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# **QBE Deterioration Of Stock Cover POLICY**

**QBE INSURANCE (MALAYSIA) BERHAD** welcomes you as a Policyholder and we take this opportunity to recommend that you thoroughly examine this Document which sets out the limitations and benefits of the insurance. Please store it in a safe place.

Should you have any query, please contact your Registered Agent/Broker or our QBE office, especially if the insurance is not completely in accordance with your intentions.



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## A. THE COVER

#### 1. Preamble

This Policy is issued in consideration of the payment of premium as specified in the Policy Schedule and pursuant to the answers given in Insured's Proposal Form (or when Insured applied for this insurance) and any other disclosures made by Insured between the time of submission of Insured's Proposal Form (or when Insured applied for this insurance) and the time this contract is entered into. The answers and any other disclosures given by Insured shall form part of this contract of insurance between Insured and QBE INSURANCE (Malaysia) BERHAD (hereinafter called "the Company"). In the event of any pre-contractual misrepresentation made in relation to Insured's answers or in any disclosures made by Insured, it may result in avoidance of Insured's contract of insurance, refusal or reduction of Insured's claim(s), change of terms or termination of Insured's contract of insurance.

This Policy reflects the terms and conditions of the contract of insurance as agreed between Insured and Company.

# **B. GENERAL EXCLUSIONS**

This Policy shall not cover

#### 1. War

damage directly or indirectly occasioned by happening through or in consequence of war, invasion, act of foreign, enemy, hostilities or warlike operations (whether war be declared or not) civil war, mutiny, insurrection, rebellion, revolution, conspiracy, military naval or usurped power Martial Law or State of Siege or any of the events or causes which determine the proclamation of maintenance of Martial Law or State of Siege Confiscation Destruction or Requisition by order of the Government or any Public Authority Riot Civil Commotion Strike Lock-out or directly or indirectly caused by persons taking part in Labour Disturbance or Malicious Persons acting on behalf of or in connection with any Political Organisation.

#### 2. Radioactivity

any accident or any loss or destruction of or damage to any property whatsoever or any loss or expense whatsoever resulting or arising therefrom or any consequential loss or any legal liability of whatsoever nature directly or indirectly caused by or contributed to by or arising from ionising radiations or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear fuel or from any nuclear waste from the combustion of nuclear fuel. Solely for the purpose of this exclusion combustion shall include any self-sustaining process of nuclear fission.

The indemnity or compensation provided by this Policy shall not apply to nor include any accident loss destruction damage or legal liability directly or indirectly caused by or contributed to by or arising from nuclear weapons material

## 3. Wilful Negligence

wilful act or wilful neglect of the Insured, or of his representative/s.



#### 4. Electronic Data

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the Policy or any endorsement thereto,

- (a). total or partial destruction, distortion, erasure, corruption, alteration, misinterpretation or misappropriation of ELECTRONIC DATA,
- (b). error in creating, amending, entering, deleting or using ELECTRONIC DATA or
- (c). total or partial inability or failure to receive, send, access or use ELECTRONIC DATA for any time or at all from any cause whatsoever, regardless of any other contributing cause or event whenever it may occur.

ELECTRONIC DATA means facts, concepts and information converted to a form useable for communications, display, distribution, interpretation or processing by electronic and electromechanical data processing or electronically controlled equipment and includes programmes, software and other coded instructions for such equipment.

However, in the event that a peril listed below (being a peril insured by this Policy but for this exclusion) is caused by any of the matters described in paragraph (a), (b) and (c) above, this Policy, subject to all its provisions, will insure:

- i). physical loss of or damage or destruction to Property Insured directly caused by such listed peril, and/or
- ii). consequential loss insured by this Policy

Further, this exclusion does not apply in the event that a peril listed below (being a peril insured by this Policy but for this exclusion) causes any of the matters described in paragraph (a), (b) and (c) above.

Fire, Explosion, Lighting, Windstorm, Hail, Tornado, Cyclone, Hurricane, Earthquake, Volcano, Tsunami, Flood, Freezing, Weight of Snow, Impact by Aircraft or other aerial objects dropped therefrom, Impact by any Road Vehicle or Animal, Bursting Overflowing Discharging or Leaking of Water Tanks Apparatus or Pipes, or Theft of Electronic Data solely where such Theft is accompanied by Theft of the computer hardware, firmware, medium, microchip, integrated circuit or similar device containing such Electronic Data. Theft of Electronic Data solely where such Theft is accompanied by Theft of the computer hardware, firmware, medium, microchip, integrated circuit or similar device containing such Electronic Data.

