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Dear Sir/Madam

Transfer of Business as a result of Brexit

Our company records show that you may have an insurance policy or insurance policies, or may have made a claim or claims under an insurance policy or insurance policies written by First Title Insurance plc (*FTI*) insuring risks located within a European Economic Area state (*EEA*) other than the UK (the *non-UK EEA Business*).

We write to advise you of important changes as a result of the proposed transfer of the insurance and reinsurance of FTI business (the *Transfer*) relating to non-UK EEA Business, to include the transfer of your policy/policies and/or claim/claims, to First European Title Insurance Company Ltd, a company incorporated in Malta (*FETIC*).

Please be advised that only policy/policies and/or claim/claims in relation to risks located within the EEA (other than the UK) will be affected by the Transfer. Furthermore, please be advised that your cover and obligations under your current policy will not be affected by the Transfer.

At present, the Transfer is undergoing regulatory and legal approval and scrutiny. If approved, the effective date shall be 28 April 2020.

Why is this happening?

The Transfer will take place due to the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union (*EU*), also known as Brexit. In preparation for the Transfer, FETIC has been established within the same group of companies as FTI.

FETIC is authorised and regulated by the Malta Financial Services Authority (*MFSA*), the Maltese insurance regulator. The Transfer of policies and claims from FTI to FETIC will ensure that the non-UK EEA Business can continue to be handled once Brexit has taken place.

Please be advised that if the UK were to withdraw from the EU prior to completion of the Transfer, FTI may not be permitted to handle or make payments for claims which involve non-UK EEA Business.



How will the Transfer happen?

The Transfer is being implemented under UK law (Part VII of the UK Financial Services and Markets Act 2000) through an insurance business transfer scheme (the **Scheme**), and a specific process will be followed to sanction the Scheme.

The process is carried out as follows:

- The Transfer requires prior consultations with the Prudential Regulation Authority and the Financial Conduct Authority (the *Regulators*), who will appoint an Independent Expert.
- The Independent Expert will produce a report (the *Report*), summarizing whether the Transfer will adversely affect you as a policyholder.
- A legal document will be prepared, setting out the terms of the Transfer (the Scheme Document)
- Approval is sought from the High Court of England and Wales (the *Court Hearing*)
 in order to enforce authorization for the Transfer to take place. This will ensure that
 the Transfer takes place on a set date (the *Transfer Date*). Both the Report, and a
 separate report from the Regulators will be produced at the Court Hearing.
- Both the Report and the Scheme Document will be used as evidence at the Court Hearing.
- You are eligible to make objections or have complaints heard at the Court Hearing regarding the Transfer, either in person or through representations made by Counsel. Please see further information regarding objections below.

In this case, the Independent Expert has been instructed, and has concluded the security provided to policyholders will not be materially adversely affected by the Proposed Transfer. In addition, no material impact on service standards is expected for Policyholders following the Proposed Transfer.

The Court Hearing is scheduled to take place on 21 April 2020. Subsequently, the Transfer will take place on 28 April 2020 (*the Transfer Date*).

How will this affect you?

You must ensure that you have read and understood all information contained within this letter and within the Scheme Booklet to ensure that you are fully aware of the process.

Policyholders or claimants of FTI, will, as a result of the Transfer, become policyholders or claimants of FETIC. The Transfer will not affect the Terms and Conditions, cover or obligations under your policy/policies.

Aside from reading all information thoroughly, you do not need to take any further action if you do not wish to do so. However, If you have any concerns in respect of the Transfer, or feel that you would be adversely affected, please do not hesitate to contact us in writing at Compliance Department, First Title Insurance plc, ECA Court, 24-26 South Park

Sevenoaks, Kent, United Kingdom, TN13 1DU or telephone us on 0044 (0)207 160 8606 and we will seek to address those concerns by correspondence with you and will notify your concerns to the Regulators, the Independent Expert and the Court. As mentioned above, the Court Hearing is due to take place on 21 April 2020 at The Rolls Building, Fetter Lane, London, EC4A 1NL, should you wish to make representations. Please ensure that any objections have been sent to us by this date.

Contact Details

Should you require further information or have any queries regarding the information contained within this letter, please contact us via the following:

- Email us at compliance@firsttitle.co.uk;
- Write to us at Compliance Department, First Title Insurance plc, ECA Court, 24-26
 South Park, Sevenoaks, Kent, United Kingdom, TN13 1DU
- Speak to us at 0044 (0)207 160 8606.

Please be advised that our opening hours are 09:00-17:00 UK time, Monday to Friday, excluding UK Bank and public holidays.

Should you wish to contact us regarding general matters that do not relate to the Transfer, please continue to use the method that you currently use to make contact with us.

All documentation, including the Report, Scheme Document and Scheme Booklet, is available on the FTI website.

If you are aware of any other parties who may have an interest under your policy/policies or claim/claims (such as a joint policyholder), please ensure that they have read and clearly understood the information contained within this letter.

The Transfer of your insurance policy and/or claim will result in a change of control of the information and Personal Data relating to that policy/claim; this change will be from FTI to FETIC. Aside from this, our use of your information will not change.

We will keep you informed of any updates by posting them on our website, including the status of the Transfer; you are advised to check the website for any updates.

Yours faithfully,

For and on behalf of

First Title Insurance plc