

Name and address of company making claim:	Europa Consignment reference:	Europa Claim reference:
	Collection address:	Consignee address:
Contact name:		
Tel No: Fax No:		
Email:	Collection date:	Delivery date:
Reference:		
Detailed description of goods lost or damaged:		
Total weight of consignment:	Total weight of goods lost or damaged:	
Value of total consignment:	Amount claimed for goods lost or damaged:	
Where are the damaged goods available for inspection?	Please show how you calculated the value of the lost or damaged goods:	
Please describe details of the loss and/or extent of the damage:		
Evidence of loss or damage Tick as applicable and attach to this form		
Commercial invoices	☐	Repair estimates/accounts
Photographs of damaged goods	☐	Survey report
Signed collection/delivery note showing goods were missing or received damaged	☐	Other (please specify)
Were written instructions given to Europa to insure the goods?	YES ☐ NO ☐	Tick as applicable and attach to this form
If YES - please attach copy of the Confirmation of Insurance		
If NO - have you arranged your own insurance cover?	YES ☐ NO ☐	
PLEASE SIGN THIS FORM		
I/We declare the particulars and statements contained in this form are true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge		
Name: Signature: Date:		
Job Title:		
Enclose evidence of loss/damage as detailed above and Confirmation of Insurance as applicable.		
Europa is unable to consider any claim until all outstanding charges have been paid in full when due and until the claim is fully and properly documented.		
Europa reserves it's right to conduct full enquiries into any claim for loss or damage and to request any additional information/documentation that may be required.		
All business is undertaken in accordance with BIFA or RHA terms as applicable - Please see reverse		

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These conditions are the intellectual property of the British International Freight Association (BIFA) and are solely for the use by current BIFA members.

THESE CONDITIONS CONTAIN PROVISIONS WHICH EXCLUDE OR LIMIT THE COMPANY'S LIABILITY (CLAUSE 26) AND REQUIRE THE CUSTOMER TO INDEMNIFY THE COMPANY (CLAUSE 20) AND WHICH PROVIDE TIME LIMITS FOR BRINGING CLAIMS (CLAUSE 27).

1 In these Conditions the following words shall have the following meanings:

"Company"	the BIFA member trading under these Conditions
"Conditions"	Clauses 1 to 28 of these Standard Trading Conditions
"Consignee"	the Person to whom the Goods are consigned, and whether or not that Person is named as Consignee on any carriage document
"Customer"	any Person at whose request or on whose behalf the Company provides advice, information or Services or with whom the Company contracts and regardless of whether that Person is required to make any payment to the Company
"Goods"	any goods which are the subject of Services provided by the Company
"LMAA"	the London Maritime Arbitrators Association
"Owner"	the owner of the Goods or Transport Unit and any other Person who is or may become interested in them
"Person"	natural person(s) or any body or bodies corporate
"SDR"	are Special Drawing Rights as defined by the International Monetary Fund
"Services"	All activities undertaken, offered or procured by the Company in the course of its business, whether gratuitous or for reward
"Transport Unit"	packing case, pallets, container, trailer, tanker, or any other device used whatsoever for and in connection with the storage or carriage of Goods by land, sea, rail or air

2 (A) Subject to sub-clause (B) below, all Services are undertaken subject to these Conditions.

(B) If any legislation, to include regulations and directives, is compulsorily applicable to any Services undertaken, these Conditions shall, as regards such Services, be read as subject to such legislation, and nothing in these Conditions shall be construed as a surrender by the Company of any of its rights or immunities or as an increase of any of its responsibilities or liabilities under such legislation, and if any part of these Conditions be repugnant to such legislation to any extent, such part shall as regards such Services be overridden to that extent and no further.

3 The Customer warrants that they are either the Owner, or are authorised by the Owner to contract for the Owner on the terms of these Conditions.

4 Subject to clauses 11 and 12 below, the Company shall be entitled to procure any or all of the Services as an agent for the Customer, or, to provide Services as a principal. When the Company contracts as a principal for any Services, it shall have full liberty to perform such Services itself, or, to subcontract on any terms whatsoever, the whole or any part of such Services.

5 The Company has complete discretion as to the means, route and procedure to be followed in the performance of any Services.

6 When the Company acts as an agent on behalf of the Customer, the Company shall be entitled to enter into all and any contracts on behalf of the Customer on such terms as may be necessary or desirable to fulfil the Customer's instructions. Upon a request by the Customer, the Company shall provide evidence of any contract entered into as agent for the Customer.

7 (A) Unless otherwise agreed in writing between the Customer and Company, in all and any dealings with HM Revenue & Customs by the Company on behalf of the Customer:

- (i) where permitted under the Taxation (Cross-border Trade) Act 2018, the Customer empowers the Company to act as a direct customs agent; and
- (ii) in all other cases the Customer empowers the Company to act as an indirect customs agent.

(B) In all cases the Company may appoint a sub-agent to act on behalf of the Customer.

8 (A) Subject to sub-clause (B) below, the Company:

- (i) has a general lien on all Goods and documents relating to Goods in its possession, custody or control, whether such Goods or documents be located within or outside the United Kingdom, for all sums due at any time to the Company from the Customer and/or Owner on any account whatsoever, whether relating to Goods belonging to, or Services provided by or on behalf of the Company to the Customer or Owner. Storage charges shall continue to accrue on any Goods detained under lien;
- (ii) shall be entitled, on at least 7 days' notice in writing to the Customer, to sell or dispose of or deal with such Goods or documents as agent for, and at the expense of, the Customer or Owner and apply the proceeds in or towards the payment of such sums;
- (iii) shall, upon accounting to the Customer or Owner for any balance remaining after payment of any sum due to the Company, and for the cost of sale and/or disposal and/or dealing including legal costs and reasonable compensation for internal management time, be discharged of any liability whatsoever in respect of the Goods or documents.

