

**THE BRITANNIA STEAM SHIP INSURANCE ASSOCIATION HOLDINGS LIMITED**

**The Companies Act 2006**

**Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a Share Capital**

**Company number 116586576**

**ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION**

Adopted effective from 4 July 2023

## Articles of Association

### Interpretation

1 In these Articles the words standing in the first column of the table below shall bear the meanings set opposite to them respectively in the second column thereof, if not inconsistent with the subject or context:

Acts	the Companies Acts, as defined in section 2 of the Companies Act 2006, from time to time in force concerning companies and statutory instruments made thereunder, insofar as they apply to the Association;
Articles	these Articles of Association as originally adopted or as altered from time to time by special resolution;
Association	The Britannia Steam Ship Insurance Association Holdings Limited;
Authority	the Prudential Regulation Authority and/or the Financial Conduct Authority or such other body or bodies as shall be designated as the Regulator for the purposes of Part I of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended;
Board	the Directors for the time being of the Association or, as the context may require, the Directors present at a Board Meeting;
Board Meeting	a duly convened meeting of the Board at which a quorum is present;
Britannia Europe	The Britannia Steam Ship Insurance Association Europe a mutual association incorporated in Luxembourg;
Britannia Europe Members	those persons who are members of Britannia Europe by being entered for Insurance in accordance with its articles of association;
Britannia	The Britannia Steam Ship Insurance Association Limited, a company limited by guarantee incorporated in England & Wales with registered number 10340;
Britannia Members	those persons who are members of Britannia by being entered for Insurance in accordance with its articles of association;

Categories	categories of Member being Britannia Members and Britannia Europe Members and Category means either of them;
Chairman	the chairman of the Board;
Clear Days	in relation to a period of notice, that period excluding the day when notice is given or is deemed to be given and the day for which it is given or on which it is to take effect;
Committee	the Member representative committee constituted by Article 62;
Committee Chairman	the chairman of the Committee;
Committee Deputy Chairman	the (or a) deputy chairman of the Committee;
Deputy Chairman	the (or a) deputy chairman of the Board;
Director	a director of the Association;
Expert Director	a Director, not being a Manager Director, who has expertise in the marine, insurance or investment industries and who is not a representative of a Member (other than by virtue of being a Director);
Electronic Means	the meaning given in the Companies Act 2006;
Full Tonnage	the gross registered tonnage of a Ship as certified or stated in the certificate of registry or other official document relating to the registration of such Ship or, if more than one tonnage is shown, the higher;
Insurance	insurance or reinsurance;
Managers	the Managers for the time being of the Association and Manager means an employee of the Managers;
Manager Director	a Director appointed under Article 39;
Member	a member of the Association as more particularly defined in Article 3 or, as the context may require, a member of any Category within the Association;
Month	calendar month;
Office	the registered office for the time being of the Association;
Register	the Register of Members of the Association;

Regulated Function	a function regulated by the Authority under the Senior Managers and Certification Regime or any successor regulatory regime of the Authority;
Representative	a representative of a Member appointed to the Committee;
Seal	the common seal of the Association;
Ship	any ship, boat, hovercraft or other description of vessel or structure (including any ship, boat, hovercraft or other vessel or structure under construction) used or intended to be used for any purpose whatsoever in navigation or otherwise on, under, over or in water or any part thereof or any proportion of the tonnage thereof or any share therein; and
United Kingdom	the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Writing shall include printing, typewriting, lithography, Electronic Means and any other mode or modes of representing or reproducing words in a visible form.

Words importing the singular number only shall include the plural number and vice versa.

Words importing the masculine gender shall include the feminine and neuter.

Words importing persons shall include individuals, partnerships, corporations and associations and the expression "Secretary" shall (subject to the provisions of the Acts) include a temporary or assistant Secretary and any person appointed by the Board to perform any of the duties of the Secretary.

Subject as aforesaid any words or expressions defined in the Acts shall if not inconsistent with the subject or context bear the same meaning in these Articles.

## **Members**

2 The Association shall consist of an unlimited number of Members.

3 (a) The following shall be Members:

(i) Britannia Members;

(ii) Britannia Europe Members; and

(iii) those persons who shall be elected as Directors in accordance with these Articles (except for Directors appointed following nomination in accordance with Article 39) for so long as they shall serve as Directors.

(b) Britannia Members and Britannia Europe Members shall each constitute a separate Category of Member with the separate rights and entitlements set out in these Articles.

