

## Our commitment to privacy within Howden Reinsurance Brokers Limited

At Howden Reinsurance Brokers Limited ("HRBL") ("we", "us", "our"), we regularly collect and use information which may identify individuals ("personal data"), including the professional contacts of an insured or the underlying policyholder ("you", "your"). We understand our responsibilities to handle your personal data with care, to keep it secure and to comply with applicable data protection laws.

The purpose of this Privacy Notice is to provide a clear explanation of when, why and how we collect and use personal data. We have designed it to be as user friendly as possible, and have labelled sections to make it easy for you to navigate to the information that may be most relevant to you and to allow you to click on a topic to find out more.

Do read this Privacy Notice with care. It provides important information about how we use personal data and explains your legal rights. This Privacy Notice is not intended to override the terms of any terms of business agreement or other contract which you have with us or any rights you might have available under applicable data protection laws.

We may amend this Privacy Notice from time to time for example, to keep it up to date or to comply with legal requirements or changes in the way we operate our business. We will notify you about material changes by prominently posting a notice on our website. We encourage you to periodically check back and review this Privacy Notice so that you will always know what information we collect, how we use it, and with whom we share it.

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### Who does this Privacy Notice relate to?

This Privacy Notice relates to the following types of individuals, where we hold your personal information:

- Representatives and contacts associated with prospective, current and former insureds;
- Individuals named on or associated with policies that have been insured by an insurer;
- Visitors to our websites;
- Individuals who contact us with a query, concern or complaint;
- Individuals who request information from us or permit us to contact them for marketing purposes

There are types of individuals who this Privacy Notice does not relate to, for example our employees and sub-contractors (including prospective and former employees and sub-contractors). If you are one of these individuals and would like further information on how we collect, use and store your data, please contact us. Our contact details are shown in the "how you can contact us" section of this Privacy Notice.

#### 1. WHO is responsible for looking after your personal data?

HRBL is a subsidiary of Howden Broking Group Limited ("HBG"), which is part of the Howden Group, whose registered office is at One Creechurch Place, London, EC3A 5AF. HRBL is a Lloyd's of London insurance broker, authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA). Our FCA Firm Reference Number is 531097. We trade under various trading / brand names. These details can be checked on the Financial Services Register by visiting <https://register.fca.org.uk>. We are registered with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) under registration ZB154337

We will generally collect and process personal data in our capacity as a Data Controller however we may occasionally provide services in a Data Processor capacity, for example the provision of analytics and business intelligence services. Where this is the case, we will process your personal information in line with our legal obligations and contractual commitments made to the entity acting as Data Controller.

## 2. WHAT personal data do we collect?

We collect your personal data and use it in different ways depending on your relationship with us and how you have interacted with us. This includes information we receive about you from third parties such as insurers, who will typically be our clients in the context of reinsurance. Depending on your relationship with us, we may hold the following types of personal data about you:

- **Identity and contact data:** for example, your name, date of birth, postal address, telephone number and e-mail address;
- **Claims data:** for example, data relating to your previous claims experience;
- **Payment and account data:** for example, your bank account details or brokerage fees;
- **Location data:** for example, your postal or IP address, the location of any insured property, and in the event of a claim, where the incident occurred;
- **Correspondence data:** for example, copies of letters and e-mails we send you or you send to us, and notes or call recordings of any telephone conversations;
- **Internet data:** for example, information collected by cookies and other online technologies such as Google Analytics, as you use our website or contact us by online methods;
- **Information we obtain from other sources:** for example from credit agencies, anti-fraud and other financial crime prevention agencies and other data providers. This can include demographic data and interest-based data;
- **Complaint data:** for example, what the complaint was, how we investigated it and how we resolved it, including any contact with the Financial Ombudsman Service or other adjudicators.

Some of our processes combine different sets of information we hold. This can include combining different data sets we have about you, or combining your information with that of other individuals.