(B) When the Goods are liable to perish or deteriorate, or where charges incurred in relation to rent and/or storage are likely to exceed the likely sale value, the Company's right to sell or dispose of or deal with the Goods shall arise immediately upon any sum becoming due to the Company, subject only to the Company taking reasonable steps to bring to the Customer's attention its intention to sell or dispose of the Goods before doing so.

9 Whether acting as an agent or a principal the Company shall be entitled to retain and be paid all brokerages, commissions, allowances and other remunerations customarily retained by, or paid to, freight forwarders.

10 (A) Should the Customer, Consignee or Owner of the Goods fail to take delivery at the appointed time and place when and where the Company is entitled to deliver, the Company shall be entitled to store the Goods, or any part thereof, at the sole risk of the Customer and/or Consignee and/or Owner, whereupon the Company's liability in respect of the Goods, or that part thereof, stored as aforesaid, shall wholly cease. The Company's liability, if any, in relation to such storage, shall be governed by these Conditions. All costs incurred by the Company as a result of the failure to take delivery shall be deemed as freight earned, and such costs shall, upon demand, be paid by the Customer or Owner.

(B) The Company shall be entitled at the expense of the Customer to dispose of or deal with the Goods (by sale or otherwise) as may be reasonable in all the circumstances:

- (i) after at least 7 days' notice in writing to the Customer, or (where the Customer cannot be traced and reasonable efforts have been made to contact any parties who may reasonably be supposed by the Company to have any interest in the Goods) without notice, any Goods which have been held by the Company for 14 days and which cannot be delivered as instructed; and
- (ii) without prior notice, any Goods which are comprised within groupage and/or consolidated loads or have perished, deteriorated, or altered, or are in immediate prospect of so doing, such that they may cause or may reasonably be expected to cause loss or damage to the Company, or third parties, or to contravene any applicable laws or regulations.

11 (A) No insurance of the Goods will be arranged by the Company unless clearly stated instructions are given in writing by the Customer and accepted by the Company. Any insurance arranged by the Company shall be placed with insurers on the usual exceptions and conditions of cargo insurance policies and may be declared on any policy available to the Company;

(B) Where the Company agrees to arrange insurance on the Goods, the Company acts as agent for the Customer and shall be entitled to a reasonable arrangement fee and/or commission. The limits of liability under clause 26(A) of these conditions shall not apply to the Company's obligations under clause 11.

12 (A) Unless otherwise agreed in writing by an officer of the Company, any instructions relating to the delivery or release of the Goods in specified circumstances (such as, but not limited to, against payment or against surrender of a particular document) are accepted by the Company, where the Company has to engage third parties to effect compliance with the instructions, only as agents for the Customer;

(B) Despite the acceptance by the Company of instructions from the Customer to collect freight, duties, charges, dues, or other expenses from the Consignee, or any other Person, on receipt of evidence of proper demand by the Company, and, in the absence of evidence of payment (for whatever reason) by such Consignee, or other Person, the Customer shall remain responsible for such freight, duties, charges, dues, or other expenses;

(C) The Company shall not be under any liability in respect of such arrangements as are referred to under sub-clauses (A) and (B) hereof save where such arrangements are made in writing, and in any event, the Company's liability in respect of the performance of, or arranging the performance of, such instructions shall not exceed the limits set out in clause 26(A)(ii) of these conditions.

13 Advice and information, in whatever form it may be given, is provided by the Company for the Customer only. The Customer shall indemnify the Company against all loss and damage suffered as a consequence of passing such advice or information on to any third party.

14 Without prior agreement in writing by an officer of the Company so authorised, the Company will not accept or deal with Goods that require special handling regarding carriage, handling, or security whether owing to their thief attractive nature or otherwise including, but not limited to bullion, currency, securities, precious stones, jewellery, valuables, antiques, pictures, human remains, living creatures, plants. Should any Customer nevertheless deliver any such goods to the Company, or cause the Company to handle or deal with any such Goods, otherwise than under such prior agreement, the Company shall have no liability whatsoever for or in connection with the Goods, howsoever arising.

15 Except pursuant to instructions previously received in writing and accepted in writing by the Company, the Company will not accept or deal with Goods of a dangerous or damaging nature, nor with Goods likely to harbour or encourage vermin or other pests, nor with Goods liable to taint or affect other goods. If such Goods are accepted pursuant to a special arrangement, but, thereafter, and in the opinion of the Company, constitute a risk to other goods, property, life or health, the Company shall, where reasonably practicable, contact the Customer in order to require it to remove or otherwise deal with the Goods, but reserves the right, in any event, to do so at the expense of the Customer.

16 Where the Company agrees to accept dangerous goods in accordance with clause 15, the Customer shall be responsible for complying with all applicable laws, regulations and codes of practice, including but not limited to the provision of correctly completed dangerous goods notes, proper labelling and marking of goods and ensuring that the Goods are packaged as necessary. Where a Person other than the Customer has a legal liability to perform any function in respect of dangerous goods then the Customer shall be liable to the Company for the consequences of any breach by that Person.

17 Without prejudice to any rights under clause 15, where the Customer delivers to the Company, or causes the Company to deal with or handle Goods of a dangerous or damaging nature, or Goods likely to harbour or encourage vermin or other pests, or Goods liable to taint or affect other goods, whether declared to the Company or not, the Customer shall be liable for all loss or damage arising in connection with such Goods, and shall indemnify the Company against all penalties, claims, damages, costs and expenses whatsoever arising in connection therewith, and the Goods may be dealt with in such manner as the Company, or any other person in whose custody they may be at any relevant time, shall think fit.