For the purposes of the Basis of Settlement provision in this Policy, computer systems records includes Electronic Data as defined in paragraph (a), (b) and (c) above.

Any terrorism exclusion in this Policy or any endorsement thereto prevails over this clause.

## 5. Information Technology Hazard, Computer Data, Program and Storage Media Exclusion

Personal injury or property damage arising, directly or indirectly, out of, or in any way involving the Insured's "Internet Operations".

This exclusion does not apply to Personal Injury or Property Damage arising out of any material which is already in print by the manufacturer in support of its product, including but not limited to product use and safety instructions or warnings, and which is also reproduced on its site.

"Internet Operations" means the following:



- (a). use of electronic mail systems by the Insured or the Insured's employees, including part-time and temporary staff, contractors and others within the Insured's organization
- (b). access through the Insured's network to the world wide web or a public internet site by the Insured's employees, including part-time and temporary staff, contractors and others within the Insured's organization
- (c). access to the Insured's intranet (meaning internal company information and computing resources) which is made available through the world wide web for customers of the Insured or others outside the Insured's organisation; and the operation and maintenance of the Insured's web site.

Nothing in this exclusion shall be construed to extend coverage under this Policy to any liability which would not have been covered in the absence of this exclusion.

Property Damage to computer data or programs and their storage media arising directly or indirectly out of or caused by, through or in connection with:

- i). the use of any computer hardware or software
- ii). the provision of computer or telecommunication services by the Insured or on the Insured's behalf
- iii). the use of computer hardware or software belonging to any third party, whether authorised or unauthorised including damage caused by any computer virus.

## 6. Absolute Asbestos Exclusion

any actual or alleged liability whatsoever for any claim or claims in respect of losses directly or indirectly arising out of, resulting from, in consequence of, contributed to or aggravated by asbestos in whatever form or quantity.

## 7. Electro Magnetic Radiation

any loss or damage, cost, liability or obligation, actual or alleged, directly or indirectly arising from Electro Magnetic Radiation.

Electro Magnetic Radiation shall include but is not limited to magnetic energy, waves, fields or forces generated, produced, distributed, transmitted or maintained by charges, currents, frequencies energy or forces of electricity.

## 8. Terrorism

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary within this insurance or any endorsement thereto it is agreed that this insurance excludes loss, damage, cost or expense of whatsoever nature directly or indirectly caused by, resulting from or in connection with any act of terrorism regardless of any other cause or event contributing concurrently or in any other sequence to the loss.

For the purpose of this endorsement an act of terrorism means an act, including but not limited to the use of force or violence and/or the threat thereof, of any person or group(s) of persons, whether acting alone or on behalf of or in connection with any organisation(s) or government(s), committed for political, religious, ideological or similar purposes including the intention to influence any government and/or to put the public, or any section of the public, in fear.



This endorsement also excludes loss, damage, cost or expense of whatsoever nature directly or indirectly caused by, resulting from or in connection with any action taken in controlling, preventing, suppressing or in any way relating to any act of terrorism.

If the Underwriters allege that by reason of this exclusion, any loss, damage, cost or expense is not covered by this insurance the burden of proving the contrary shall be upon the Insured.

In the event any portion of this endorsement is found to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder shall remain in full force and effect.

## 9. Fire and Related Perils

fire, direct lightning, chemical explosion, extinguishing of a fire or subsequent demolition, aircraft or other aerial devices or articles dropped therefrom, thefts or attempts thereat, collapse of buildings, flood, inundation, earthquake, subsidence, landslide, avalanche, hurricane, cyclone, volcanic eruption or other.

#### 10. No-claims Period

any loss of the goods stored in the refrigerating chambers arising within the no-claims period indicated by the Insured in the schedule due to any deviation from the prescribed refrigerating temperature, unless such deterioration is caused by contamination as a result of escaping refrigerant or by accidental freezing of the goods or unless fresh goods which have not yet reached the prescribed refrigerating temperature are hereby affected, the no-claims period being defined as the time period immediately following cessation of cooling during which, with storage room left sealed, no deterioration would take place.

## 11. Deductible

deductible stated in the schedule to be borne by the Insured in any one occurrence.

# 12. Shrinkage and others

any loss with regard to the goods stored arising as a result of shrinkage, inherent defects or diseases, natural deterioration or natural putrefaction.

## 13. Improper Storage

any loss arising from improper storage, damage to packing material, insufficient circulation of air, no uniformity of temperature.

