

Distributor Product Information Document

This document provides high level information on the product, including information on the main features and exclusions, target market, fees, commissions, and distribution channel. It is designed to help Bell & Clements Ltd, and its distributors meet the FCA requirements relating to the exchange of information under the FCA’s rules in its Product Intervention and Product Governance Sourcebook (“PROD”), specifically PROD 4. **It is not a sales or marketing tool and should not be used as such.**

Requests for insurance coverage should always be placed under the most suitable product based on the Insured’s needs and in their best interests.

Lead Carrier Name	Great Lakes Insurance SE (“Great Lakes”)
Co-Manufacturer	Bell & Clements Limited (“B&C”)
Product Name	Difference in Conditions (“DIC”)
Class of Business	Specialist/Single Peril
Date	August 2023

Manufacturer Information

Great Lakes Insurance SE (“Great Lakes”) is a German entity, regulated by the Federal Financial Supervisory Authority of Germany (Bundesanstalt für Finanzdienstleistungsaufsicht or BaFin). Great Lakes is a wholly owned subsidiary of Münchener Rückversicherungs-Gesellschaft (the “Munich Re Group”), conducting agency and coinsurance business and providing covers for complex single risks.

Bell & Clements Ltd (“B&C”) is also part of the Munich Re Group, and a co-manufacturer of this product, utilising Great Lakes’ capacity to connect US wholesale brokers and managing general agents with Excess & Surplus lines capacity.

Product Information

Coverage

The DIC product is a property insurance coverage for perils not insured against in the standard commercial property coverage (specifically flood and earthquake). Coverage can include buildings, contents and business interruption either singly or in combination.

Coverage can be provided on a primary, full value or excess basis, depending on the need of the insured.

Duration of Insurance Coverage provided

12 months in duration but may be extended up to 18 months if needed.

Renewals

Unless mandatory, or specifically authorised, no insurance coverage will automatically or tacitly be renewed.

Add on Products There are no add on products available to purchase separately under this product.
Target Market The product is suitable for insureds who require DIC coverage for their property. The product is only available for risks located in the USA, but typically demand comes from the most earthquake-prone areas such as California, Washington, Oregon and Mid-West states.
Type of customers for whom the product would be unsuitable Insureds requiring wider coverage than DIC.
Any notable exclusions or circumstances where the product will not respond Products are written on London market forms and ISO forms. All forms/wordings are agreed by Bell & Clements Ltd. Significant exclusions: War/Civil War, Radioactive Contamination, Biological or Chemical Materials.
Distribution Strategy This product is exclusively distributed to Insureds in the USA requiring the Excess and Surplus Lines market. B&C sub-delegates its authority granted by Great Lakes via binding authorities to authorised US and/or UK coverholders who have been subject to B&C's due diligence process and have been approved by Great Lakes. Risks can also be presented by UK/US authorised and licensed producing brokers directly to B&C. The Coverholders work either with USA wholesale agents who in turn work with local/retail agents or directly with local/retail agents to provide the product to USA-situs Insureds who cannot obtain insurance in the admitted market and therefore must look to the non-admitted (Excess and Surplus Lines) market for coverage. When the product is distributed via Binding Authorities, insurance coverage may be written on either a Prior Submit or Full Authority basis, depending on the individual contracts in place.
Product value B&C monitor and assess the market to ensure the product and pricing remain competitive and offer customers value. This includes reviewing commission payments and distribution methods to ensure they are appropriate.
Other information which may be relevant to distributors Claims Claims are to be referred to the persons named in the binding authority agreement. Complaints Complaints are to be notified to Complaints@bellandclements.co.uk

Distributor Remuneration

Commission rates are agreed with each distributor separately. The amount of commission will bear a reasonable relationship to the services and value the distributor provides.

Coverholders are required to clearly state insurance documentation, service, and other fees and charges on customer documentation, and shall not breach any local laws and regulations.

Retail Premium Finance

B&C does not offer retail premium finance on this product.

Feedback on the performance of the product is welcomed and encouraged. Please contact Compliance@bellandclements.co.uk with any comments or queries you may have.