18 The Customer warrants:

(A) that the following (furnished by or on behalf of the Customer) are full and accurate: the description and particulars of any Goods including correct customs commodity codes; any information furnished (including but not limited to, the nature, gross weight, gross mass (including the verified actual gross mass of any container packed with packages and cargo items), and measurements of any Goods); and the description and particulars of any services required by or on behalf of the Customer are full and accurate;

(B) that any Transport Unit and/or equipment supplied by the Customer in relation to the performance of any requested service is fit for purpose;

(C) that all Goods have been properly and sufficiently prepared, packed, stowed, labelled and/or marked, and that the preparation, packing, stowage, labelling and marking are appropriate to any operations or transactions likely to affect the Goods and the characteristics of the Goods;

(D) that where the Company receives the Goods from the Customer already stowed in or on a Transport Unit, the Transport Unit is in good condition, and is suitable for the carriage to the intended destination of the Goods loaded therein, or thereon;

(E) that where the Company provides the Transport Unit, on loading by the Customer, the Transport Unit has been carefully examined and that the Customer is satisfied that it is in good condition, and is suitable for the carriage to the intended destination of the Goods loaded therein, or thereon;

(F) where the Company provides assistance to the Customer in relation to the completion and/or submission of any entries, declarations or similar, whether related to customs formalities, veterinary requirements, transit bonds, excise formalities, security or safety declarations or any other statement, declaration or entry of similar nature related to the Goods and their

