

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Supplementary provisions relating to the assignment of guaranteed amounts – GC (FAB)

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EXPORT CREDIT GUARANTEES OF THE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

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Supplementary provisions relating to the assignment of guaranteed amounts – GC (FAB)

The following provisions relating to the assignment of guaranteed amounts supplement Articles 19 and 20 of the General Terms and Conditions (G/FKG/PL) as well as Article 17 of the General Terms and Conditions (FG).

ART. 1 ASSIGNMENT OF THE GUARANTEED AMOUNT

- (1) The Federal Government's written consent to an assignment pursuant to Art. 19, paragraph 1, of the General Terms and Conditions (GC) is deemed to have been given if the total of the guaranteed amount is assigned to one of the following assignees:
 1. Banks which are domiciled in a country belonging to the European Economic Area (EEA) or in Australia, Canada, Japan, Switzerland or the United States;
 2. Domestic financial services companies which are licensed by BaFin and regularly buy receivables on the basis of general agreements (forfaiting and factoring companies).
- (2) The Federal Government's specific written consent is required in each individual case for:
 1. Assignments to assignees who do not fall into one of the categories of approved assignees as defined in paragraph 1,
 2. Assignments of partial amounts,
 3. Subsequent assignments with the exception of subsequent assignments to AKA or KfW,
 4. Assignments made after a claim has been recognised.

ART. 2 ASSIGNMENT OF THE BENEFIT OF THE GUARANTEE

The written consent of the Federal Government pursuant to Art. 20 GC¹ to a subsequent assignment to AKA or KfW is deemed to have been given.

ART. 3 EXCLUSION OF RISKS

- (1) Any risks that may additionally arise from the assignment of the guaranteed amount are excluded from cover. This shall apply especially to the validity of assignment of the guaranteed amount pursuant to the applicable law and to any objections and defences against the claim resulting from the conduct of the assignee as well as the risk that the assignment violates any ban on assignments which may exist at the time when the guaranteed amount is assigned.
- (2) In cases of a disclosed assignment of the guaranteed amount the debtor's consent must be obtained.

ART. 4 CONDITIONS OF THE ASSIGNMENT

- (1) **CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS**
Also in cases in which the assignment of the guaranteed amount is effective, the policyholder shall continue to be the Federal Government's contractual partner; his contractual obligations towards the Federal Government shall remain unchanged. He must ensure that he can continue to perform his obligations or that these obligations can be performed by the assignee.
- (2) **LIABILITY IN RESPECT OF STATEMENTS**
The assignee must accept as binding on him all statements which the policyholder has made vis-à-

¹ Art. 20 GC (G/FKG/PL) corresponds to Art. 17 GC (FG)

vis the Federal Government in connection with the export credit guarantee and in the course of the application procedure until the notification of the assignment of the benefit of the guarantee is received; in cases of an undisclosed assignment of the guaranteed amount this shall apply also to all statements made after the assignment.

(3) PRACTICAL INDEMNIFICATION PROCEDURE

The right to assert claims for indemnification against the Federal Government is held by the policyholder. However, he can declare that such a claim will be asserted by the assignee in lieu of him and that the loss shall be settled with the assignee provided that the assignee is

1. either a bank pursuant to Art. 1, para 1, item 1 and – where banks not domiciled in a member country of the European Economic Area or Switzerland has named an authorised agent in one of the aforementioned countries to the Federal Government with whom the claim for indemnification can be settled (in German) or
2. a domestic financial services company pursuant to Art. 1, para 1, item 2 and supplier credit cover has been assumed for the assigned claim in accordance with the General Terms and Conditions (G).

(4) PAYMENT OF THE INDEMNIFICATION

Any indemnification amounts that have been ascertained will be paid out to the assignee if and when a written notice of assignment from the policyholder is on the records. The Federal Government is entitled to set off any claims for money it may have against the policyholder under the guarantee agreement against the assignee's claim for payment prior to disbursing the indemnification amounts.

(5) PROVISIONS FOR OFFSETTING

In cases of an undisclosed assignment any setoff will be governed by the contractual relationship between the policyholder and the foreign debtor and in cases of a disclosed assignment any setoff will be governed by the contractual relationship between the assignee and the foreign debtor.

Export Credit Guarantees and Untied Loan Guarantees: instruments to promote foreign trade and investment provided by the



Federal Ministry
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Commissioned to implement the federal funding instruments Export Credit Guarantees and Untied Loan Guarantees:



Cover from the Federal Republic of Germany for foreign business

Export Credit Guarantees and Untied Loan Guarantees have been established and effective foreign trade promotion instruments of the Federal Government for decades. Export Credit Guarantees (so-called Hermes Cover) protect German exporters and banks financing exports against political and commercial risks. Untied Loan Guarantees are to support raw material projects abroad regarded as eligible for promotion by the Federal Government. Both promotion instruments play an important role in fostering economic growth as well as in protecting and creating jobs. Federal Government commissioned Euler Hermes Aktiengesellschaft to manage the federal funding instruments Export Credit Guarantees and Untied Loan Guarantees.

Information on other foreign trade promotion instruments of the Federal Government can be found at www.bundeswirtschaftsministerium.de/en under the heading Promotion of Foreign Trade and Investment.

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