

INDEMNITY POLICY

In consideration of the premium paid the Insurer will, subject to the Conditions, terms and limitations of this Policy, pay to the Insured the Loss described in the Cover clause of this Policy. The Policy, its Schedule which appears in the box below, any replacement Schedule and any endorsement issued in respect of this Policy shall be read as one contract. Any word or expression to which a specific meaning has been attached in any part of this Policy or the Schedule shall bear such meaning wherever it may appear.

SCHEDULE		Policy No: MR SPECIMEN	
Insured: 			
and all successors in title, including any mortgagee, chargee or tenant for the time being of the Property or any part thereof			
Property: 			
being situated in England or Wales only			
Commencement Date:	Limit of Indemnity:	Premium:	
		(Incl. IPT at the current rate)	
Insured Use: Continued use of the Property as a single private dwelling and/or for the same type of commercial or business use as has been carried on throughout the twelve month period immediately preceding the Commencement Date.			
The Limit of Indemnity will be increased by 5% per annum for a period of 10 years from Commencement Date.			
<i>By authorising the issue of this Policy you confirm that you have complied with the requirements of the Insurance Distribution Directive, and provided the Insured with a full colour copy of the IPID and a copy of the specimen policy.</i>			
Authorised by			
Signature	Print name in capitals	Name of firm in capitals	Date
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CHOICE OF LAW

The law of England and Wales will apply to this contract unless you and the Insurer agree otherwise.

CONDITIONS

1. The liability of the Insurer to make any payment under this Policy will be conditional upon compliance with the terms and Conditions of this Policy. If the Insured fails to comply with any such term or Condition, the Insurer will not pay the claim, except where compliance with the term tends to reduce the likelihood of a Loss of a particular kind, in which case the Insurer will pay for any claim where the Insured shows that its failure to comply did not cause, contribute or make worse the Loss which occurred. The Insurer will not unreasonably reject a claim.
2. The Insured shall give immediate notice to the Insurer of any circumstances likely to give rise to a claim and, at the expense of the Insurer, shall do and concur in doing and permit to be done all things necessary to minimise the Loss.
3. The Insured shall not make any admission of liability, offer, promise or payment or incur any costs or expenses without the prior written consent of the Insurer.
4. If any difference shall arise as to the amount to be paid under this Policy (liability being otherwise admitted) such difference shall be referred to an arbitrator to be appointed by the parties in accordance with the Arbitration Act 1996 or current equivalent. The Insured shall have no right of action against the Insurer under this condition until an arbitration award has been made.
5. If, at the time of any Loss resulting in a claim under this Policy, any other insurance taken out by or on behalf of the Insured or any other person covers the same Loss or any part of it, or would cover it but for the existence of this Policy, the Insurer's liability under this Policy shall be limited to its rateable proportion of such Loss.
6. If a claim is in any way fraudulent or if the Insured deliberately causes a Loss, the Insurer will refuse to pay the whole of the claim and recover from the Insured any sums that it has already paid in respect of the claim. The Insurer may also by notice to the Insured treat the Policy as having terminated with effect from the time of the fraudulent act. No premium will be refunded if the Policy is terminated.
7. Before the Policy starts and whenever it is changed, the Insured must take care to ensure information provided to the Insurer which is relevant to this cover is accurate. If the Insured has taken out this Policy for business purposes, the Insured must also disclose sufficient information to ensure a fair presentation of the risk is made to the Insurer. Failure to do so could invalidate the Policy or lead to a claim not being paid in full or at all.
8. This Policy shall not be in force unless it has been signed by a person so authorised by the Insurer.

COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

If you complain, your complaint will be acknowledged within 2 working days of receipt. We will investigate your complaint and we aim to resolve complaints within 5 working days. If this is not possible, we will keep you updated and we will send a final response by the end of 8 weeks after receipt of the complaint. Please follow the steps below. Following the complaints procedure does not affect your right to take legal action. For further information on our complaints handling procedure, please contact us at the address below.

Step 1: Seek resolution by writing to the Managing Director, Guaranteed Conveyancing Solutions Limited at GCS House, High Street, Heathfield, East Sussex TN21 8JD.

Step 2: If appropriate, we will pass details of your complaint to the solicitor who sold you the Policy or the Insurer.

Step 3: If after making a complaint to us, you are still unhappy and feel the matter has not been resolved to your satisfaction, please contact the Financial Ombudsman Service, Exchange Tower, London E14 9SR, www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk, 0800 023 4567.

NON-INVALIDATION CLAUSE

(Protection for Mortgagees, Successors in Title and Genuine Purchasers)

The interest of any Insured in this Policy shall not be prejudiced by any act omission or misrepresentation by any other party unless such party acted on their behalf or with their knowledge or consent.

COVER

Loss sustained by the Insured as a direct result of

1. the Vendor failing to produce clear rentcharge receipts prior to the Commencement Date due to the absence of the Rentcharge Owner.
2. any matter adversely affecting the Insured's interest in the Property, contained within a missing rentcharge instrument and not known to the Insured at the Commencement Date.

