

Professions and Specialty Commercial – Endorsement

IMPORTANT NOTICE: CHANGES TO YOUR POLICY DUE TO BREXIT

As a result of the likely departure of the United Kingdom from the European Union (Brexit), **we** have had to make some changes to how **our** policies are underwritten from 1st January 2019.

Please note that the changes referred to in this notice do not affect the cover provided under the policy.

Previously **our** policies were underwritten by Hiscox Underwriting Ltd (HUL) as an intermediary on behalf of the insurers shown in the schedule. Most sections of the policies were insured by Hiscox Insurance Company Limited (HIC), although some sections were insured by other insurers, as detailed on the schedule.

As a result of Brexit, sections of **our** policies that were previously insured by HIC are now insured by Hiscox SA (HSA) directly. HUL will no longer act as intermediary. HSA is an insurance company in the Hiscox group, domiciled and regulated in Luxembourg.

As a result of the change of insurer from HIC to HSA, **we** have had to make a number of changes to the way in which **our** policies are administered, including how complaints are dealt with.

In order to reflect these changes, the following amendments are made to **your policy**, including the schedule:

	Amended to read:
References to Hiscox Insurance Company Limited:	Hiscox SA
Address:	Hiscox SA registered head office: Avenue John F. Kennedy 35F 1855 Luxembourg LUXEMBOURG Local branch office: Hiscox SA (Irish branch) The Observatory 7-11 Sir John Rogerson's Quay Dublin 2 D02 VC42 REPUBLIC OF IRELAND Website: https://Hiscox.ie
Company number:	Hiscox SA: Registered in Luxembourg with Trade and Company Register Luxembourg (RCS Luxembourg): registration number B217018 Hiscox SA (Irish branch): Registered in Republic of Ireland with Companies Registration Office: company number 908764
Regulator:	Hiscox SA is subject to the supervision of the Commissariat aux Assurances Local branch regulator: Central Bank of Ireland
Signatory:	Richard O'Dwyer Managing Director, Hiscox SA (Irish branch)
Contact number and email address for Customer Relations	Customer relations: customerrelations.ireland@hiscox.com +353 1 238 1810
Contact numbers and email addresses for Claims	Liability claims: liabilityclaims.ireland@hiscox.com +353 1 238 1811 Commercial property claims: commercialpropertyclaims.ireland@hiscox.com +353 1 238 1812

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Complaints:	<p>Customer Relations Hiscox SA (Irish branch) The Observatory 7-11 Sir John Rogerson's Quay Dublin 2 D02 VC42 REPUBLIC OF IRELAND</p> <p>or by telephone on +353 1 238 1810 or +353 1800 901 903 (free toll number), or by email at customerrelations.ireland@hiscox.com.</p>
Complaints (regulator):	<p>If you remain dissatisfied after the internal dispute resolution process, you may have the right to refer your complaint to the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman.</p> <p>The Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman (FSPO) is an independent, impartial, fair and free service that helps resolves complaints with pensions providers and regulated financial services providers.</p> <p>Contact details: Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman Lincoln House Lincoln Place Dublin DO2 VH29</p> <p>Phone: +353 1 567 7000 Email: info@fspo.ie Web: www.fspo.ie</p> <p>If you have purchased your policy online you can also make a complaint via the EU's online dispute resolution (ODR) platform. The website for the ODR platform is: http://ec.europa.eu/odr.</p> <p>Alternatively, you can also contact:</p> <p>Commissariat aux Assurances 7, boulevard Joseph II L-1840 Luxembourg LUXEMBOURG e-mail: caa@caa.lu</p> <p>Insurance Ombudsman ACA, 12, rue Erasme, L - 1468 Luxembourg LUXEMBOURG Phone: +352 44 21 44 1 Fax: +352 44-02-89 e-mail: mediateur@aca.lu</p>
In addition, any references to Hiscox Underwriting Ltd in your policy are removed.	

Please read the schedule to see if **your** loss of **income**, loss of **gross profit**, **increased costs of working** or **additional increased costs of working** are covered or if a **first loss limit** or **flexible business interruption cover** applies.

