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Policy Wording

Motor Legal Expenses

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MOTOR LEGAL EXPENSES

Motor Legal Expenses provides:-

- 24/7 Legal Advice
- Insurance for legal costs for certain types of disputes

HELPLINE SERVICES

Legal Helpline

Use the 24 hour advisory service for telephone advice on any private legal problem of concern to **You**.

Simply telephone **0344 701 6625** and quote "Vavista Insurance".

POLICY WORDING

TERMS OF COVER

This insurance is managed and provided by Arc Legal Assistance Limited. It is underwritten by AmTrust Europe Limited, on whose behalf **We** act.

If a claim is accepted under this insurance, **We** will appoint **Our** panel solicitors, or their agents, to handle **Your** case. **You** are not covered for any other legal representatives' fees unless it is necessary to start court proceedings or a **Conflict of Interest** arises. Where it is necessary to start court proceedings or a **Conflict of Interest** arises and **You** want to use a legal representative of **Your** own choice, **You** will be responsible for any **Advisers' Costs** in excess of **Our Standard Advisers' Costs**.

The insurance covers **Advisors Costs** as detailed under the separate sections of cover, up to the **Maximum Amount Payable** where:-

- The **Insured Incident** takes place in the **Insured Period** and within the **Territorial Limits** and
- The **Legal Action** takes place within the **Territorial Limits**.

This insurance does not provide cover where something **You** do or fail to do prejudices **Your** position or the position of the **Underwriters** in connection with the **Legal Action**.

DEFINITIONS

Where the following words appear in bold they have these special meanings.

Adviser	Our specialist panel solicitors or their agents appointed by Us to act for You , or, where agreed by Us , another legal representative nominated by You .
Advisers' Costs	Reasonable legal costs incurred by the Adviser . Third party's costs shall be covered if awarded against You .
Conditional Fee Agreement	An agreement between You and the Adviser or between Us and the Adviser which sets out the terms under which the Adviser will charge You or Us for their own fees.
Conflict of Interest	There is a conflict of interest if We administer and / or arrange legal expenses insurance on behalf of any other party in the dispute which is the subject of a claim under this insurance.
Insured Incident	The incident or the first of a series of incidents which may lead to a claim under this insurance. Only one Insured Incident shall be deemed to have arisen from all causes of action, incidents or events that are related by cause or by time.
Insured Period	The period of insurance declared to Us by "Vavista Insurance"
Legal Action	The pursuit of civil proceedings and appeals against judgement following a Road Traffic Accident ; the pursuit or defence and appeals against judgement in relation to a contractual dispute to do with the Vehicle ; the defence of criminal motoring prosecutions in relation to the Vehicle and the defence of civil legal cases and criminal prosecutions in relation to Vehicle Cloning .
Maximum Amount Payable	The maximum amount payable in respect of an Insured Incident is – stated below: Uninsured Loss Recovery and Personal Injury: £100,000 All other sections: £25,000

Road Traffic Accident	A traffic accident in the Territorial Limits involving the Vehicle occurring during the Insured Period for which You are not at fault and for which another known insured party is at fault
Standard Advisers' Costs	The level of Advisers' Costs that would normally be incurred by Underwriters in using a nominated Adviser of Our choice.
Territorial Limits	
Uninsured Loss Recovery & Personal Injury:	The European Union
All other sections of cover:	Great Britain, Northern Ireland, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.
Underwriters	AmTrust Europe Limited.
Vehicle	The motor vehicle covered by Your Certificate of Insurance including a caravan or trailer whilst attached to it.
We/Us/Our	Arc Legal Assistance Ltd.
You/Your	The person responsible for insuring the Vehicle . This is extended to include the authorised driver and passengers for Uninsured Loss Recovery and Personal Injury

COVER

Personal Injury

What is insured

You are covered for **Advisers' Costs** to pursue damages claims arising from a **Road Traffic Accident** whilst **You** are in, boarding or alighting the **Vehicle** against those whose negligence has caused **Your** injury or death.

If the **Legal Action** is going to be decided by a court in England or Wales and the damages **You** are claiming are above the small claims track limit, the **Adviser** must enter into a **Conditional Fee Agreement** which waives their own fees if **You** fail to recover the damages that **You** are claiming in the **Legal Action** in full or in part.

