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Product Oversight & Governance (POG) Decision Register

Product	Residential & Commercial Property Owners
Insurer	China Taiping Insurance (UK) Co Ltd
Directors/Managers	Phillip Oliver
Completion Date	07/11/2024
Date of Last / Next Review	November 2023 / March 2025

PR	ODUCT APPROVAL PROCESS
Has the complexity of the product been considered? Please detail.	Yes, the product complexity has been considered and it is tailored for this sector of the industry and customers will be commercial clients. Such as Limited Companies, Sole Traders, and Partnerships etc.
Is there sufficient information on the product for customers and is it readily available?	Yes, there is sufficient information available for the customer on the product which is contained within policy summary, wording, and key benefits documents.
What is the nature of the product?	The nature of the product is tailored for this sector of the industry.
Has the scale and complexity of the business of the relevant Insurer/Manufacturer/Distributor been considered?	Yes, we have approached appropriate Insurers who offer Property Owners insurance as a speciality. The Insurers have the relevant expertise for this class of business. Distribution is via regulated sub-brokers who work with us collaboratively to ensure compliance with PROD.
What are the main characteristics and features of the insurance product?	This is a specialist product offering Buildings cover, Property Owners Liability and can be extended to Include Landlord's Fixtures and Fittings, Rental income and EL cover for maintenance activities. For residential lets, cover can Include the cost of re-housing tenants in the event that the building becomes un-inhabitable following a claim.
What does the insurance cover?	The cover includes Property Damage for Buildings cover, Landlord's fixtures and fittings, communal contents, Rental income, Property Owners liability and can be extended to include options covers for Employers' Liability, Legal Expenses and Terrorism.
What does the insurance NOT cover?	Risks falling outside England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
Are there any restrictions on cover?	The policy provides "tailored" covers as requested at the time of Inception and Renewal by the Insured/Broker. Limits can be increased on request.
Where can further information about the policy terms be found?	The Policy Wording, Summary of Cover and Key Benefits document.

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TARGET MARKET	
Who is the target market?	The target market will be micro, SME, sole trader property owners. The product is focused at both Residential and Commercial property owners. Their characteristics are Property
	owners, Property Managers who own the property and let it out to both residential and commercial clients. This will include properties that have a "Buy-to-let" mortgage applicable.
What are the potential risks posed to the identified target market and	The potential risks would be minimal as the product is designed to fulfil all the requirements of the Property Owner/Property
how will these be managed?	Manager. Cover is flexible and the Sums Insured/Limits can be changed to meet the Insured's requirements.
Who is this product not suitable for?	Risks with a Total Sum Insured of more than £6,000,000 Commercial enterprises outside of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Retail "Consumers" within the FCA definition where the trade is not their main occupation or field of expertise.
What reasonable steps will be taken to ensure that the product is distributed to the identified target market?	We recognise we are not distributing the product directly to customers and therefore ensure it is sold via regulated professional insurance brokers who also have a duty to ensure the product meets their clients' needs.

VU	ULNERABLE CUSTOMERS
Are there likely to be any	We will maintain awareness of any clients who the broker
Vulnerable Customers to the	indicates may be vulnerable, are in financial distress or if they
product?	are/were non-domiciled in the UK and English could be their
	second language.
What are the potential risks posed	We have a dedicated Vulnerable Customer Policy & Procedure
to Vulnerable Customers and how	which robustly details how staff at DOA identify and assist any
will these be managed?	identified Vulnerable customers with any potential risks faced.
	Where a potential vulnerable customer may not understand the
	content of the policy or coverage our distribution strategy utilises
	regulated professional Insurance brokers who act on their client's
	behalf and can relay the content on accordingly if the client is
	having difficulty understanding the documentation. Furthermore
	we have also created a dedicated Accessibility webpage which
	may assist customer understanding.

	PRODUCT TESTING
Has the product been	This product has been available since 2018, during which time the
appropriately tested, including	product has been tested via our select panel of partner brokers,
scenario analyses where relevant,	who have been able to determine that this product meets the
before bringing it to market,	requirements of the target market. A review of similar products
significantly adapting it, or if the	has been done and DOA will continue to review on an ongoing
target market has significantly	basis when any significant changes are made, to ensure the
changed? Also, does the product	product remains suitable for the intended market. A product
over its lifetime meets the	performance review is now in place, consisting of data capture
identified needs, objectives, and	and analysis covering quote conversion, renewal retention,
characteristics of the target	cancellations & claim repudiations and more as detailed below.
market?	



