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Product Oversight & Governance (POG) Decision Register

Product	Commercial Combined
Insurer	China Taiping Insurance (UK) Co Ltd
Directors/Manager	Phillip Oliver
Completion Date	26/03/2025
Date of Last / Next Review	March 2024 / March 2026

Pl	PRODUCT APPROVAL PROCESS	
Has the complexity of the product	Yes, the product complexity has been considered and it is tailored	
been considered?	for this sector of the industry and customers will be commercial	
	clients such as. Sole Traders, Limited Companies and Partnerships.	
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 Commercial Combined 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 for the more complex risks and can be tailored to meet the specific requirements of the Insured in order to fully reflect their unique needs.	
What does the insurance cover?	Property Damage (covering Buildings, Contents, Stock and specified other items etc.), Business Interruption (including extensions e.g., for Denial of access, Failure of Public Utilities, Failure of Customer/Suppliers) Specified Business Equipment (At premises, Anywhere in the UK or Anywhere World-wide), Loss of Money (Inc Personal Accident Assault) Goods in Transit Terrorism (An optional cover extension) Employers' Liability (£10m LOI) Public / Products Liability (Flexible Indemnity limits) Fidelity Guarantee (An optional cover extension) Personal Accident (An optional cover extension) Legal Expenses (An optional cover extension) All tailored to meet the individual needs of client.	
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 requested at the time of Inception and Renewal by the Insured/Broker. Inner limits can be tailored to individual's requirements.	
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 operations. The
	product is focused on customers who require a greater degree of
	cover flexibility as opposed to the stricter parameters of a "Package"
	arrangement with pre-set limits. Their characteristics are
	commercial clints who require a "tailored" insurance product to
	meet their specific more demanding needs.
What are the potential risks posed	The potential risks would be minimal as cover is tailored to meet the
to the identified target market and	specific requirements of the client and the Limits are flexible to
how will these be managed?	meet the Insured's precise needs. Cover is flexible and the Limits
	can be changed to meet the Insured's requirements.
Who is this product not suitable	Risks with a Total Sum Insured of more than £6,000,000
for?	Commercial enterprises outside of England, Scotland, Wales and
	Northern Ireland.
What reasonable steps will be	We recognise we are not distributing the product directly to
taken to ensure that the product is	customers and therefore ensure it is sold via regulated professional
distributed to the identified target	insurance brokers who also have a duty to ensure the product meets
market?	their clients' needs.

VULNERABLE 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	Our website offers a breakdown of the products also. These are all
available to distributors so they	available throughout the customer journey. A copy of this Product
can understand the identified	Review form is available at all times on the 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/RNWL 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 detailed within the DOA Underwriting Guide. 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 for this product are £35 applied to MTA's and a maximum 10% of Return Premium on Cancellations. The below shows the charges applied at New & Renewal review: < £2,499 = £100 £2,500 - £4,999 = £150 £5,000 - £9,999 = £200 > £10,000 = £300 Higher fees my occasionally be applied to support additional time input where required. There are no hidden charges. Fees are approved by Insurers and stated on the NB/RNWL schedules. Premium finance is not actively sold. Our Brokers add their own fees. We have reviewed these fees and believe fair value is being maintained throughout.



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

MONITORING/ONGOING REVIEW		
How will the product be	The product will be continually monitored and regularly reviewed at	
continuously monitored and	least annually or when any significant changes are made, to ensure	
regularly reviewed, and who by?	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	Making an unfair and/or unreasonable profit at the customer's expense
Conflicts of Interest?	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. Higher fees may occasionally
	be applied to support additional time input where required. Fees are
	clearly stated on the NB/RNWL schedules.
	• Add-ons – balancing the benefit to the business with the needs of the
	customer
	This product is tailor made utilising necessary features required to meet
	the customers needs. Extensions to the policy can included to meet the
	individual requirements of the insured.
	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
	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