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

Special definitions for this section

Additional increased costs of working	The additional costs and expenses, not including the costs of reconstitution of data , reasonably incurred by you with our prior consent in order to continue your activities or minimise your loss of income or loss of gross profit during the indemnity period and not limited to the reduction in income or gross profit saved.
Additional research expenditure	The additional costs and expenses reasonably incurred by you with our prior consent in order to restore your research projects to the state they were in prior to any insured damage .
Alternative hire costs	The additional costs and expenses reasonably incurred by you for the necessary hire of a substitute item of similar type and capacity either while insured property is being repaired or until permanently replaced, following insured damage or insured failure .
Annualised amount insured	The amount insured divided by the indemnity period multiplied by 12.
Annualised declared amount	The declared amount for your actual income or gross profit divided by the indemnity period multiplied by 12.
First loss limit	Any amount insured stated in the schedule as a first loss limit, where, with our consent, you have selected a limit that is less than your declared income or gross profit .
Flexible business interruption cover	Any combination of your loss of income , loss of gross profit , additional research expenditure , increased costs of working or additional increased costs of working .
Increased costs of working	The costs and expenses necessarily and reasonably incurred by you for the sole purpose of minimising the reduction in income from your activities during the indemnity period , but not exceeding the reduction in income saved.
Indemnity period	The period, in months, beginning at the date of the insured damage or insured failure or the date the restriction is imposed, and lasting for the period during which your income is affected as a result of such insured damage , insured failure or restriction, but for no longer than the number of months stated in the schedule.
Rate of gross profit	The percentage produced by dividing gross profit by your income during the financial year immediately before any insured damage , insured failure or restriction.
Research projects	Your activities directly related to your development of new products or services or improvements to existing products or services.
Specified customer	Any direct customer of yours operating and based at the address individually stated in the Business interruption section of the schedule.
Specified supplier	Any supplier of yours operating and based at the address individually stated in the Business interruption section of the schedule.

What is covered

We will insure **you** for **your** financial losses and other items specified in the schedule, resulting solely and directly from an interruption to **your activities** caused by:

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| Financial losses from insured damage | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. insured damage to property: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. insured under any Property section of this policy other than Equipment breakdown; or b. insured elsewhere, but not under this policy, provided the damage occurred while the property was contained in the insured premises; |
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Policy wording

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| Denial of access | 2. insured damage in the vicinity of the insured premises which prevents or hinders your access to the insured premises ; |
| Non-damage denial of access | 3. an incident occurring during the period of insurance within a one mile radius of the insured premises which results in a denial of access or hindrance in access to the insured premises , imposed by any civil or statutory authority or by order of the government or any public authority, for more than 24 consecutive hours; |
| Bomb threat | 4. your total inability to access the insured premises due to restrictions imposed by the police or the British Armed Forces caused by the presence or suspected presence of an incendiary or explosive device within the insured premises or in the vicinity of the insured premises during the period of insurance , provided that such restriction applies for more than four hours and subject to our liability being limited to the actual period that total access is denied. No cover will be provided if actual damage is caused by the device; |
| Unspecified customers | 5. insured damage , other than loss or damage caused by flood or earth movement , arising at the premises of any of your direct customers, operating and based in the European Union, other than any specified customer ; |
| Specified customers | 6. insured damage arising at the premises of any specified customer ; |
| Unspecified suppliers | 7. insured damage , other than loss or damage caused by flood or earth movement , arising at the premises of any of your suppliers, operating and based in the European Union other than any specified supplier . This does not apply to any supplier of water, gas, electricity or telecommunications services; |
| Specified suppliers | 8. insured damage arising at the premises of any specified supplier ; |
| Public utilities | 9. failure in the supply of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. water; b. gas; or c. electricity; <p>to the insured premises for more than 24 consecutive hours caused by insured damage, other than damage caused by flood or earth movement, to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. any land based premises of a service provider operating and based in the European Union; ii. the terminal feed to the insured premises; or iii. underground cables conveying such services from the service provider to the insured premises. <p>For cover following a failure in the supply of public utilities, damage shall be considered as insured damage where it is self-insured by the utility provider;</p> |
| Telecommunications and internet service providers | 10. failure in the supply of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. telecommunications; or b. internet services; <p>to the insured premises for more than 24 consecutive hours caused by insured damage, other than damage caused by flood or earth movement, to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. any land based premises of a service provider operating and based in the European Union; ii. the terminal feed to the insured premises; or iii. underground cables conveying such services from the service provider to the insured premises. <p>For cover following a failure in the supply of telecommunications or internet services, damage shall be considered as insured damage where it is self-insured by the provider of such services;</p> |
| Public authority | 11. your inability to use the insured premises due to restrictions imposed by a public authority during the period of insurance following: |

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- a. a murder or suicide;
- b. an occurrence of any human infectious or human contagious disease, an outbreak of which must be notified to the local authority;
- c. injury or illness of any person traceable to food or drink consumed on the **insured premises**;
- d. defects in the drains or other sanitary arrangements;
- e. vermin or pests at the **insured premises**;

Equipment breakdown

12. **insured failure.**

What is not covered

We will not make any payment:

1. for any interruption to **your activities** directly or indirectly caused by, resulting from or in connection with **terrorism**. This does not apply to the cover under **What is covered**, Bomb threat.
2. if **your activities** are discontinued permanently or if a liquidator or receiver is appointed.