DISTRIBUTION STRATEGY	
What are the intended distribution	The intended distribution strategy is for the product to be sold via
channels and are these appropriate	regulated professional insurance brokers who have agencies with
for the target market?	DOA. Such brokers will appropriately market the product to
	ensure it meets the needs of the target market above.
Is all appropriate information on	Yes. Along with a policy summary, policy wording we also
the product, approval process and	distribute key benefits of the policy to further highlight the details.
the identified target market made	These are all available throughout the customer journey. A copy
available to distributors so they	of this Product Review form is available at all times on the
can understand the identified	website.
target market and be able to	
identify any customers for whom	
the product is not suitable?	

	REMUNERATION
Is the pricing clear and transparent to end customers and others in the chain?	Yes, the pricing is clear to all and is detailed on the NB/RENL schedule.
How will we ensure we continue to operate fair pricing practices for this product?	All renewals are reviewed annually to ensure the best possible terms are provided. Terms and conditions are in accordance with the agreed pricing. Annual rate increases and commissions are in keeping with the individual binding agreements with the ultimate insurer.
Does the commission splits agreed between Insurers / Underwriters / Brokers bear proportionate resemblance to the work being done for the client?	The remuneration that DOA receives from Insurers is commensurate with the work undertaken and the account management procedures that are required of us. The remuneration varies slightly between Insurers but on average is around 32.5% which is in keeping with the market standards for Underwriting agencies of our standing. Remuneration being ceded to our broker partners is in keeping with market standards and varies slightly but on average amounts to between 65% to 75% of the total commission received. On occasion, modified commissions may be individually agreed between DOA and the Broker at Inception or renewal. This is considered fair and reasonably reflects the amount of work involved by each party on behalf of the client. A review of down-line commissions has been undertaken and is considered to be fair and reasonable.
Are Insurers / Underwriters / Brokers making additional money through fees, charges, and premium finance arrangements?	The Standard Fees are £35 applied to MTA's. The below shows the charges applied at New & Renewal in relation to the Premium. < £1,001 = £65 £1,001 - £5,000 = £75 £5,001 + = £100 Higher fees my occasionally be applied to support additional time input where required. There are no hidden charges. All fees are approved by Insurers and clearly stated on the NB/RENL schedules. Premium finance is not actively sold. A premium finance agreement can be arranged upon request from the client subject to a 6% interest charge (equivalent to an APR of 13.67%). We do however have a minimum premium requirement of £1,000 and only make available to non-consumers. Our Brokers add their own fees We have reviewed these fees and believe fair value is being maintained throughout.



MULTI OCCUPANCY – FCA PS23/14 (Residential Leaseholders)	
Are leaseholders considered as	Yes Leaseholders are considered as a relevant part of the target
a relevant part of the target	market for design, pricing and distribution purposes. We have
market when designing,	reviewed the distribution strategy and implemented necessary system
pricing and distributing the	changes to ensure the needs of leaseholders are understood and met
product?	under the product.
Is the product consistent with	In addition to the Target Market as stated above, the product will also
the needs and interests of	meet the needs and interests of leaseholders who may have no choice
leaseholders and other policy	or say in the purchasing of the policy. This will be achieved via
stakeholders?	dedicated disclosure documentation and information in accordance
	with the regulatory requirements which should be provided to
	leaseholders by the broker one step down the chain. We will however
	provide such information should we be made aware it has not been
	received by leaseholders
Is the product priced in a way	The product is underwritten based on a dedicated underwriting guide
that provides fair value and	that considers various parameters which taken together would
that remuneration practices do	influence an underwriter and ultimately the premium.
not lead to poor outcomes?	DOA receives 32.5% commission on average from the Insurer, of
-	which approximately 12.5% is retained for our underwriting services
	and 20% is passed onto the client's registered broker for their full
	market analysis and formal recommendation for most appropriate
	policy. We do not pay additional commissions or fees to any other
	entities including Freeholders or Property Management Companies.
Demonstrate that product	There is a fair relationship between the total price and the overall
provides fair value to	benefits leaseholders receive. This is evidenced through our Fair
leaseholders as well as any	Value process including review of all relevant and applicable
other customers.	Management Information which highlights no detrimental outcomes
	to leaseholders.
Have we considered the	As above, we do not pay any additional commissions or fees to any
amount of remuneration shared	other entities including Freeholders or Property Management
with other parties in the	Companies. We will however ensure that our disclosure information
distribution chain, such as	provided to brokers confirms no such payments can be made by them
freeholders and PMAs?	unless they can clearly demonstrate they provide fair value to
	leaseholders.