What is not insured:- Claims

- Relating to an agreement **You** have entered into with another person or organisation.
- For stress, psychological or emotional injury unless it arises from **You** suffering physical injury

Uninsured Loss Recovery

What is insured

You are covered for **Advisers' Costs** to pursue damages claims arising from a **Road Traffic Accident** against those whose negligence has caused **You** to suffer loss of **Your** insurance policy excess or other out of pocket expenses.

If the **Legal Action** is going to be decided by a court in England or Wales and the damages **You** are claiming are above the small claims court limit, the **Adviser** must enter into a **Conditional Fee Agreement** which waives their own fees if **You** fail to recover the damages that **You** are claiming in the **Legal Action** in full or in part.

What is not insured:- Claims

- a) Relating to an agreement you have entered into with another person or organisation.
- b) For Applications for payment to the Motor Insurers Bureau under the Untraced Driver's Agreement, or Uninsured Driver's Agreement or any future agreements funded by the Motor Insurers Bureau.

Motor Prosecution Defence

What is insured

Advisers' Costs to defend a **Legal Action** in respect of a motoring offence, arising from **Your** use of the **Vehicle**. Pleas in mitigation are covered where there is a more than 50% prospect of such a plea materially affecting the likely outcome.

What is not insured:- Claims

- For alleged road traffic offences where **You** did not hold or were disqualified from holding a licence to drive or are being prosecuted for driving or being in control of the **Vehicle** whilst under the influence of alcohol or non-prescribed drugs, or prescription medication where **You** have been advised by a medical professional not to drive.

- For **Advisers' Costs** where **You** are entitled to a grant of legal aid from the body responsible for its administration, or where funding is available from another public body, a trade union, employer or any other insurance policy
- For parking offences for which **You** do not get penalty points on **Your** licence
- For motoring prosecutions where **Your** motor insurers have agreed to provide **Your** legal defence

Motor Contract

What is insured

You are covered for **Advisers' Costs** to pursue or defend a **Legal Action** relating to a dispute over a contract for the sale or purchase of goods or services relating to the **Vehicle** including the **Vehicle** itself, provided **Advisers' Costs** do not exceed the amount claimed

What is not insured:- Claims

- Where the contract was entered into before **You** first purchased this insurance or purchased similar insurance which expired immediately before this insurance began
- Where the amount in dispute is less than £250 plus VAT

Vehicle Cloning

What is insured

You are covered for **Advisers' Costs** to defend a **Legal Action** arising from use of the **Vehicle's** identity by another person or organisation without **Your** permission.

What is not insured:- Claims

- Where the **Vehicle's** Identity has been copied by somebody living with **You**
- Where **You** did not act to take reasonable precautions against **Your Vehicle's** Identity being copied without **Your** permission
- For any losses (other than **Adviser's Costs**) incurred by **You** as a result of **Your Vehicle's** Identity being copied without **Your** permission.

Motor Insurance Database Disputes

What is insured

You are covered for **Advisers' Costs** for representation of **Your** legal rights in a dispute with the police and/or other government agency in the event **Your Vehicle** is seized following a failure in the communications between **Your** insurance adviser/insurer and the Motor Insurance Database resulting in incorrect information about **You** or **Your Vehicle** being recorded on that database.

GENERAL EXCLUSIONS

1 There is no cover: -

- Where the **Insured Incident** occurred before **You** purchased this insurance
 - Where **You** fail to give proper instructions to **Us** or the **Adviser** or fail to respond to a request for information or attendance by the **Adviser**
 - Where **Advisers' Costs** have not been agreed in advance or exceed those for which **We** have given **Our** prior written approval
 - For **Advisers' Costs** incurred in avoidable correspondence or which are recoverable from a court, tribunal or other party
 - Where **You** have alternative insurance cover
 - For claims made by or against the **Underwriters, Us** or the **Adviser**
 - Where a reasonable estimate of **Your Advisers' Costs** is greater than the amount in dispute other than in relation to uninsured loss recovery claims
 - Where **Your** motor insurers repudiate the motor insurance policy or refuse indemnity
 - For any claim arising from racing, rallies, competitions or trials
 - For an application for Judicial Review
 - For appeals without **Our** prior written consent
 - For any **Legal Action** that **We** reasonably believe to be false, fraudulent, exaggerated or where **You** have made mis-representations to the **Adviser**
 - Where at the time of the **Insured Incident** **You** were disqualified from driving, did not hold a licence to drive or the **Vehicle** did not have a valid MOT certificate or Tax Disc or comply with any laws relating to its ownership or use
 - For disputes between the **Adviser** and any other party which is only over the level of **Advisers' Costs**.
 - For **Your** solicitors own costs where **Your** claim is being pursued under a **Conditional Fee Agreement**
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CONDITIONS