# 14. Temporary Repair

any loss caused by temporary repair of the refrigeration machinery specified in the list of machinery which is carried out without the Company's consent

# 15. Penalties, Consequential Loss

penalties for delay, consequential loss or damage or liability of any nature whatsoever;



## C. MATERIAL DAMAGE

## 1. Scope of Cover:

The Company hereby agree with the Insured that if at any time during the period of insurance stated in the schedule or during any subsequent period for which the Insured pays and the Company may accept the premium for the renewal of this Policy, the goods specified in the schedule suffer loss or damage caused by deterioration due to any unforeseen and sudden physical loss of or damage to the machinery specified in the list of machinery attached to the questionnaire and proposal of this Policy and indemnifiable under the machinery breakdown policy in force, the Company will indemnify the Insured in respect of such deterioration in the manner and to the extent hereinafter provided up to an amount not exceeding in any one year of insurance in respect of each of the items specified in the schedule the sum set opposite thereto and not exceeding in all the total sum expressed in the schedule as insured hereby, unless the sum insured has been reinstated.

## 2. Special Conditions

The Policy shall apply only if:

- 1. the refrigeration machinery specified in the list of machinery attached to the questionnaire and proposal of this Policy is insured under a machinery breakdown policy in force;
- the Insured refrigeration machinery specified in the aforesaid list of machinery is under constant supervision by qualified personnel or is connected to an automatic alarm system in a constantly attended location:
- 3. the stock is not stored in "controlled atmosphere" chambers;
- 4. at the time of the loss or damage the goods are stored in the refrigerating chambers;
- the Insured maintains on a daily basis a stock book in which the type, quantity and value of the goods stored and the beginning and the end of the storage period are entered for each refrigerating chamber separately;
- 6. during the entire period of storage the Insured records in a log-book the condition of the insured goods and at least three temperature readings per day from each refrigerating chamber, the accuracy of the temperature readings being checked by means of an calibrated, independent reference thermometer at least every fourteen (14) days.

## 3. Provisions

## Memo 1 - Sum Insured

It shall be a requirement of this Policy that the sum insured is equal to the estimated maximum selling price obtainable for the stored goods during the period of this Policy, such maximum selling price being indicated in the schedule submitted by the Insured prior to the commencement of insurance. The Insured shall be obliged to furnish the Company not later than 10 days after the close of each month either with copies of the aforesaid stock book or with a duly completed declaration showing the average quantity and value per day of the goods stored during the preceding month (monthly declaration).



The monthly declaration shall be based on the selling price obtainable for the goods.

Stock book copies and monthly declarations shall be regarded as forming an integral part of this Policy.

The sum insured shall be reduced by any indemnity paid under this Policy for the remaining policy period unless it has been reinstated by payment of an additional premium on a pro-rata basis. This additional premium shall not be taken into account in the final adjustment of premium as provided for in Memo 2.

## Memo 2 - Premium

The first premium shall be due on receipt of this Policy, and all renewal premiums at the commencement of each new period of insurance. Taxes, fees and any other charges shown in this Policy or in the premium bill shall be paid with the premium.

The premium payable at the commencement of any one year of insurance shall be a deposit premium based on 75% of the sum insured as specified in the schedule and shall be subject to adjustment at the end of each year of insurance in accordance with the stock book copies of the monthly declarations submitted to the Company.

Should it be found on the basis of such information that at the end of any year of insurance the deposit premium paid was too high, premium adjustment shall be made subject to the total premium payable by the Insured being not less than 50% of the full premium based on the sum insured stated in the schedule. Failure on the part of the Insured to submit stock book copies or monthly declarations shall entitle the Company to apply the maximum sum insured as fixed in the schedule for premium calculation. Any difference in premium so determined, whether due to or by the Insured, shall be settled within one month of the dispatch of the statement showing the premium adjustment.

## Memo 3 - Basis of Indemnity

All claims shall be settled on the basis of the value stated in the monthly declaration immediately prior to the occurrence of the loss or the selling price which would have been obtainable, whichever is the lower. When determining the indemnity the Company shall take into consideration all circumstances which may influence the amount of indemnity, such as proceeds from a sale of the goods as well as storage costs saved due to the termination of the storage.

If after the occurrence of a partial loss it is found that the last monthly declaration previous to the loss is less than the amount that ought to have been declared, then the amount which would have been recoverable by the Insured shall be reduced in such proportion as the amount of the said last monthly declaration bears to the amount that ought to have been declared.



