) its registered office and (in the case of an individual) his residential address or any other address for service previously notified to the other parties. A notice is deemed to have been served as follows:
  - a if personally delivered, at the time of delivery;
  - b if posted, at the expiration of forty eight hours (in the case of airmail, seven days) after the envelope containing it is delivered into the custody of the postal authorities.
- viii The Insurer is not bound to give notice when the Policy becomes due for renewal.
- ix English law is the law that will apply to the Policy.
- x To improve the quality of its service, the **Administrator** and/or the **Insurer** will be monitoring and recording a select number of telephone calls.



# EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE INSURANCE

## Definition of words

#### Assistance

The reasonable efforts made by the **Contractor** during a SINGLE visit to the **Residence** to limit or prevent damage or discomfort or if at similar expense the cost of completing a permanent repair in respect of the events covered by this insurance.

Commencement Date

The date that your insurance cover starts.

Company/We/Us/Our

Propgen Insurance Limited.

Contractor

A qualified person approved and instructed by the Helpline to undertake Emergency Assistance.

#### Emergency

A situation which if not dealt with quickly would, in Our reasonable opinion:

- 1 render the Residence unsafe or insecure; or
- 2 damage or cause further damage to the Residence or
- 3 cause unreasonable discomfort, risk or difficulties for or to the Insured

#### Helpline

The Domestic Helpline operated by Cunningham Lindsey UK.

#### Insured

The person or company named in the Schedule, and/or any Tenant living in the Residence.

## Period of cover

A period of 12 months from the Commencement Date.

## Residence

The whole of or that part of the property occupied solely by the Insured as a private dwelling;

#### Tenant

An occupier(s) of a Residence by virtue of a written tenancy agreement;

## Unoccupied

The Residence not being lived in by a Tenant or by You as Your main Residence;

## **Exclusions**

## Limits of indemnity

The amount the Company will pay in respect of:

- 1 Any one claim shall not exceed:
  - i for Assistance, the cost of call out charges three hours labour, parts and materials including VAT, up to a maximum of £500
  - ii for overnight accommodation including VAT, up to £250
- 2 Any one Period of Cover, shall not exceed £1,500

#### **Exclusions**

The **Company** shall not be liable for costs arising from or in connection with:

- 1 Circumstances known to the **Insured** prior to the **Commencement Date**.
- 2 Any Residence, system, equipment or facility which has not been properly installed, maintained or repaired in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions or has been incorrectly used or modified, or which is faulty or inadequate as a result of any inherent or recurring manufacture or design defect.
- 3 Replacement of or adjustment to any decorative or cosmetic part of any equipment.
- 4 Garages, outbuildings, cesspits, septic tanks or fuel tanks.
- 5 Repairs to, replacement of or financial contribution to the replacement of, in whole or in part, a system that is, in **Our** reasonable opinion, uneconomic to repair or beyond repair.
- 6 Wilful act of omission or neglect by the Insured which could reasonably have been expected by the Insured having regard to the nature and circumstances of such act of omission.
- 7 Claims arising after the **Residence** has been left **Unoccupied** for 30 consecutive days or more.
- 8 The interruption or disconnection of utility services to the **Residence** however caused, or the failure or breakdown of the main electricity or water or gas supply or gas leaks.
- 9 Materials or labour charges covered by manufacturer's, supplier's or installer's guarantee or warranty.
- 10 Any consequential loss or damage.
- 11 Any consequences of riot, strike, lockout, civil commotion, labour disturbances, war, invasion, act of foreign enemy, hostilities (whether war be declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection or military or usurped power.
- 12 Loss or damage to any **Residence**, or any resulting loss or expense or any consequential loss or any legal liability directly or indirectly caused by, contributed to, by, or arising from:
  - i ionising radiations or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear fuel or from any nuclear waste from the combustion of nuclear fuel:
  - ii the radioactive, toxic, explosive or other hazardous properties of any nuclear assembly or nuclear component of such assembly.
- 13 Claims directly or indirectly occasioned by, happening through or in consequence of pollution contamination of any kind whatsoever.
- 14 Any requests for **Assistance** not made to the **Helpline**.

## Conditions

- 1 The **Insured** must take reasonable care and maintain the **Residence** and its equipment in good order and take all reasonable precautions to prevent loss or damage.
- 2 If any fraudulent claim is made or if any fraudulent means or devices are used to obtain benefit under this insurance all benefit hereunder shall be forfeited.
- 3 The Company may take proceedings at its own expense in the name of the Insured to recover any sums paid under this insurance.

#### The cover

We will indemnify the Insured up to the Limits of Indemnity of this policy in respect of the provision of Emergency Assistance where one or more of the following events have occurred during the Period of Cover.