1 Claims

- a) **You** must notify **Us** as soon as possible and within a maximum of 180 days once **You** become aware of the **Insured Incident**. There will be no cover under this policy if, as a result of a delay in reporting the claim **Our** position has been prejudiced. To report a claim **You** must follow the instructions under "How to make a claim" below.
- b) **We** shall appoint the **Adviser** to act on **Your** behalf.
- c) **We** may investigate the claim and take over and conduct the **Legal Action** in **Your** name. Subject to **Your** consent which must not be unreasonably withheld, **We** may reach a settlement of the **Action**.
- d) **You** must supply at **Your** own expense all of the information which **We** reasonably require to decide whether a claim may be accepted. If court proceedings are issued or a **Conflict of Interest** arises, and **You** wish to nominate a legal representative to act for **You**, **You** may do so. Where **You** have elected to use a legal representative of **Your** own choice **You** will be responsible for any **Advisers' Costs** in excess of **Our Standard Advisers' Costs**. The **Adviser** must represent **You** in accordance with **Our** standard conditions of appointment which are available on request
- e) The **Adviser** must: -
- Provide a detailed view of **Your** prospects of success including the prospects of enforcing any judgement obtained without charge.
 - Keep **Us** fully advised of all developments and provide such information as **We** may require.
 - Keep **Us** regularly advised of **Advisers' Costs** incurred.
 - Advise **Us** of any offers to settle and payments in to court. If against **Our** advice such offers or payments are not accepted there shall be no further cover for **Advisers' Costs** unless **We** agree in **Our** absolute discretion to allow the case to proceed.
 - Submit bills for assessment or certification by the appropriate body if requested by **Us**.
 - Attempt recovery of costs from third parties.
 - Agree with **Us** not to submit a bill for **Advisers' Costs** to **Underwriters** until conclusion of the **Legal Action**.
- f) In the event of a dispute arising as to costs **We** may require **You** to change **Adviser**.
- g) **Underwriters** shall only be liable for costs for work expressly authorised by **Us** in writing and undertaken while there are reasonable prospects of success.
- h) **You** shall supply all information requested by the **Adviser** and **Us**.
- i) **You** are responsible for any **Advisers' Costs** if **You** withdraw from the **Legal Action** without **Our** prior consent. Any costs already paid by **Us** must be reimbursed by **You**.
- j) **You** must instruct the **Adviser** to provide **Us** with all information that **We** ask for and report to **Us** as **We** direct at their own cost.

2 Disputes

Any disputes between **You** and **Us** in relation to **Our** assessment of **Your** prospects of success in the case or nomination of solicitor may, where we both agree, be referred to an arbitrator who shall be either a solicitor or a barrister. If the parties cannot agree on their choice of arbitrator the Law Society may be asked to make a nomination. The arbitration shall be binding and carried out in accordance with the Arbitration Act. The costs of the arbitration shall be at the discretion of the arbitrator.

3 Prospects of Success

At any time **We** may, but only when supported by independent legal advice, form the view that **You** do not have a more than 50% chance of winning the case and achieving a positive outcome. If so, **We** may decline support or any further support. Examples of a positive outcome are:

- Being able to recover the amount of money at stake
- Being able to enforce a judgement
- Being able to achieve an outcome which best serves **Your** interests

4 English Law

This contract is governed by English Law unless otherwise agreed.

5 Language

The language for contractual terms and communication will be English.

6 Cancellation

You may cancel this insurance at any time by writing to and providing fourteen days written notice to **Your** insurance adviser.

Your insurance **Adviser** or **We** may cancel the insurance by giving fourteen days' notice in writing to **You** at the address shown on the motor insurance schedule, unless otherwise a change of address has been notified to **Your** insurance adviser. No refund of **Premium** shall be made.

CUSTOMER SERVICES INFORMATION

HOW TO MAKE A CLAIM

For Uninsured Loss Recovery & Personal Injury

You should contact Vavista Insurance to report a claim under the motor insurance policy. Vavista Insurance will send details of **Your** claim to the **Adviser** who will contact **You** to discuss any uninsured loss or personal injury claims or any assistance **You** require in relation to a hire car or **Vehicle** repairs.