### Special Category Data

Certain information is known as “special category data” under data protection law, and receives additional protection due to its sensitivity. This may include your health or medical conditions, criminal conviction history, race or ethnicity, your political views or your religious beliefs. We only collect this information where we have a legal basis to do so, and where it is strictly necessary, such as:

- When it is relevant to the type of insurance you have been named on and which we are seeking to reinsure on behalf of our client (the insurer);
- When it is relevant to a claim you have made or that someone else has made against you;
- Where it is relevant to a complaint or issue you have raised with us; and,
- To arrange alternate forms of correspondence for you, such as Braille, audio format or Touch-Type services.

## 3. What PURPOSES do we use your personal data for and what is our LEGAL BASIS?

We use your information for the following lawful reasons:

- **For our legitimate business interests:** for example to arrange and administer reinsurance, to manage any claims which may arise, to offer a renewal, detect and prevent fraud, for statistical analysis, to monitor and improve our business and our products and services, demonstrate compliance with applicable laws and regulations and some marketing activities. Where we rely on this lawful reason, we assess our business needs to ensure they are proportionate and do not affect your rights. In some instances, you also have the right to object to this kind of use;
- **To comply with a legal obligation:** for example the rules set by our regulator the FCA, to fulfil your data privacy rights, handle complaints about our products and services, and to comply with other legal requirements such as preventing money laundering and other financial crimes;
- **To protect vital interests:** in extreme or unusual circumstances, we may need to use your information to protect your life or the lives of others.

## **Special Category Data**

The processing of special category data requires an additional legal basis to the grounds set out above. This additional legal basis will typically be:

- a substantial public interest exemption, such as where the processing of special category data is necessary for a reinsurance purpose, or to detect or prevent unlawful acts, or to prevent fraud
- the establishment, exercise or defence by us or third parties of legal claims; or
- your explicit consent.

**PLEASE NOTE** – Our lawful basis for processing special categories of data will usually be that it is necessary for reasons of substantial public interest and subject to appropriate protections. In the limited circumstances where the benefits are not secured by reinsurance, and no other legal basis is available, the legal basis of our processing will be your explicit consent. Explicit consent can be withdrawn at any time, and if you choose to do this we will tell you more about the possible consequences.

### **4. Who do we SHARE your personal data with?**

Where applicable, we share your personal data with the following types of third parties when we have a valid reason to do so:

- Other Howden Group companies (including those who are in run-off but who may still carry out certain regulated activities) and our Appointed Representatives;
- Other Insurers, intermediaries including but not limited to other Insurance Brokers and Managing General Agencies, Risk Management Assessors, Uninsured Loss Recovery Agencies and Third Party Administrators who work with us to help manage the process and administer our policies;
- Service Providers who help manage our IT and back office systems, or who provide platforms and portals for administering policies and member details;
- Our regulators, which may include the FCA and ICO, as well as other regulators and law enforcement agencies in the E.U. and around the world;
- Credit reference agencies and organisations working to prevent fraud in financial services;
- Solicitors (who may be legal representatives for you, us or a third party claimant) and other professional services firms (including our auditors);
- Marketing fulfilment, webinar and customer satisfaction service providers, acting on our behalf in facilitating online events, providing marketing communications and capturing feedback from our customers on our service levels;
- Third Party Administrators, Loss Adjusters and Claims Experts who work with us to help manage the claims process;
- Potential purchasers of our businesses.

We may also make your information available to other companies which are part of Howden Group Holdings, whom support us in providing our services to you. They may use this information for statistical analysis, business reporting or for external business development purposes for which they may receive remuneration, such as providing market insight to insurers on a confidential basis. We and they will only disclose your personal data to third parties outside of the Howden Group in accordance with Data Protection Law, or in an anonymised and/or aggregated format where necessary to support the purposes stated above.

### **5. International Transfers**

For business purposes, to help prevent/detect crime or where required by Law or Regulation, we may need to transfer, or allow access to, your personal data to parties based overseas. These parties include brokers, insurers, re-insurers, service providers, other Howden Group companies & law enforcement agencies. Where we do this, we will ensure that your information is transferred in accordance with the applicable Data Protection requirements.

If the Data Protection laws of the country where we transfer your data are not recognised as being equivalent to those in the UK, we will ensure that the recipient enters into a formal legal agreement that reflects the standards required.

