

Business Interruption Resulting from Cyber Risks

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Purpose of Business Interruption Insurance

“To put the Insured back into the same financial position they would have been in, but for the incident – subject to the policy wording”

Property Damage & Cyber Wordings - Overview

- Trigger for a loss is an insured event
- Property Damage: “Direct physical loss or destruction of or damage to the Insured property”
- Cyber: “Suspension in operations of computer system caused by failure in system security resulting in theft of, corruption of, damage to or denial of access to data”
- Measurement of loss of profits identical between Property & Cyber wordings
- Indemnity period varies:
 - Property: 12 months or greater
 - Cyber: Usually 3 months

Defining Loss of Profits in Cyber Claims

- Reduction in net profit attributable to a loss of revenue arising from the incident
- Continuing operating expenses
- Increased costs of working solely incurred as a consequence of the incident to reduce the:
 - Length of the period of interruption
 - Loss of profit arising from the incident

Measuring The Loss (1)

Expected But For Incident		Actual	
Description	Total	Description	Total
	£		£
Sales	250	Sales	125
Variable costs	(100)	Variable costs	(50)
Gross Profit	150	Gross Profit	75
Fixed costs	(80)	Fixed costs	(70)
		Increased costs	(30)
Net profit	70	Net profit	(25)

Measuring The Loss (2)

Property Damage		Cyber Risks	
Description	Total £	Description	Total £
Loss of sales	250	Expected net profit	70
Rate of gross profit	60%	Continuing fixed costs	70
Loss of gross profit	150	Increased costs	30
Increased costs	30		
Fixed cost savings	(10)		
Total loss	170	Total loss	170

Case Study 1: Background

- Manufacturer of high end consumer electronic products
- Insured operates production sites in Malaysia, Brazil and Romania
- Hackers gain access to IT control equipment for Romanian production line:
 - Insured denied access to IT equipment that controls production machinery
 - Hackers upload malware onto production network
 - Production stopped for period of several days
 - Hackers also steal intellectual property from Insured's network

Case Study 1: What Are The Issues?

- Length of time required to:
 - Regain control of the network and machinery
 - Repair hacker's point of entry and remove malware
 - Restart production
 - Return production to pre-incident volumes

- Can production scheduling or location be amended to minimise sales losses?

- Risk of similar attack at other sites

- What intellectual property has been stolen and can it be recovered?

Case Study 1: Measuring The Loss

- Does loss of production cause a loss of sales?
 - Review pre and post incident production volumes at all relevant locations
 - Establish extent of production spare capacity, if any
 - Consider how stock volumes have been utilised
 - Analyse pre and post incident sales volumes for products manufactured on affected line
 - Review sales trends and market data for the relevant product

- Will theft of intellectual property cause a loss of revenue?

- Increased costs of working:
 - Overtime at incident and alternative locations during and after end of repair period
 - Airfreight costs for raw materials and finished goods
 - Outsourcing costs

- Savings may occur in shutdown period – e.g. energy, maintenance

Case Study 2: Background

- Online retailer selling branded fashion products
- Hackers gain access to network infrastructure, including sales system and web server:
 - Consumer names, addresses and credit card data stolen
 - Website inaccessible to customers for period of 48 hours while evidence is collated
- Cyber attack widely reported in mainstream media

Case Study 2: What Are The Issues?

- Length of time required to:
 - Regain control of the network
 - Repair hacker's point of entry and remove malware
 - Change login credentials for affected customers
 - Return website to normal operations
- Impact of incident on consumer confidence

Case Study 2: Measuring The Loss

- Has incident reduced consumer use of site?
 - Review pre and post incident site visit count data
 - Determine extent of any changes in search engine rankings
 - Assess pre-incident linkage between site visits and sales
 - Establish extent of reduction in sales attributable to reduction in traffic
 - Establish extent of any make-up in sales after normal operations resume

- Increased costs of working:
 - Post incident advertising to address consumer confidence and to increase site visits
 - Promotional campaigns with existing customer base
 - Discounts and promotional offers to increase post incident sales

- Will reduction in consumer confidence cause a loss of revenue after the end of the maximum indemnity period?

Case Study 3: Background

- Hospital providing private medical services to health care insurers

- Hackers gain access to Insured's network:
 - Insured denied access to all patient records
 - Hackers upload malware onto network and demand ransom for Insured to regain access

- Forensic investigators and security consultants advise Insured not to pay ransom

- Insured elects to reconstruct patient data from backups onto replacement network

Case Study 3: What Are The Issues?

- Date of last complete backup pre-incident

- Length of time required to:
 - Obtain and install replacement server
 - Restore patient data from backup
 - Reconstruct changes to data that occurred between date of last complete backup and incident

- Ability of Insured to use server capacity at other locations in the interim period

- Impact on patient care and treatment of Insured's short term inability to access current patient data

Case Study 3: Measuring The Loss

- Need to establish the following:
 - Medical procedures/operations cancelled or postponed due to patient data being inaccessible
 - Extent to which postponed treatment may impact scheduling of treatment for other patients
 - Impact on new patient bookings
 - Daily revenue earned from each hospital facility

- Increased costs of working:
 - IT consultant costs incurred in reconstructing network and patient records
 - Overtime costs related to rescheduling of treatment outside normal working hours
 - Costs incurred at other hospitals for transferred patients immediately post incident

Quantification Issues To Consider

- Issues may arise linking revenue losses to an incident given expectation of short interruption periods

- Indemnity period:
 - Assess potential for loss of sales to continue after repairs have completed
 - Consider potential for loss of sales to continue after end of maximum indemnity period

- Increased costs of working:
 - May be incurred to protect revenue before and after the end of the indemnity period
 - Proportion of total cost may therefore not be covered under the policy

Questions?