For the purposes of the Policy, Loss shall mean

- A. past and future rentcharge payments.
- B. all sums the Insured is liable to pay as compensation, legal costs and expenses due to unknown breaches of rentcharge covenants, committed by the Vendor or a previous owner of the Property prior to the Commencement Date.
- C. legal costs and expenses payable by the Insured to the Rentcharge Owner as a result of the Rentcharge Owner exercising a right of re-entry as a consequence of 1. or 2. above.
- D. legal costs and expenses, incurred by the Insured with the Insurer's prior written consent, to defend any legal action relating to 1. or 2. above, including any action by the Rentcharge Owner to exercise a right of re-entry and any legal costs and expenses incurred in applying for relief from forfeiture.
- E. if the Rentcharge Owner is successful in re-entering the Property for breach of covenant and the Insured is unsuccessful in obtaining relief from forfeiture or a vesting order, the Market Value of the Insured's interest in the Property calculated at the date on which the Rentcharge Owner obtains the order permitting re-entry.
- F. any reasonable sum which the Insured may pay, with the Insurer's prior written consent, to obtain the surrender of any lease which is granted and registered over the Property after the Commencement Date by the Rentcharge Owner under Section 121 (4) of the Law of Property Act 1925 or any equivalent legislation.

PROVISOS

Provided always that

- (a) however many claims are made under this Policy, the total liability of the Insurer in respect of all claims added together shall not exceed the Limit of Indemnity.
- (b) the existence of this Policy shall not be disclosed to any third party other than genuine purchasers of the Insured's interest in the Property and their mortgagees, without the prior written consent of the Insurer.
- (c) the Insurer shall not be liable for any Loss arising out of
 - (i) rentcharge instruments available at the Commencement Date, which contain positive covenants by the Rentcharge Owner regarding the provision of services or the carrying out of maintenance for the benefit of the Property,
 - (ii) rentcharge instruments effected after 1977,
 - (iii) the existence of any lease which is granted and registered over the Property prior to the Commencement Date,
 - (iv) any attempt made by the Insured after the Commencement Date to locate a missing Rentcharge Owner,
 - (v) the construction of or any alteration, addition or extension to the Property carried out less than 12 months before the Commencement Date,
 - (vi) any change to the use of the Property implemented less than 12 months before the Commencement Date,
 - (vii) any alteration, addition or extension to the Property carried out after the Commencement Date,
 - (viii) use of the Property for any purpose other than the Insured Use.

DEFINITIONS

Market Value shall mean the value as determined by a surveyor appointed by agreement between the Insurer and the Insured.

Insurer shall mean First Title Insurance plc, registered in England & Wales under Company number 01112603, Registered Office- ECA Court, 24-26 South Park, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 1DU, authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority under Register number 202103.

Rentcharge Owner shall mean a person to whom an annual sum identified as a rentcharge is payable by the freehold owner of the Property.

Vendor shall mean the person from whom the Insured acquired their interest in the Property.

ADDITIONAL CLAUSES

How to Claim: If you need to make a claim please contact the Insurer at ECA Court, 24-26 South Park, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 1DU, or by email to claims@firsttitle.co.uk, or by telephone on 0207 160 8126 quoting the Policy number. Please be aware of the Conditions on the face of the Policy and the Provisos above. In assessing any claims made the Insurer or their agents may undertake checks against publicly available information (such as electoral roll, county court judgments, bankruptcy or repossessions).

Cancellation Rights: You may cancel this Policy within 14 days of its conclusion or receipt of the Policy document whichever is the later. To cancel you should contact the person who arranged the cover. You will be entitled to a refund of the premium paid less a deduction based upon the duration of the cover provided unless a claim becomes payable under the Policy prior to cancellation taking effect. Important: Cancellation may place you in breach of contract in relation to a property sale or mortgage.

Mortgagees: Cancellation of this Policy by any other Insured shall not affect the rights or interests of any mortgagee unless the mortgagee is aware of or agreed to the cancellation of the Policy.

Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS): We are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). If we cannot meet our obligations you may be entitled to compensation from this scheme, depending on the type of insurance and circumstances of any claim. Further information about compensation scheme arrangements is available from the FSCS www.fscs.org.uk or contact the Scheme helpline on 0800 678 1100 or 020 7741 4100.

Privacy Policy: We will use data in accordance with our privacy policy, which can be found on our website at www.gcs-title.co.uk/privacy-policy/.

Sanctions: The Insurer shall not be deemed to provide cover and shall not be liable to pay any claim or provide any benefit under this Policy to the extent that the provision of such cover, payment of such claim or provision of such benefit would expose the Insurer to any sanctions, prohibition or restriction under United Nations resolutions or the trade or economic sanctions, laws or regulations of the European Union, United Kingdom or United States of America.