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- movement, the Customer shall provide complete, factual and accurate data as required by the Company or their agents and fulfil its legal obligations;
- (G) where the Company is instructed to make a customs entry on the basis that import VAT is to be postponed, the Customer warrants that they are entitled to postpone VAT and will comply with all related regulatory requirements;
- (H) that the value of the Goods and the nature of the transaction by which the Goods are being imported/exported is fully and accurately described to the Company and that any commercial invoice reflecting the value of the Goods is an invoice issued by a true seller to a true buyer reflecting the real sum payable;
- (I) unless disclosed in writing to the Company neither the Goods, the Customer, the Owner nor any Person connected with the carriage of Goods are the subject of any trade sanctions or restrictions imposed by the UK, the EU, the USA or any other government or authority.
- 19** The Customer undertakes that no claim shall be made against any director, servant, or employee of the Company which imposes, or attempts to impose, upon them any liability in connection with any Services, and, if any such claim should nevertheless be made, to indemnify the Company against all consequences thereof.
- 20** The Customer shall indemnify the Company for:
- (A) all charges, costs and expenses whatsoever (including but not limited to quay rent, demurrage or storage charges, duties, taxes, imposts, levies, deposits and outlays of whatsoever nature levied in relation to the Goods) arising out of the Company acting in accordance or in connection with the Customer's instructions, and any liability, loss or damage arising from any breach by the Customer of any warranty or other obligation contained in these Conditions, or from the negligence of the Customer;
- (B) any liability assumed, or incurred by the Company when, by reason of carrying out the Customer's instructions, the Company has become liable to any other party;
- (C) all claims, costs and demands whatsoever and by whomsoever made or preferred, in excess of the liability of the Company under the terms of these Conditions, regardless of whether such claims, costs, and/or demands arise from, or in connection with, the breach of contract, negligence or breach of duty of the Company, its servants, sub-contractors or agents.
- 21** (A) The Customer shall pay to the Company in cash, or as otherwise agreed, all sums when due, immediately and without reduction or deferment on account of any claim, counterclaim or set-off. Where the Customer makes a payment to the Company without providing instructions for the allocation of that payment then the Company has complete discretion as to the allocation and the allocation made by the Company shall be final and binding;
- (B) Where the Company offers the Customer any period of credit in relation to the payment of sums payable to the Company, any such credit may be varied or withdrawn at the Company's absolute discretion with immediate effect upon written notice;
- (C) In the event of any failure by the Customer to make full and punctual payment of any sum payable to the Company (in accordance with clause 21(A) above) any and all other sums properly earned by and/or otherwise due to the Company (but which, but for this clause 21(C), would otherwise not yet be payable by the Customer, whether by virtue of an agreed credit period or otherwise) shall become immediately payable in full in accordance with clause 21(A);
- (D) Unless otherwise agreed in writing the Customer shall be absolutely barred from challenging the value of any invoice issued by the Company unless it gives written notice of the basis for the dispute before the later of (a) the date that the invoice became due for payment; or (b) 30 days from the invoice being delivered and that part of the invoice that cannot reasonably be disputed is paid within the date that the invoice became due for payment;
- (E) The Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998, as amended, shall apply to all sums due from the Customer.
- 22** Where a security demand is made for general average or salvage in respect of a Customer's Goods, the Customer shall promptly provide security in a form reasonably required by the Company or any carrier or salvor and the Customer shall indemnify the Company for any liability incurred by the Company in the nature of general average or salvage related to the Customer's Goods.
- 23** The Company shall perform its duties with a reasonable degree of care, diligence, skill and judgment.
- 24** The Company shall be relieved of liability for any loss or damage if, and to the extent that, such loss or damage is caused by:
- (A) strike, lock-out, stoppage or restraint of labour, the consequences of which the Company is unable to avoid by the exercise of reasonable diligence; or
- (B) any cause or event which the Company, by the exercise of reasonable diligence, is unable to avoid and the consequences of which it is unable to prevent.
- 25** Unless it is expressly agreed in writing that the provisions of this clause 25 shall not apply, the Company has no liability for a failure to adhere to agreed departure or arrival dates of Goods, regardless of the cause.
- 26** (A) The Company's liability howsoever arising and including negligence and notwithstanding that the cause of loss or damage may be unexplained, shall not exceed:
- (i) in the case of claims arising out of loss or damage to Goods (including arising out of mis-delivery), the lesser of:
- (a) the value of any Goods lost or damaged; or
- (b) a sum at the rate of 2 SDR per kilo of the gross weight of the Goods lost or damaged.
- (ii) subject to the provisions of clauses 26(B) to (D) in the case of all other claims, the lesser of:
- (a) the value of any loss of the Customer; or
- (b) a sum equivalent to 2 SDR per kilo of the weight of the Goods which were the subject of the Services giving rise to the claim; or
- (c) 75,000 SDR.
- (iii) With respect to clause 26(A)(ii) where the Customer has two or more claims that arise out of a breach or a series of breaches that are repetitions of or represent the continuation of the original breach the Company's total liability arising therefrom shall not exceed 75,000 SDR in a calendar year. A calendar year shall start on the date that the first breach occurs.
- For the purposes of clause 26(A), the value of the Goods shall be their value when they were, or should have been, received for shipment or storage by or on behalf of the Company. The value of SDR shall be calculated as at the date when the claim is received by the Company in writing.
- (B) The Company's liability for loss or damage as a result of failure to deliver, or arrange delivery of goods, in a reasonable time, or (where there is a special arrangement under clause 25) to adhere to agreed departure or arrival dates, shall not in any circumstances whatsoever exceed a sum equal to twice the amount of the Company's charges in respect of the relevant carriage;
- (C) The Company shall not in any circumstances whatsoever or howsoever caused, including negligence or mis-delivery be liable for direct or indirect loss of profit, revenue, market or use, demurrage or detention, or the consequences of delay or deviation, or for any other indirect loss or for consequential loss;
- (D) On clearly stated instructions in writing declaring the commodity and its value, received from the Customer and accepted by the Company, the Company may accept liability in excess of the limits set out in sub-clause 26(A) above upon the Customer agreeing to pay the Company's additional charges for accepting such increased liability. Details of the Company's additional charges will be provided upon request. A declaration of value, without a specific agreement to alter the liability limits, shall never be a basis for a variation of the limits of liability herein.
- 27** (A) Any claim by the Customer against the Company arising in respect of any Services shall be made in writing and notified to the Company within 14 days of the date upon which the Customer became, or ought reasonably to have become, aware of any event or occurrence alleged to give rise to such claim, and any claim not made and notified as aforesaid shall be deemed to be waived and absolutely barred, except where the Customer can show that it was impossible for them to comply with this time limit, and that they have made the claim as soon as it was reasonably possible for them to do so.
- (B) The Company shall in any event be discharged of all liability whatsoever and howsoever arising in respect of any Services, unless suit be brought and written notice thereof given to the Company:
- (i) in the case of a claim arising out of the loss, damage, mis-delivery or delay of Goods, within nine months from the date that the Goods were delivered, or where no delivery occurred the date on which the Goods had been intended by the Company to be available for delivery;
- (ii) in all other cases, within nine months from the date of the Services alleged to give rise to the cause of action against the Company, or where the Customer can show that it was impossible to comply with this time limit, within six months of the date that the Customer became aware, or acting with reasonable diligence ought to have been aware, of the event or occurrence alleged to give rise to a cause of action against the Company.
- (C) For the purposes of clause 27(B)(i):
- (i) where delivery of the Goods does not occur within 7 days of the Goods being available for delivery, the nine month period shall commence on the 8th day after the Goods were available for delivery; and
- (ii) the date that the Company intended the Goods to be available for delivery shall be the Company's estimated date of arrival of the Goods into the country of destination as advised to the Customer, or where there was no such date, the date upon which the vessel, vehicle or aircraft intended to deliver the Goods to the country of destination was scheduled to arrive.
- 28** (A) These Conditions and any act or contract to which they apply shall be governed by English law;
- (B) Any dispute arising out of any act or contract to which these Conditions apply shall, save as provided in (C) and (D) below, be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts;
- (C) Where the Company and/or a Customer are located in Scotland or Northern Ireland the Company is entitled to commence proceedings in the courts of the country where the Company or Customer is located;
- (D) Notwithstanding (B) and (C) above, prior to the commencement of any court proceedings, the Company is entitled to require any dispute to be determined by arbitration, conducted as follows:
- (i) where the amount claimed by the claimant is less than £400,000, excluding interest, (or such other sum as the Company and Customer may agree, and subject to (iii) below), the reference shall be to a tribunal of three arbitrators and the arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the LMAA Intermediate Claims Procedure applicable at the date of the commencement of the arbitration proceedings;
- (ii) where the amount claimed by the claimant is less than £100,000, excluding interest, (or such other sum as the Company and Customer may agree, and subject to (iii) below), the reference shall be to a sole arbitrator and the arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the LMAA Small Claims Procedure applicable at the date of the commencement of the arbitration proceedings;
- (iii) where neither (i) nor (ii) above applies, the reference shall be to three arbitrators in accordance with the LMAA Terms applicable at the date of the commencement of the arbitration proceedings.
- (E) Disputes between the same parties arising out of more than one contract or act may be brought together in a single arbitration.



Road Haulage Association Limited

CONDITIONS OF CARRIAGE 2020 Effective 1 September 2020

Europa Road Limited Albion Road, Dartford, Kent DA1 5PZ. RHA Membership Number 0007640-000

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CUSTOMER WILL NOT IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES BE ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION, OR TO FULL COMPENSATION, FOR ANY LOSS AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS AND INDEMNITIES. THE CUSTOMER SHOULD THEREFORE SEEK PROFESSIONAL ADVICE AS TO APPROPRIATE INSURANCE COVER TO BE MAINTAINED WHILE CONSIGNMENTS ARE IN TRANSIT.