How much we will pay

We will pay up to the **amount insured** unless limited below or stated in the schedule. We will pay for no longer than the **indemnity period** stated in the schedule against each insured item.

If **you** are accountable to the tax authorities for Value Added Tax, the amount **we** pay will be exclusive of such tax.

The amount **we** pay for each item will be calculated as follows:

Loss of income

The difference between **your actual income** during the **indemnity period** and the **income** it is estimated **you** would have earned during that period or, if this is **your** first trading year, the difference between **your income** during the **indemnity period** and during the period immediately prior to the loss, less any savings resulting from the reduced costs and expenses **you** pay out of **your income** during the **indemnity period**. We will also pay for **increased costs of working** and **alternative hire costs**.

Loss of gross profit

The sum produced by applying the **rate of gross profit** to any reduction in **income** during the **indemnity period** plus **increased costs of working** and **alternative hire costs** less any expenses or charges which cease or are reduced.

Outstanding debts

Any of **your** outstanding debts which **you** are unable to recover following loss of **your** accounting records as a direct result of **insured damage** or **insured failure**.

Accountant's charges

The amount **we** will pay for loss of **income** or loss of **gross profit** includes the reasonable charges **you** pay to **your** professional accountant for producing information **we** require in support of a request for settlement under this section.

Specified customers

The most **we** will pay for **insured damage** arising at each premises of **your specified customer** is the amount stated in the schedule. If **your** customer is not individually stated in the business interruption section of the schedule, cover may apply under **What is covered**, Unspecified customers. Please check **your** schedule to see what cover **you** have for **insured damage** at the premises of **your** customers.

Specified suppliers

The most **we** will pay for **insured damage** arising at each premises of **your specified supplier** is the amount stated in the schedule. If **your** supplier is not individually stated in the business interruption section of the schedule, cover may apply under **What is covered**, Unspecified suppliers. Please check **your** schedule to see what cover **you** have for **insured damage** at the premises of **your** suppliers.

Business trends

Provided that **you** advise **us** of **your** estimated annual **income**, or estimated annual **gross profit** if applicable, at the beginning of each **period of insurance**, the **amount insured** will automatically be increased to reflect any special circumstances or business trends affecting **your activities**, either before or after the loss. The amount that **we** will pay will reflect as near as possible the result that would have been achieved if the **insured damage** had not occurred.

Your schedule will show if Business trends cover applies and the additional percentage amount.

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Under insurance

If, at the time of **insured damage, insured failure** or restriction, **we** establish that:

1. the **annualised amount insured**; or
2. the **annualised declared amount**, where **you** have selected a **first loss limit** which is stated on the schedule;

does not represent **your** actual **income** or **your** actual **gross profit** during the 12 months immediately preceding the date of the **insured damage, insured failure** or restriction, **we** will reduce the amount **we** pay in the proportion that the premium **you** have paid bears to the premium **we** would have charged **you** if **you** had declared **your** actual **income** or **your** actual **gross profit**.

We will only apply this calculation if:

1. **we** establish that the **annualised amount insured** is less than 85% of **your** actual **income** or **your** actual **gross profit** during the 12 months immediately preceding the start of the **period of insurance**; and
2. **we** establish that **your** failure to declare **your** actual **income** or **your** actual **gross profit** was not deliberate or reckless and was a breach of **your** obligation to make a fair presentation of the risk to **us** before the start of the **period of insurance**.

This remedy may apply in addition to General condition 2. b.ii. If **your** failure to declare **your** actual **income** or **your** actual **gross profit** was deliberate or reckless, the remedy under General condition 2.a. will apply.

Your obligations

If any damage occurs

We will not make any payment under this section unless **you** notify **us** promptly of any **damage** or event which might prevent or hinder **you** from carrying on **your activities**.

Property insurance

Where the **damage** involves property **you** own or are legally responsible for, **we** will not make any payment unless **you** have property insurance in force covering the **damage** and payment has been made, or liability admitted, under that insurance for the **damage**.

Accounts records

You must keep a record of all amounts owed to **you** and keep a copy of the record away from the **insured premises**. If **you** do not, **we** may reduce any payment **we** make under this section by an amount equal to the detriment **we** have suffered as a result.