

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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:

	<b>Amended to read:</b>
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: <a href="https://Hiscox.ie">https://Hiscox.ie</a>
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: <a href="mailto:customerrelations.ireland@hiscox.com">customerrelations.ireland@hiscox.com</a> +353 1 238 1810
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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 <a href="mailto:customerrelations.ireland@hiscox.com">customerrelations.ireland@hiscox.com</a>.</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: <a href="mailto:info@fspo.ie">info@fspo.ie</a> Web: <a href="http://www.fspo.ie">www.fspo.ie</a></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: <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/odr">http://ec.europa.eu/odr</a>.</p> <p>Alternatively, you can also contact:</p> <p>Commissariat aux Assurances 7, boulevard Joseph II L-1840 Luxembourg LUXEMBOURG e-mail: <a href="mailto:caa@caa.lu">caa@caa.lu</a></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: <a href="mailto:mediateur@aca.lu">mediateur@aca.lu</a></p>

In addition, any references to Hiscox Underwriting Ltd in **your policy** are removed.

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**Key benefits: what risks are you protected against?**

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Commercial legal protection insurance covers you for legal costs, including solicitors' and barristers' fees, court costs, expenses for expert witnesses, attendance expenses and accountants' fees. It will also pay the costs of appealing or defending an appeal. The limit of indemnity shown in the policy schedule is for all claims resulting from one or more event arising at the same time or from the same originating cause.

The policy covers:

- employment disputes: defending your legal rights in respect of any dispute with an employee or ex-employee relating to their contract of employment or to recover possession of your premises from them;
- compensation awards: basic and compensatory awards arising from an alleged breach of an employee's or ex-employee's statutory rights under employment legislation;
- legal defence: defending your legal rights in respect of any non-motor criminal prosecutions and some specific civil actions, such as breach of the Data Protection Act 1998 and unlawful discrimination;
- property protection: pursuing your legal rights in a civil action following an event causing physical damage to material property which you own or are responsible for, or any nuisance or trespass;
- bodily injury: at your request, pursuing your employees' and their family members' legal rights following their death or bodily injury;
- tax protection: negotiating on your behalf and representing you in any appeal proceedings arising out of an Income Tax or Corporation Tax compliance check by or a dispute with HM Revenue or Customs;
- contract disputes: negotiating for your legal rights in a contractual dispute over any agreement entered into by you for the purchase or provision of goods or services, where the disputed amount exceeds £250;
- tenancy disputes: negotiating for your legal rights in any legal proceedings for civil action relating to a tenancy dispute between you and your landlord arising from premises leased or rented to you;
- statutory licence protection: appealing to the relevant statutory or regulatory authority, court or tribunal following their suspension, alteration, cancellation or refusal to renew your licence or statutory registration;
- debt recovery: negotiating for your legal rights to recover money and interest due from the sale or provision of goods or services, where the debt exceeds £250.

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**Significant or unusual exclusions and limitations:**

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The policy will not cover:

- any civil claim unless it is more likely than not that the insured person will recover damages or make a successful defence;
- any claim reported to DAS more than 180 days after the date that the relevant insured person should have known about the insured incident;
- any costs or expenses incurred before DAS have agreed to accept the claim;
- any claim relating to patents, copyrights, trademarks, merchandise marks, registered designs, intellectual property, secrecy and confidentiality agreements;
- any claim relating to rights under a franchise or agency agreement entered into by you;
- judicial review, coroner's inquest or fatal accident enquiry;
- any claim where the insured person is not represented by a law firm, barrister or tax expert;
- any claim relating to written or verbal remarks that damage the insured person's reputation;
- employment disputes in respect of damages for personal injury or loss of or damage to property;
- employment disputes relating to the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 or the Transfer of Employment (Pension Protection) Regulations;
- compensation awards relating to trade union activities, pregnancy or parental rights, or statutory rights in relation to trustees of occupational pension schemes;
- any claim which leads to an insured person being prosecuted for infringement of road traffic laws or regulations in connection with the ownership, driving or use of a motor vehicle;
- any claim relating to any illness or bodily injury which develops gradually or is not caused by a specific or sudden accident;
- any claim relating to import or excise duties or any tax avoidance scheme;
- any contract dispute or debt recovery relating to the amount of an insurance claim or any loan, mortgage, pension or other financial product;
- any contract dispute arising from a breach or alleged breach of professional duty by an insured person.

The policy will also not cover claims unless you tell DAS if you receive an offer of settlement in respect of a claim or if you make an offer without their written consent. DAS may reduce any payment by an amount equal to the detriment it has suffered if you do not take reasonable steps to keep any amount DAS have to pay as low as possible.

Please read the policy for details of terms in full.