(hereinafter referred to as 'the Carrier') is not a common carrier and accepts goods for carriage only upon that condition and on the conditions set out below (the Conditions). No servant or agent of the Carrier is permitted to alter or vary these Conditions in any way unless expressly authorised to do so in writing by a Director of, Principal of, or Partner in the Carrier, or by another person separately authorised by such a person in writing. If any provision or part provision of these Conditions is or becomes invalid, illegal or unenforceable, it shall be deemed modified to the minimum extent necessary to make it valid, legal and enforceable. If such modification is not possible, the relevant provision or part provisions shall be deemed deleted. Any modification to or deletion of a provision or part provision under this clause shall not affect the validity and enforceability of the rest of these Conditions. These Conditions apply to the Contract to the exclusion of any other terms that the Customer seeks to impose, have agreed or incorporate, and to the exclusion of any terms which might be implied by trade, custom, practice or course of dealing. It is expressly stated to be the Customer's responsibility to read and understand these Conditions which will form the basis of the Contract under which any claims or disputes are settled. Customers are recommended to take professional advice and must arrange adequate insurance to provide full cover for the Consignment, and any liabilities they may be under in respect of it, when the Consignment is in transit.

1. Definitions

In these Conditions:

'Customer' means the person or company who contracts for the services of the Carrier, including any other carrier who gives a Consignment to the Carrier for carriage.

'Contract' means the contract of carriage between the Customer and the Carrier. **'Consignee'** means the person or company to whom the Carrier contracts with the Customer to deliver the Consignment.

'Consignment' means goods whether sent as a single item or in bulk or contained in one parcel, package or container, as the case may be, or any number of separate items, parcels, packages or containers sent at one time in one load by or for the Customer from one address to one address.

'Dangerous Goods' means those substances and articles the carriage of which are prohibited by the provisions of the European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) as applied in the United Kingdom, or permitted to be carried only under the conditions prescribed therein, as well as all other substances and articles of a nature or having characteristics which represent a hazard or danger to persons or property, or which include any radioactive or explosive material.

'Demurrage' means any cost or expense the Carrier suffers as a result of the improper, excessive or unreasonable detention of any vehicle, trailer, container or other equipment belonging to or under the control of the Carrier.

'Force Majeure Event' shall have the meaning set out in Condition 10(2)(c)

'In writing' includes, unless otherwise agreed, the transmission of information by electronic, optical or similar means of communication, including, but not limited to, facsimile, electronic mail or electronic data interchange (EDI), provided that the information is readily accessible and durable so as to be usable for subsequent reference.

2. Parties and Sub Contracting

- (1) The Customer warrants that he is either the owner of the Consignment or is authorised by the owner to accept these Conditions on his behalf; and that he is similarly authorised

by all those having a proprietary or possessory interest in the Consignment, to accept these Conditions on their behalf.

- (2) The Carrier and any other carrier employed by the Carrier may employ the services of any other carrier for the purpose of fulfilling the Contract in whole or in part; and the name of every other such carrier shall be provided to the Customer upon request. The Carrier may at any time assign, mortgage, charge, delegate, declare a trust over or deal in any other manner with any or all of its rights and obligations under the Contract, to the extent permitted by law.
- (3) The Carrier contracts both for itself and also as agent of and trustee for its servants and agents and all other carriers referred to in (2) above, and also as agent of and trustee for such other carriers' servants and agents; and every reference in these Conditions to 'the Carrier' shall be deemed to include every other such carrier, servant and agent with the intention that they shall have the full benefit of the terms of this Contract, and collectively and together with the Carrier shall be under no greater liability to the Customer or any other party than is the Carrier hereunder.
- (4) Notwithstanding Condition 2(3), the carriage of any Consignment by rail, sea, inland waterway or air has been or will be arranged by the Carrier solely as agent of the Customer, and any such carriage shall be subject to the conditions of the rail, shipping, inland waterway or air carrier contracted to carry the Consignment. The Carrier shall be under no liability whatsoever, howsoever caused, to any person for such carriage: Provided always that where the Consignment is carried partly by road and partly by such other means of transport any loss, damage or delay shall be deemed to have occurred while the Consignment was being carried by road unless the contrary is proved by the Carrier.

3. Dangerous Goods

If the Customer does not disclose in writing and in advance that a Consignment contains Dangerous Goods, the Carrier shall be entitled to rescind the Contract. If the Carrier agrees to accept for carriage any Dangerous Goods so disclosed then the Customer must arrange for and ensure that the Dangerous Goods are classified, packed, marked, labelled and documented in accordance with all applicable statutory regulations for the carriage by road of the substance declared.

4. Loading and Unloading

- (1) Unless otherwise agreed in writing the Customer will be responsible for the loading of goods onto the vehicle and will also be responsible for the Consignee unloading the goods off the vehicle. The Carrier will not be responsible for any loss or damage to the goods arising from loading the goods onto or unloading them off the vehicle, or from the overloading of the vehicle or from the unsafe loading of the vehicle. The Carrier may, at its sole discretion, through its servants and agents provide assistance in loading or unloading the goods if requested to do so by the Customer or the Consignee or the agents of either. The Customer shall indemnify the Carrier from and against all and any loss, damage, death or injury that may arise whilst the loading or unloading operations is taking place whether or not such loss, damage, death or injury is attributable to the negligence of the Carrier, its agents or servants.
- (2) The Customer shall ensure that any cranes, fork lift trucks, slings, chains or other equipment used in loading or unloading the vehicle are suitable for that purpose and will indemnify the Carrier against any and all consequences of failure of or unsuitability of such equipment.
- (3) The Customer shall ensure that there is adequate access to the loading and the unloading points and that the roadways to and from the public highway are of suitable material and that unloading will take place on good sound hardstanding, where there will be sufficient space to load or unload the vehicle in safety.
- (4) The Carrier shall not be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever, howsoever caused, if the Carrier's personnel are instructed by the Customer or the Consignee or their servants or agents to provide service to an area which does not comply with Condition 4(3)

above, whether or not against the recommendations of the Carrier or the Carrier's personnel.

