Political & Credit Risks



The team works with clients to manage their political and credit risks throughout the economic and insurance cycles, delivering a superior underwriting and claims service through the accessibility of experienced underwriters. Our goal is to build our reputation as a market leader through the continued development of our technical expertise.

Credit

Trade credit cover protects a client against non-payment or non-performance on an underlying contract or transaction by a specified counterparty that is privately or non-state owned. The policies can be structured on a losses occurring or a risks attaching basis and are not typically repeat or renewable.

Contract Frustration

Contract frustration cover protects a client against non-payment or non-performance on an underlying contract or transaction by a specified counterparty that is state owned. The cover can be extended to cover losses during the pre-shipment phase due to political risk perils. In addition, we provide a form of cover called currency inconvertibility that falls under this area. This protects a client not against currency devaluation, but against inability to exchange a local currency for a specified hard currency such as the US dollar and remit that hard currency offshore. The policies can be structured on a losses occurring or a risks attaching basis and are not typically repeat or renewable.

Political Risk

Political risk cover protects a client against loss due to confiscation, expropriation or nationalisation of their physical assets and/or investments in an emerging market. Please note that the cover can be extended to include physical damage and/or business interruption due to political violence, but in many cases this coverage is difference in conditions to an underlying property or standalone terrorism/political violence policy.

Our key clients for credit and contract frustration insurance are exporters, financial institutions, and trading companies. On the political risk side, the main client base is blue-chip corporates with direct investments in emerging markets.

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