#### We will cover:

## 1 Plumbing and drainage

An Emergency arising from the sudden and unexpected failure of or damage to the plumbing or drainage system in the Residence;

## 2 Electricity supply

An Emergency arising from the sudden, unexpected and complete failure or breakdown of the electricity supply system in the Residence;

## 3 Cooking system

An Emergency arising from the sudden, unexpected and complete failure or breakdown of the permanently installed cooking system in the Residence:

#### We will not cover:

- 1 Plumbing and drainage
  - Anything mentioned in the Exclusions relating to this policy;
  - · Central heating systems and boilers;
  - Replacement of water tanks or hot water cylinders;
  - Leaks from any household appliances, sinks, showers or baths where leakage only occurs when the appliances, sinks, showers or baths are in use;
  - Events where on attendance it becomes clear that the call out is not an Emergency;
  - Events where there is an inherent defect in the plumbing or drainage causing the incident;
  - More than one claim arising from the same cause;

## 2 Electricity supply

- Anything mentioned in the Exclusions relating to this policy;
- Events where only part of the Residence or part of the system has been affected by the failure of the electricity supply and the failure is not an Emergency;
- Events where on attendance it becomes clear that the call out is not an Emergency;
- Claims involving the restoration of electricity where the fault occurs outside the boundary of the Residence:
- Events where there is an inherent defect in the electric supply system;
- More than one claim arising from the same cause;

## 3 Cooking system

- Anything mentioned in the Exclusions relating to this policy;
- Repairs to microwave ovens and other nonfixed cooking facilities;
- Repairs where the parts can no longer be obtained;
- · Cookers beyond economic repair;
- Events where on attendance it becomes clear that the call out is not an Emergency;
- More than one claim arising from the same cause:

#### We will cover:

#### 4 Security

An Emergency arising from the sudden and unexpected failure of or damage to external locks, doors, or windows and the failure or damage is such so as to render the Residence insecure;

## 5 Lost key

An Emergency arising from the loss of the only available key to the Residence where the Insured is unable to replace it or gain access

6 Roofing, downpiping and guttering An Emergency arising from the sudden failure of or damage to the roofing, down piping or guttering system of the Property and internal water damage to the Residence is a likely consequence of that failure or damage

#### Additional benefit

In the event of the **Residence** being rendered uninhabitable as a result of an **Emergency** the **Company** will, with its prior consent, pay reasonable costs incurred by the **Insured** in obtaining accommodation for one night.

## We will not cover:

## 4 Security

- Anything mentioned in the Exclusions relating to this policy;
- Replacement glazing unless the Contractor has the appropriate glazing available at the time of the visit
- · Any matters relating to security alarms;
- Events where on attendance it becomes clear that the call out is not an Emergency;
- More than one claim arising from the same cause;

#### 5 Lost key

- Anything mentioned in the Exclusions relating to this policy;
- Call outs during normal office hours where spare keys can reasonably be obtained by the Insured:
- Replacement of defective locks unless there is no other way of making the Property secure overnight;
- Events where on attendance it becomes clear that the call out is not an Emergency;
- More than one claim arising from the same cause:

#### 6 Roofing, downpiping and guttering

- Anything mentioned in the Exclusions relating to this policy;
- Circumstances where there has not been internal water damage to the Residence;
- Events where on attendance it becomes clear that the call out is not an **Emergency**;
- More than one claim arising from the same cause;

## How to arrange assistance

- 1 Major emergencies which could result in serious damage or damage to life or limb should be immediately advised to the supply company and/or the public emergency services. Gas leaks must be immediately notified to the local gas company.
- 2 Before requesting **Assistance** check that the circumstances are covered by this insurance.
- 3 Telephone the **Helpline** quoting the name of your managing agent and provide details of the problem. To ensure an accurate record your telephone conversation will be recorded.
  - All requests for **Assistance** must be made to the **Helpline** and not to the Contractors direct otherwise costs will not be **covered**.
- 4 The Helpline will appoint a suitable Contractor to attend, provided that this is not precluded by adverse weather conditions, industrial disputes (official or otherwise), failure of the public transport system, including the road and railway networks and repairs thereto, and any other circumstances preventing access to the Residence or otherwise making the provision of Assistance impossible. The Helpline and the Contractor will have reasonable discretion as to when and how work is undertaken.
- 5 The Contractor will charge all costs covered by the insurance directly to the Company, however, the Insured will be asked to pay the cost of:
  - a call-out charges if there is no-one at the home when the Contractor arrives;
  - b work in excess of the Limits of Indemnity;
  - c fitting replacement parts or components of a superior specification to the original at the request of the **Insured** or managing agent
- 6 Overnight accommodation must first be approved and agreed by the Helpline and a receipted invoice forwarded by the Insured to HomeLet Emergency Assistance for reimbursement.

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