- (5) The Customer shall indemnify the Carrier against all liability or loss or damage suffered or incurred (including but not limited to damage to the Carrier's vehicle) as a result of the Carrier's personnel complying with the instructions of the Customer or the Consignee or their servants or agents.
- (6) The Customer shall make available to the Carrier upon request details of any risk assessments which may have been carried out at the collection and/or delivery addresses. The responsibility for carrying out such risk assessments shall be that of the Customer and not of the Carrier.

5. Obligations of the Customer

The Customer warrants that:

- (1) The Consignment does not and will not: cause pollution of the environment or harm to human health; require any official consent or licence to handle, possess, deal with or carry; at any time whilst in the care or control of the Carrier constitute waste (unless the Carrier has been previously advised otherwise); and that the Consignment is of a nature that can be legally transported in the United Kingdom;
- (2) It will comply, and will procure that all of its agents, employees and sub contractors also comply, with any reasonable regulations of the Carrier relating to handling, health and safety, and security, of which they are notified or have been notified; and
- (3) It will provide the Carrier with such information and materials as the Carrier may reasonably require in order to comply with its obligations under the Contract, and will ensure that such information is complete and accurate in all material respects.
- (4) If the Carrier's performance of any of its obligations under the Contract is prevented, hindered or delayed by any act or omission of the Customer or by any failure by the Customer to perform any relevant obligation (Customer Default), then:
 - (a) without limiting or affecting any other right or remedy available to it, the Carrier shall have the right to suspend performance of its obligations until the Customer remedies the Customer Default, and may rely on the Customer Default to relieve it from the performance of any of its obligations in each case to the extent the Customer Default prevents, hinders or delays the Supplier's performance of any of its obligations;
 - (b) the Carrier shall not be liable for any costs or losses sustained or incurred by the Customer arising directly or indirectly from the Carrier's failure to perform or delay in performing any of its obligations as set out in this Condition 5(4); and
 - (c) the Customer shall on written demand reimburse the Carrier for any costs or losses sustained or incurred by the Carrier arising directly or indirectly from the Customer Default.

6. Signed Receipts

The Carrier shall, if so required, sign a document or electronic record prepared by the Customer or its agent acknowledging the receipt of the Consignment; but the burden of proving the condition of the Consignment and/or its nature, quantity, quality, or weight at the time of that receipt shall rest with the Customer.

7. Transit

- (1) Unless otherwise agreed expressly between the parties, transit shall commence after the Consignment has left the premises from where the Consignment is collected.
- (2) Transit shall (unless it has terminated earlier) end when the Consignment arrives at the proper place of delivery at the Consignee's address within the customary cartage hours of the district, provided that:
 - (a) if no safe and adequate access to that address exists, or if no safe and adequate unloading facilities exist there, then transit shall be deemed to end at the expiry of one clear day after notice (by letter, telephone, fax or email or other agreed method of communication) of the arrival of the Consignment at the premises has been sent to the Consignee or the Customer;
 - (b) when for any other reason whatsoever a Consignment cannot be delivered, or when a Consignment is held by the Carrier on instructions 'to await order' or 'to be kept till called for' or upon any like instructions, and no such order is given within a reasonable time, or the Consignment is not called for and

removed within a reasonable time, then transit shall also be deemed to end at the expiry of that reasonable time.

- (3) The Consignment shall be at the sole risk of the Customer at all times when the Consignment is not in transit.

8. Undelivered or Unclaimed Consignments

Where either of the provisos to Condition 7(2) operate such that transit is deemed to have ended, the Carrier may sell the Consignment; and payment or tender of the proceeds of sale to the Customer, after deduction of all proper charges and expenses in relation thereto and of all outstanding charges in relation to the carriage and storage of the Consignment, shall discharge the Carrier from all liability in respect of such Consignment, its carriage and storage:

Provided that:

- (1) the Carrier shall do what is reasonable to obtain a reasonable price for the Consignment; and
- (2) the power of sale shall not be exercised where the name and address of the Customer or of the Consignee or of the owner of the Consignment or of any other person having any proprietary or possessory interest in it is known; unless the Carrier shall first have done what is reasonable in the circumstances to give notice to such persons that the Consignment will be sold unless within the time specified in that notice, being a reasonable time in the circumstances from the giving of such notice, the Consignment is taken away or instructions are given for its disposal.

9. Carrier's Charges

- (1) The Carrier's charges shall be payable by the Customer, without prejudice to any rights the Carrier may have against the Consignee, or any other person, to secure or obtain payment: Provided however that when any Consignment is consigned 'carriage forward' the Customer shall not be required to pay such charges unless the Consignee shall, within a reasonable period of demand for payment having been made of it, have failed to pay the Carrier's charges.
- (2) Charges shall be payable when due without deduction or deferment on account of any claim, counterclaim or set off. If the Customer becomes insolvent, or any sums owed by the Customer to the Carrier become overdue for payment, all credit terms previously agreed shall be cancelled with immediate effect and all invoices and accounts issued by the Carrier shall be deemed due for immediate payment and all sums owing (whether due or not) shall thereupon become payable. The Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998, as amended, shall apply to all sums due from the Customer.
- (3) The Carrier shall use reasonable endeavours to obtain a signed proof of delivery of the Consignment from the Consignee, unless otherwise agreed with the Customer. No payment shall however be withheld by the Customer where the Carrier is unable to provide a proof of delivery unless notification of non delivery is received by the Carrier no more than 48 hours after the expected time of delivery of the Consignment and the Carrier is subsequently unable to evidence proof of delivery.
- (4) The Customer shall pay to the Carrier any storage charges incurred as a result of it exercising its lien in accordance with clause 15 below.
- (5) If the Contract is cancelled at any time the Customer shall pay the Carrier all costs and expenses which the Carrier has incurred prior to such cancellation.