You have the right to ask us for more information about the safeguards we have put in place as mentioned above. Contact us as set out in Section 9 of this Privacy Notice if you would like further information or to request a copy where the safeguard is documented (which may be redacted to ensure confidentiality).

## **6. Automated Decision Making and Profiling**

We do not undertake Automated Decision Making or Profiling.

## **7. How long do we keep your personal data?**

We will retain your personal data for as long as is reasonably necessary for the purposes listed in Section 3 of this Privacy Notice. In most cases this will be for seven (7) years following the end of our relationship with you however, in some circumstances we may retain your personal data for longer periods of time, for instance;

- Where we are required to do so in accordance with legal, regulatory, tax or accounting requirements;
- So that we have an accurate record of your dealings with us in the event of any complaints or challenges;
- If we reasonably believe there is a prospect of litigation relating to your personal data or dealings.

We maintain a data retention policy which we apply to records in our care. Where your personal data is no longer required we will ensure it is either securely deleted or stored in a way which means it will no longer be used by the business. You can request a copy by contacting us on the details shown in Section 9 of this Privacy Notice.

## **8. What are your rights?**

Data protection law gives you rights relating to your personal data. This section gives you an overview of these and how they relate to the information you give us. The UK supervisory authority for data rights, the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), has also published detailed information about your rights on their website: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

### **• Your right of access**

You have a right to request copies of the personal data we hold on you, along with meaningful information on how it is used and who we share it with. This right always applies, but there are some instances where we may not be able to provide you with all the information we hold. If this is the case, we will confirm why we are unable to provide it - unless there is a valid legal reason that means we cannot let you know why.

### **• Your right to rectification**

If personal data we hold is inaccurate or incomplete, and this has an impact on the way we are using your data, you have the right to have any inaccuracies corrected and for any incomplete data to be completed. If you ask us to rectify your personal data, we will either confirm to you that this has been done, or if there is a valid reason that this cannot be done, we will let you know why.

### **• Your right to erasure (the right to "be forgotten")**

You have the right to request that your personal data is erased in certain circumstances. If you ask us to erase your personal data, we will either confirm to you that this has been done, or if we are unable to delete it, let you know why and also inform you how long we will hold it for. For more information, see Section 7 of this Privacy Notice.

- **Your right to restrict processing**

You can ask us to restrict the use of your personal data in certain circumstances. If you ask us to restrict the use of your personal data, we will either confirm to you that this has been done, or if we are unable to restrict it, we will inform you why.

- **Your right to object to direct marketing**

You can object to receiving direct marketing from us, for example by clicking on the unsubscribe link in any email you receive from us. If you do so, we will ensure that you do not receive such material going forward, unless you change your mind and specifically request it in the future.

- **Your right to challenge our legitimate interests**

You can challenge the use of your personal data where we use a legitimate business interest as a legal basis to process your information. You can find more information on when we use this legal basis in section 3 of this Privacy Notice. If you do so, we will either confirm to you that the processing has stopped, or there is a valid reason for the processing to continue, we will inform you why.

- **Your right to object to the use of your information for statistical purposes**

You can object to us using your personal data for statistical purposes in some instances. If you do so, we will either confirm to you that the processing has stopped, or there is a valid reason for the processing to continue, we will inform you why.

- **Your right to data portability**

In certain circumstances, you have the right to request that your personal data be compiled into a common, machine readable format and either provided directly to you or sent by us to a third-party you nominate. If you request this, we will either act upon your instruction and confirm to you that we have done so, or if there is a valid reason that this cannot be done, we will tell you why.

## **9. How you can contact us**

Should you wish to enforce a right or to make a complaint, please contact [DPO@howdengroup.com](mailto:DPO@howdengroup.com). We aim to provide a final response within one month of receiving a request, unless the request is particularly complex in which case we will let you know when we expect to complete it by.

If you remain unhappy with our response you may raise a complaint with a supervisory authority responsible for data protection and privacy. In the UK the supervisory authority is the ICO, which can be contacted using the following details:

By e-mail: [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

By telephone: 0303 123 1113

By post: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.