

# Explaining our Complaints Process

At every touch point, we aim to provide you with a great experience. If this has not been the case we would like to hear from you. Your feedback is important to us so we can start to resolve your concerns as quickly and fairly as possible. Please be assured we will handle your complaint with every care and consideration. We will always act in accordance to our obligations under privacy law.

#### If you have a complaint

The first step is to contact us and let us know

#### We're here to help

If you are dissatisfied with any aspect of our products, service, or conduct – including that of any of our partners or representatives – please contact us:

**GT Insurance** 

Call: (02) 9966 8820

Visit: www.gtins.com.au/contact/

## Interpreter and other support services

If you would find it easier to speak with us in a language other than English, when you contact us, we will find you an interpreter in your preferred language where possible. Or, to find your own interpreter, visit

www.tisnational.gov.au or call them directly on 1300 041 474.

If you need other support, we are here to help, visit

www.gtins.com.au/contact/

## Once we receive your complaint

We will review your complaint and attempt to resolve it in a reasonable timeframe (see page 2).

## If you are not satisfied with the outcome

We will give you contact details for the independent External Dispute Resolution bodies that can assist you (see page 2).

### When we receive your complaint, we will:

- Acknowledge that we have received your complaint within 24 hours (or one business day), or as soon as practicable.
- Log your complaint and provide you with a complaint reference number.
- Provide you with the name and contact information of the person or team handling your complaint. (They will have the appropriate authority, knowledge, and experience to address your complaint, and will not be the person/people whose decision or conduct you have complained about.)
- Keep you informed of the progress of your complaint.

- Work with you to resolve the complaint as soon as we possibly can.
- We will always respond in writing if your complaint is about a declined claim, the value of a claim, about financial hardship, or if you have requested a response in writing.
- Our written response to you will include the reasons for our decision and inform you of your right to take your complaint to the Australian Financial Complaints Authority (AFCA) if you are not satisfied with our decision. We will provide you with its contact details or advise you to seek independent legal advice.

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### Complaint Review Process and Management

- Within our organisation GT have established a complaints and disputes resolution process.
   This is a free service.
- It is a system designed to log, track, escalate and monitor complaints received from clients and customers about our services and products.
- A staff member involved in the complaints and disputes resolution process will write to you within 15 working days advising the outcome of the review and reasons for their decision.

#### If you are not satisfied with the outcome

Our priority is to resolve your complaint in a fair and transparent way. We do not consider a complaint or dispute to be resolved until a proposed resolution or solution has been communicated to you and you have accepted the resolution or solution.

## General Insurance External Dispute Resolution

AFCA provides consumers and small businesses with fair, free, and independent dispute resolution for financial complaints, and its decisions are binding for us to follow.

#### **AFCA**

Mail: GPO Box 3 Melbourne VIC 3001

Call: 1800 931 678
Visit: www.afca.org.au
Email: info@afca.org.au

AFCA will not consider a complaint/dispute unless it is lodged before the earlier of the following time limits:

- Within 2 years of the date of our final Internal Dispute Resolution response; and
- Within 6 years of the date when you first became aware (or should reasonably have become aware) that you suffered the loss.

However, AFCA may still consider a complaint/ dispute lodged after either of these time limits if it considers that exceptional circumstances apply. Refer to AFCA website for more detail.

## Marine Insurance External Dispute Resolution

If your complaint is subject to the Marine Insurance Act (imports, exports, hull insurance and some liability matters) AFCA may be unable to hear your matter.

If this is the case we will work with you to find a mutually acceptable independent external arbiter to your dispute.

#### General Insurance Code of Practice

GT Insurance is a subscriber to the General Insurance Code of Practice (Code) and supports its principles of value, transparency, trust, integrity, respect, fairness, and accessibility.

Contact us or visit <u>www.insurancecouncil.com.au</u> for more information.

#### **Privacy Complaints**

Our Privacy Policy sets out the ways in which we collect and handle your personal information, including how you can access the personal information we hold about you. Our Privacy Policy is available <u>GT Insurance Privacy Policy</u> or by contacting Global Transport on (02) 9966 8820.

If you don't believe that we have met our privacy obligations, you can contact us to lodge a complaint. If we don't respond to your complaint within 30 calendar days or you're not satisfied with our response, you can make a complaint to the privacy regulator at:

Office of the Australian Information Commissioner

Mail: GPO Box 5218 Sydney NSW 2001

Call: 1300 363 992

Email: enquiries@oaic.gov.au

### Use of your information

We will only ask for, and take into account, relevant information when deciding on your complaint/dispute. You can seek access to information about you that we have relied on in assessing your complaint/dispute and correct any mistakes or inaccuracies.

In special circumstances, we may decline to release some information, such as if it is protected from disclosure by law, including by privacy legislation, where a claim is being or has been investigated, where the release of it would prejudice us in relation to a dispute about your insurance cover or your claim or in relation to your complaint/dispute (subject to limited exceptions). However, we will not do so unreasonably, and we will give you reasons and provide them in writing on request along with details of our complaints process.