10. Liability for Loss and Damage

- (1) The Customer shall be deemed to have elected to accept the terms set out in sub clause (2) of this Condition unless, before the transit commences, the Customer has agreed in writing that the Carrier shall be under no liability for loss of, or mis delivery of or damage to or in connection with the Consignment, howsoever or whensoever caused, and whether or not caused or contributed to, directly or indirectly, by any act, omission, neglect, default or other wrongdoing on the part of the Carrier, its servants, agents or sub contractors.
- (2) Subject to these Conditions the Carrier shall be liable for:
 - (a) physical loss, mis delivery of or damage to living creatures, bullion, money, securities, stamps, precious metals or precious stones comprised within the Consignment only if:
 - (i) the Carrier has specifically agreed in writing to carry any such items; and

- (ii) the Customer has agreed in writing to reimburse the Carrier in respect of all additional costs which result from the carriage of the said items; and
 - (iii) the loss, mis delivery or damage is occasioned during transit and is proved to have been caused by the negligence of the Carrier, its servants, agents or sub contractors;
- (b) physical loss, mis delivery of or damage to any goods of a type not covered by sub clause (a) above comprised within the Consignment, unless the same has arisen from a Force Majeure Event.
- (c) a 'Force Majeure Event' shall mean any act(s), event(s), circumstance(s) or cause(s) the occurrence of which is beyond the reasonable control of the Carrier, including but not limited to:
- (i) act of God, riot, civil commotion, strike, lockout, general or partial stoppage or restraint of labour from whatever cause, war, act of terrorism, seizure or forfeiture under legal process, restraint of government;
 - (ii) error, act, omission, mis statement or misrepresentation by the Customer or the owner of the Consignment or by any servant or agent of either of them;
 - (iii) inherent wastage in bulk or weight, faulty design, latent defect or inherent vice or natural deterioration of the Consignment;
 - (iv) any special handling requirements in respect of the Consignment which have not been notified to the Carrier;
 - (v) insufficient or improper packaging, labelling or addressing, unless the Carrier has contracted to provide this service;
 - (vi) fire, flood, storm, earthquake, pandemic, or epidemic;
 - (vii) road congestion, road accidents, delays incurred at any delivery location or lack of delivery instructions from the Customer, vehicle breakdown;
- (3) The Carrier shall not in any circumstances be liable for any loss or damage arising after transit is deemed to have ended within the meaning of Condition 7(2) hereof, whether or not caused or contributed to, directly or indirectly, by any act, omission, neglect, default or other wrongdoing on the part of the Carrier, its servants, agents or sub contractors.

11. Fraud

The Carrier shall in no circumstances be liable in respect of a Consignment in relation to which there has been fraud on the part of the Customer, the Consignee or the owner of the Consignment, or their servants or agents, unless the Carrier or of any servant of the Carrier acting in the course of his employment has been complicit in that fraud.

12. Limitation of Liability

- (1) Except as otherwise provided in these Conditions, the liability of the Carrier in respect of claims for physical loss of, mis delivery of or physical damage to goods comprised within the Consignment, howsoever arising, shall in all circumstances be limited to the lesser of
- (a) the value of the goods actually lost or mis delivered, at the place they should have been delivered; or the amount by which damaged goods have been depreciated in value by reason of that damage; or
 - (b) the cost of replacing the goods actually lost or mis delivered and/or reconditioning or repairing any damage to the goods; or
 - (c) a sum calculated at the rate of £1,300 Sterling per tonne on the gross weight of the goods actually lost, mis delivered or damaged; and the value of the goods actually lost, mis delivered or damaged shall be taken to be their invoice value if they have been sold, and shall otherwise be taken to be their replacement cost to the owner at the commencement of the transit, and in all cases shall be taken to include any Customs and Excise duties or taxes paid or payable in respect of those goods when lost, mis delivered or damaged;

Provided that:

- (i) in the case of loss, mis delivery of or damage to a part of the Consignment, the weight to be taken into consideration in determining the amount to which the Carrier's liability is limited shall be only the gross weight of that part, regardless

of whether the loss, mis delivery or damage affects the value of other parts of the Consignment;

- (ii) nothing in this Condition shall limit the liability of the Carrier to less than the sum of £10;
 - (iii) the Carrier shall be entitled to proof of the weight and value of the whole of the Consignment and of any part thereof lost, mis delivered or damaged;
 - (iv) the Customer shall be entitled to give to the Carrier notice in writing, to be delivered at least seven days prior to commencement of transit, requesting that the £1,300 per tonne limit referred to in Condition 12(1)(c) above be increased (but not so as to exceed the value of the Consignment) and in the event of such notice being given the Customer shall be required to agree with the Carrier an increase in the carriage charges, but if no such agreement can be reached the aforementioned £1,300 per tonne limit shall continue to apply.
- (2) The liability of the Carrier in respect of claims for any other type of loss, liability or damage whatsoever and howsoever arising in connection with the Consignment shall not exceed the amount of the carriage charges in respect of the Consignment or the amount of the claimant's proved loss, whichever is the less, unless:
- (a) at the time of entering into the Contract with the Carrier, the Customer declares to the Carrier a special interest in the avoidance of physical loss, mis delivery or damage to the Consignment, and/or a special interest in delivery within a specified period, undertaking to pay such surcharge, referable to the declared value of that interest or those interests, as may be agreed with the Carrier, and
 - (b) at least 7 days prior to the commencement of transit the Customer has delivered to the Carrier confirmation in writing of the declared value of any special interest and of any agreed time limit, and of its agreement to pay the specified surcharge which it has agreed with the Carrier.
- (3) The Carrier shall not be in breach of the Contract nor liable for any delay in performing, or failure to perform, any of its obligations under the Contract if such delay or failure results from a Force Majeure Event.
- (4) The following types of loss or damage are wholly excluded, and will not under any circumstances be the subject of compensation by the Carrier:
- (a) loss of profits;
 - (b) loss of sales or business;
 - (c) loss of agreements or contracts;
 - (d) loss of anticipated savings;
 - (e) loss of use of, or corruption of, software, data or information;
 - (f) loss of or damage to goodwill;
 - (g) indirect or consequential loss;
 - (h) any fine imposed on the Customer by the Consignee or its customer.