## D. GENERAL CONDITIONS

## 1. Duty of Disclosure

Where Insured have applied for this Insurance wholly for purposes related to Insured's trade, business or profession, Insured had a duty to disclose any matter that Insured know to be relevant to Insured and Company decision in accepting the risks and determining the rates and terms to be applied and any matter a reasonable person in the circumstances could be expected to know to be relevant otherwise it may result in avoidance of Insured's contract of insurance, refusal or reduction of Insured's claim(s), change of terms or termination of Insured's contract of insurance.

Insured also have a duty to tell Company immediately if at any time after Insured's contract of insurance has been entered into, varied or renewed with Company any of the information given in the Proposal Form (or when Insured applied for this insurance) is inaccurate or has changed.

#### 2. Identification

The Schedule shall be deemed to be incorporated in and form part of this Policy and the expression "this Policy", wherever used in this contract, shall be read as including the Schedule Any word or expression to which a specific meaning has been attached in any part of this Policy or of the Schedule shall bear such meaning wherever it may appear.

## 3. Compliance

The Insured shall at his own expense take all reasonable precautions and comply with all reasonable recommendations of the Company to prevent loss or damage and comply with statutory requirements and manufacturers' recommendations. The liability of the Company under this Policy in respect of any insured item shall cease if the said item insured is not kept in good order or condition.

## 4. Material Change.

- (a). Representatives of the Company shall at all reasonable times have the right to inspect and examine the plant and the Insured shall provide the representatives of the Company with all details and information necessary for the assessment of the risk.
- (b). The Insured shall immediately notify the Company in writing of any material change in the risk and cause such additional precautions to be taken as circumstances may require to ensure safe operation of the insured machinery, and the scope of cover and/or premium shall, if necessary be adjusted accordingly.

No material alteration shall be made or admitted by the Insured whereby the risk of damage is increased, unless the continuance of the Insurance is confirmed in writing by the Company.

# 5. Claim Notification

In the event of any occurrence which might give rise to a claim under this Policy, the Insured shall:

- (a). immediately notify the Company by telephone or facsimile as well as in writing, giving an indication as to the nature and extent of loss or damage;
- (b). take all steps within his power to minimise the extent of the loss or damage;
- (c). use its best endeavours to preserve all property, products, appliances and plant and all other things which may assist in the investigation or defence of a claim or in the exercise of rights of subrogation and



so far as may be reasonably practicable no alteration or repair shall be effected without the consent of the Company until the Company shall have had an opportunity of inspection;

(d). furnish all such information and documentary evidence as the Company may require;

The Company shall on no account be liable for loss or damage of which no notice has been received by the Company within fourteen (14) days of its occurrence.

Upon notification being given to the Company under this condition, the Insured may carry out repairs of any minor damage or replace items which have sustained any minor damage; in all other cases a representative of the Company shall have the opportunity of inspecting the loss or damage before any repairs or alterations are effected. If a representative of the Company does not carry out the inspection within a period of time, which could be considered adequate under the circumstances, the Insured shall be entitled to proceed with the repairs or replacement.

#### 6. Fraudulent Claim

- (a). If the proposal or declaration of the Insured is not true in any material respect, or if any claim made be fraudulent or substantially exaggerated, or if any false declaration or statement be made in support thereof, then this Policy shall be void and the Company shall not be liable to make any payment hereunder.
- (b). In the event of the Company disclaiming liability in respect of any claim and if an action or suit be not commenced within three (3) months after such disclaimer or (in the case of arbitration taking place in pursuance of Condition 13 of this Policy) within three (3) months after the Arbitrators or Umpire shall have made their award all benefit under this Policy in respect of such claim shall be forfeited.

## 7. Withholding Indemnification

The Company shall be entitled to withhold indemnification

- (a). if there are doubts regarding the Insured's right to receive the indemnity, pending receipt by the Company of the necessary proof;
- (b). if in connection with the claim an examination by the police or an inquiry under criminal law has been instituted against the Insured, pending completion of such examination or inquiry.

## 8. Payment on Account

The indemnity shall be payable one month after determination by the Company of the full amount due. Notwithstanding the above, the Insured may, one month after the Company have been duly notified of the loss and have acknowledged their liability, claim as an instalment the minimum amount payable under the prevailing circumstances. The running of the periods shall be suspended for the time during which the indemnity is unascertainable or not payable due to reasons within the Insured's control.