	PRODUCT VALUE
Is everyone in the distribution	In conjunction with carefully vetted and well-respected Insurers,
chain providing ultimate value	DOA has developed this policy wording specifically to meet the
to the end consumer?	needs of the clients operating within this trade sector. Pricing and
	coverage are regularly monitored to provide the best levels of cover
	and for the best price to ensure value and peace of mind. We also
	only deal with professional Insurance intermediaries who are
	competent within this sector to provide the advice and service
	required for the end consumer.
	DOA have reviewed down-line broker fees and additional charges,
	and these are considered to be fair and reasonable.
Does the product in question	Yes. DOA also review policy wordings on a regular basis to ensure
provide value to end customers	the best cover is maintained/provided.
both now, for the foreseeable	Each client case is reviewed on an annual basis to ensure that best
future i.e., policy term, and at	pricing and coverage is offered in order to provide security and peace
potential future renewals? If	of mind. In addition, our overall review of this product and PROD MI
not, what further actions are	assures us the product provides value to end customers.
required?	



MONITORING/ONGOING REVIEW

How will the product be continuously monitored and regularly reviewed, and who by?

The product will be continually monitored and regularly reviewed at least annually or when any significant changes are made, to ensure the product remains suitable for the intended market. A product performance review is now in place, consisting of data capture and analysis covering quote conversion, renewal retention, cancellations & claim repudiations. A dedicated Product Oversight & Governance Committee has been established, working with our Insurer partners to ensure all compliance with the new requirements and we also have a Product Oversight & Governance Policy & Procedure covering our review and monitoring framework.

Conflicts of Interest

Do you foresee any Conflicts of Interest?

• Making an unfair and/or unreasonable profit at the customer's expense

Premium rates are pre-determined based on nature of trade and theft area and would be adjusted based on perceived risk quality and claims experience, using the DOA Underwriting Guide.

- Awarding unfair, unreasonable and/or non-transparent fees in connection with the insurance mediation service the customer uses. The fee structure, which has been agreed by the panel of insurers, is fair and reflects the amount of work involved. Fees are clearly stated on the NB/Renl schedules.
- Add-ons balancing the benefit to the business with the needs of the customer

The Package insurance policy is sold as an unbreakable bundle and there are no add-ons. There are several additional optional cover sections (Fidelity Guarantee, Personal Accident, Legal Expenses and Terrorism) but these need to be requested by the client.

• Premium finance

Premium finance is not actively sold.

• Bonuses, commission, and incentives for sales executives
There is a commission structure paid to new business underwriters
over and above basic annual salary. Each underwriter is monitored
by regular monthly internal audit carried out by senior management
in addition to a department internal audit.



DATA MONITORING & COLLECTION

PRODUCT PERFORMANCE MEASURES	EXPLANATION
Number of policies in force (month total)	Total policy count for the month
Number of policies in force (total book)	Total of all policies in force at month end
New business quotes by Policy count	Total number of all quotes given in the month
New business sales by Policy count	Total number of all sales in the month
New business conversion by Policy count	% Number of sales versus number of quotes given
New business conversion by Premium	% Value by premium of all sales versus quotes given
New business policies cancelled <14 days?	The number of (consumer) policies cancelled
Renewals invited by policy count	The number of policies invited for renewal in the month
Renewals taken up by policy count	The number of policies renewing in the month
Renewal retention rate %	The % of policies renewed versus invited
Mid-term cancellations	The number of policies cancelling mid-term in the month
Mid-term cancellation rate	The % of policies cancelling versus policies in force
Number of claims made	The number of claims made in the month
Number of Claims paid	The number of claims paid in the month
Number of claims outstanding	The number of claims outstanding in the month
Number of claims repudiations (Ex COVID)	The % of claim repudiations in the month versus total no. of claims
Number of complaints	The % of complaints received in the month versus total no. of policies
Number of complaints upheld	The % of all complaints upheld in the month versus to total no. of complaints