13. Indemnity to the Carrier

The Customer shall indemnify the Carrier against:

- (1) all losses, liabilities and costs incurred by the Carrier (including but not limited to those incurred in connection with loss of or damage to the carrying vehicle or to other goods carried) as a result of any breach of these Conditions by the Customer or any party on whose behalf it has contracted, or by reason of any error, omission, mis statement or misrepresentation by the Customer or owner of the Consignment or by any servant or agent of either of them, or by reason of insufficient or improper packing, labelling or addressing of the Consignment, or by reason of fraud on the part of the Customer, the Consignee or the owner of the Consignment, or their servants or agents (as referred to in Condition 11);
- (2) all losses, liabilities and costs arising from claims and demands by whomsoever made and howsoever arising (including, for the avoidance of doubt, claims alleging negligence or conversion, or by H.M. Revenue and Customs in respect of dutiable goods, or arising out of the carriage of Dangerous Goods) in respect of any loss of or damage to, or in connection with, the Consignment in an amount exceeding the liability of the Carrier under these Conditions in respect of that loss or damage, whether or not that loss or damage was caused or contributed to, directly or indirectly, by any act, omission, neglect, default or other wrongdoing on the part of the Carrier, its servants, agents or sub contractors.

14. Time Limits for Claims

- (1) The Carrier shall not be liable for:
 - (a) physical loss of, mis or non delivery of, or physical damage to goods comprised within the Consignment unless advised thereof in writing within seven days after the termination of transit or the date on which the transit should have terminated;
 - (b) any other type of loss unless advised thereof in writing within twenty eight days after the termination of transit or the date on which the transit should have terminated.
- Provided that if the Customer proves that,
- (i) it was not reasonably possible for the Customer to advise the Carrier or make a claim in writing within the time limit applicable, and
 - (ii) such advice or claim was given or made within a reasonable time after the time at which it did become reasonably possible for the Customer to advise the Carrier or make a claim in writing,
- the Carrier shall not have the benefit of the exclusion of liability afforded by this Condition.
- (2) The Carrier shall in any event be discharged from all liability whatsoever and howsoever arising in respect of the Consignment unless legal proceedings are issued and notice in writing thereof given to the Carrier within one year of the date when transit commenced.
 - (3) In the computation of time where any period provided by these Conditions is seven days or less, Saturdays, Sundays and all statutory public holidays shall be excluded.

15. Lien

- (1) The Carrier shall have:
 - (a) a particular lien on the Consignment for all charges due to the Carrier for the carriage, storage and/or warehousing of the Consignment and for all other proper charges or expenses incurred in connection with the carriage of the Consignment, and
 - (b) a general lien on the Consignment for any sums overdue and unpaid by the Customer, by the owner of the Consignment or by any other person having any proprietary or possessory interest in it, by the Consignee, or by any agent of these persons, on any invoice, account or contract whatsoever.
- If the Carrier exercises a lien, but appropriate payment is not made within 14 days after notice that the payment is due has

been given in accordance with Condition 8(2) above, the Carrier may sell the Consignment, or any part thereof, as agent for its owner and for those having a proprietary or possessory interest in it, and shall apply the proceeds towards any sums unpaid and towards the expenses of the retention, storage, insurance and sale of the Consignment and shall, upon accounting to the Customer for any balance remaining, be discharged from all liability whatsoever in respect of the Consignment.

- (2) The Carrier may exercise its lien on its own behalf or as agent for any assignee of its invoices at any time and at any place in its sole discretion, whether or not the contractual carriage has been completed, and these Conditions shall continue to apply during the period of exercise of such lien.
- (3) If the Consignment is not solely the property of the Customer, the Customer warrants that it has the authority of all those having a proprietary or possessory interest in the Consignment to grant to the Carrier liens as set out in Condition 15(1) above, and the Customer shall indemnify the Carrier for all claims and demands the Carrier may receive asserting that the Customer did not have that authority.

16. Unreasonable Detention

The Customer shall be liable to pay Demurrage, without prejudice to any rights that the Carrier may have against any other person in respect of any improper, excessive or unreasonable detention of any vehicle, trailer, container or other equipment belonging to or under the control of the Carrier.

17. Confidentiality

- (1) Each party undertakes that it shall not at any time disclose to any person any confidential information concerning the business, affairs, customers, clients or suppliers of the other party, except as permitted by these Conditions.
- (2) Each party may disclose the other party's confidential information:
 - (a) to its employees, officers, representatives, sub contractors or advisers who need to know such information for the purposes of carrying out the party's legal obligations; and
 - (b) as may be required by law, a court of competent jurisdiction or any governmental or regulatory authority.

18. Law and Jurisdiction

Unless otherwise agreed in writing, the Contract and any dispute arising under it or in connection with it shall be governed by English law and each party irrevocably agrees that such dispute shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.