For all other sections of cover

You should telephone the Legal Helpline number to obtain advice and request a claim form. Alternatively, **You** can submit a claim form online by visiting www.arclegal.co.uk/informationcentre. Upon return of a completed claim form **We** will assess the claim and if covered, send details to the **Adviser** who will then contact **You** directly.

In general terms, **You** are required to immediately notify **Us** of any potential claim or circumstances which may give rise to a claim. If **You** are in doubt whether a matter constitutes a notifiable claim or circumstance, contact the Legal Helpline.

For our joint protection telephone calls may be recorded and/or monitored.

Privacy and Data Protection Notice

1. Data Protection

Arc Legal Assistance are committed to protecting and respecting **Your** privacy in accordance with the current **Data Protection Legislation** ("Legislation"). Below is a summary of the main ways in which **We** process **Your** personal data, for more information please visit www.arclegal.co.uk

2. How We Use Your Personal Data and Who We Share it With

We may use the personal data **We** hold about **You** for the purposes of providing insurance, handling claims and any other related purposes (this may include underwriting decisions made via automated means), research or statistical purposes. **We** will also use **Your** data to safeguard against fraud and money laundering and to meet **Our** general legal or regulatory obligations.

3. Sensitive Personal Data

Some of the personal information, such as information relating to health or criminal convictions, may be required by **Us** for the specific purposes of underwriting or as part of the claims handling process. The provision of such data is conditional for **Us** to be able to provide insurance or manage a claim. Such data will only be used for the specific purposes set out in **Our** Privacy Statement, which is available to view on the website address detailed above.

4. Disclosure of Your Personal Data

We may disclose **Your** personal data to third parties involved in providing products or services to **Us**, or to service providers who perform services on **Our** behalf. These may include, where necessary, affinity partners, brokers, agents, third party administrators, reinsurers, other insurance intermediaries, insurance reference bureaus, credit agencies, medical service providers, fraud detection agencies, loss adjusters, external law firms, external auditors and accountants, regulatory authorities, and as may be required by law.

5. Your Rights

You have the right to ask **Us** not to process **Your** data for marketing purposes, to see a copy of the personal information **We** hold about **You**, to have **Your** data deleted (subject to certain exemptions), to have any inaccurate or misleading data corrected or deleted, to ask **Us** to provide a copy of **Your** data to any controller and to lodge a complaint with the local data protection authority.

6. Retention

Your data will not be retained for longer than is necessary, and will be managed in accordance with **Our** data retention policy. In most cases the retention period will be for a period of seven (7) years following the expiry of the insurance contract, or our business relationship with **You**, unless **We** are required to retain the data for a longer period due to business, legal or regulatory requirements.

If **You** have any questions concerning **Our** use of **Your** personal data, please contact **The Data Protection Officer**, please see **website for full address details**.

Customer Service

We aim to get it right, first time, every time. If **We** make a mistake, **We** will try to put it right promptly.

If **You** are unhappy with the service that has been provided, **You** should contact **Us** at the address below. **We** will always confirm to **You**, within five working days, that **We** have received **Your** complaint. Within four weeks **You** will receive either a final response or an explanation of why the complaint is not yet resolved plus an indication of when a final response will be provided. Within eight weeks of **Us** receiving **Your** complaint, **You** will receive a final response or, if this is not possible, a reason for the delay plus an indication of when a final response will be provided. At this point, if **You** are not satisfied with the delay, **You** may refer the matter to the Financial Ombudsman Service. **You** can also refer to the Financial Ombudsman Service if **You** are not happy with **Our** final response.

Our contact details are:

Arc Legal Assistance Ltd
P O Box 8921
Colchester
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Tel 01206 615 000
Email: customerservice@arclegal.co.uk

The Financial Ombudsman Service contact details are:

Financial Ombudsman Service
Exchange Tower
London
E14 9SR
Tel 08000 234 567
Email: complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk

Compensation

We and Underwriters are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. **You** may be entitled to compensation from the scheme if **We** or **Underwriters** are unable to meet **Our** obligations. **Your** entitlement to compensation will depend on the circumstances of the claim. Further information about compensation scheme arrangements is available at <http://www.fscs.org.uk/> or by telephoning 0800 678 1100.

Authorisation

Arc Legal Assistance Ltd is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Arc Legal's Firm Reference Number is 305958. This can be checked on the Financial Services Register by visiting the website www.fca.org.uk/register or by contacting the Financial Conduct Authority on 0800 111 6768.

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