## 9. Right of Beneficiary

Under an insurance for a third party's account the Beneficiary shall be entitled to exercise, in his own name, the rights of the Insured. Without obtaining the Insured's approval, the Beneficiary shall further have the right to receive any indemnity paid under this Policy and to transfer the Insured's rights even if the Beneficiary is not in possession of this Policy. Upon payment of indemnity the Company may require evidence of the Beneficiary having given his consent to the insurance and of the Insured having given his consent to the receipt of an indemnity by the Beneficiary.



#### 10. Subrogation

The Insured shall at the expense of the Company do and concur in doing and permit to be done, all such acts and things as may be necessary or required by the Company in the interest of any right or remedies, or of obtaining relief or indemnity from parties (other than those insured under this Policy) to which the Company shall be or would become entitled or subrogated upon their paying for or making good of any loss or damage under this Policy, whether such acts and things shall be or become necessary or required before or after the Insured's indemnification by the Company.

#### 11. Admission of Liability

No admission, offer, promise, payment or indemnity shall be made or given by or on behalf of the Insured without the written consent of the Company who shall be entitled if they so desire to take over and conduct in the name of the Insured the defence or settlement of any claim for indemnity or damage or otherwise and shall have full discretion in the conduct of any proceedings or in the settlement of any claim and the Insured shall give all such information and assistance as the Company may require.

#### 12. Termination

This Insurance may be terminated at the request of the Insured at any time, in which case the Company will retain the customary short-period rate for the time the Policy has been in force. This Insurance may equally be terminated at the option of the Company by seven (7) days notice to that effect being given to the Insured in which case the Company shall be liable to repay on demand a rateable proportion of the premium for the unexpired term from the date of cancellation less any reasonable inspection charges the Company may have incurred and less any long term discount on premiums granted.

## 13. Arbitration

If any difference arises as to the amount of any loss or damage such difference shall independently of all other questions be referred to the decision of an Arbitrator, to be appointed in writing by the parties in difference, or, if they cannot agree upon a single Arbitrator, to the decision of two disinterested persons as Arbitrators, of whom one shall be appointed in writing by each of the parties within two (2) calendar month after having been required so to do in writing by the other party.

In case either party shall refuse or fail to appoint an Arbitrator within two (2) calendar month after receipt of notice in writing requiring an appointment, the other party shall be at liberty to appoint a sole Arbitrator; and in case of disagreement between the Arbitrators, the difference shall be referred to the decision of an Umpire who shall have been appointed by them in writing before entering on the reference, and who shall sit with the Arbitrators and preside at their meetings.

The death of any party shall not revoke or affect the authority or powers of the Arbitrator, Arbitrators or Umpire respectively; and in the event of the death of an Arbitrator or Umpire, another shall in each case be appointed in his stead by the party or Arbitrators (as the case may be) by whom the Arbitrator or Umpire so dying was appointed.

The costs of the reference and of the award shall be in the discretion of the Arbitrator, Arbitrators or Umpire making the award. And it is hereby expressly stipulated and declared that it shall be a condition precedent to any right of action or suit upon this policy that the award by such Arbitrator, Arbitrators or Umpire of the amount of the loss or damage if disputed shall be first obtained.



#### 14. Sanction Limitation and Exclusion

The (re)insurer shall not provide cover nor be liable to pay any claim or provide any benefit hereunder to the extent that the provision of such cover, payment of such claim or provision of such benefit would expose the insurer or any member of the insurer's group to any sanction, prohibition or restriction under United Nations resolutions, Australian autonomous sanctions, or the trade or economic sanctions, laws or regulations of any country.

#### 15. Other Insurance

If at the time any claim arises under this Policy there be any other insurance covering the same loss or damage the Company shall not be liable to pay or contribute more than their rateable proportion of any claim for such loss or damage.

#### 16. Interest Incurred

The Company shall not be liable to pay interest other than interest for default.

## 17. Premium Warranty

It is a fundamental and absolute special condition of this contract of insurance that the premium due must be paid and received by the Company within sixty (60) days from the inception date of this policy/endorsement/renewal certificate.

If this condition is not complied with then this contract is automatically cancelled and the Company shall be entitled to the pro rata premium for the period they have been on risk.

Where the premium payable pursuant to this warranty is received by an authorised agent of the Company, the payment shall be deemed to be received by the Company for the purposes of this warranty and the onus of proving that the premium payable was received by a person, Including an Insurance agent, who was not authorised to receive such premium shall lie on the Company.

# **IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

The following are channels available for complaints on insurance related matters. You can contact our Complaint Unit for assistance at 03-7861 8400 or the following authorised bodies:

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