- (c) A person shall cease to be a Member if:
  - (i) being a Member only by reason of holding office as a Director and not otherwise, he shall cease to be a Director;
  - (ii) being an individual, he shall become incapable by reason of mental disorder of managing and administering his property and affairs;
  - (iii) being an individual, he shall die, become bankrupt, or make any arrangement or composition with his creditors generally;
  - (iv) being a corporation, it is wound up by an Order of the Court, or by an effective resolution being passed for voluntary winding up, or it is dissolved;
  - (v) not being a Member by reason of holding office as a Director, he shall cease to be entered for Insurance in either Britannia or Britannia Europe.
- (d) Membership shall not be transferable nor transmissible.
- (e) The Association shall keep the Register and shall enter therein the following particulars:
  - (i) the name and address of each Member;
  - (ii) the date on which each person was entered in the register as a Member; and
  - (iii) the date on which any person ceased to be a Member.

**Categories of Members: Britannia and Britannia Europe**

- 4 Neither any alteration to these Articles which constitutes a variation of the rights attaching to either or each Category as set out in these Articles nor any resolution of the Board contrary to the specific rights of either or each Category as set out in these Articles shall have effect without the approval of a separate meeting of the Members of each affected Category.
- 5 The votes of the Association as a member of each of Britannia and Britannia Europe exercisable by it in terms of their articles of association, shall be exercised by the Board in accordance with the directions of the Britannia Members and the Britannia Europe Members respectively (such directions shall be made in a manner prescribed by the Board and may be combined with the proxy forms issued by Britannia and Britannia Europe to their members) so as to secure an outcome reflecting the aggregate of the directions received, provided that the Board shall be entitled to exercise such votes independently of any directions received from members of either Britannia or Britannia Europe if the resolution proposed at a general meeting of either relates to:
  - (a) their articles of association or rules;
  - (b) the appointment of a director;
  - (c) any Reserved Matter (as defined in the articles of association of each of Britannia and Britannia Europe); or

(d) their winding up.

- 6 Any distribution to Members out of the reserves or other assets of the Association shall be made only to Britannia Members and Britannia Europe Members (and not to either Category alone) and the Board shall have discretion, to be exercised in a fair and equitable manner, as to: the amount and timing of any distribution; the proportion to be distributed to each Category; and the basis of distribution among Britannia Members and Britannia Europe Members and the date at which entitlements shall be established.

### **General meetings**

- 7 The Association shall in each year hold a general meeting as its annual general meeting in addition to any other meetings in that year and shall specify the meeting as such in the notices calling it; not more than fifteen months shall elapse between the date of one annual general meeting of the Association and that of the next.
- 8 All general meetings other than annual general meetings shall be called general meetings.
- 9 The Board may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a general meeting and general meetings shall also be convened on such requisitions or, in default, may be convened by such requisitionists as provided by the Acts.
- 10 All general meetings shall be held at such time and place as the Board shall appoint.

### **Notice of general meetings**

- 11 A general meeting of the Association shall be called by not less than fourteen Clear Days' notice in writing. The notice shall specify the place, the day and the hour of the meeting and, in case of special business, the general nature of that business. A general meeting shall, notwithstanding that it is called by a shorter notice than that specified in this Article, be deemed to have been duly called if it is so agreed:
- (a) in the case of a general meeting called as the annual general meeting, by all the Members entitled to attend and vote thereat; and
  - (b) in the case of any other general meeting, by a majority in number of the Members having the right to attend and vote at the meeting, being a majority together representing not less than 95% of the total voting rights exercisable at that meeting.
- 12 The accidental omission to give notice of a general meeting to or the non-receipt of notice of a meeting by any person entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate the proceedings at the meeting.

### **Proceedings at general meetings**

- 13 No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum of Members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business. Save as herein otherwise provided, five Members present in person or by proxy and having the right to vote shall be a quorum. A Member may attend and participate in a general meeting by telephone or other communication equipment which allows all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other and a Member participating in a general meeting in such manner shall be deemed to be present in

person, shall be entitled to vote and shall be counted in a quorum; where a vote is taken on a show of hands, a Member present in such manner may cast his vote orally.

- 14 A Member entitled to attend and vote at a general meeting is entitled to appoint another person as his proxy to attend and vote instead of him and such proxy shall have the right to speak at the meeting.
- 15 If within half-an-hour from the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened upon the requisition of Members, shall be dissolved; in any other case the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place, or to such other day and at such other time and place as the Board may determine and if at such adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half-an-hour from the time appointed for the meeting, the Members present in person or by proxy shall be a quorum.
- 16 The Chairman (or in his absence the (or a) Deputy Chairman) shall preside as chairman at every general meeting of the Association or, if neither the Chairman nor the Deputy Chairman/Chairmen shall be present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for the holding of the meeting or be willing to act, the Members present shall choose some Director (not being a Manager Director) then present to be chairman of such meeting. If at any Meeting no Director (other than a Manager Director) is present (or all such Directors present decline to take the chair) the Members present shall choose one of their number to be chairman of the meeting.
- 17 The chairman of the meeting may, with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present, and shall, if so directed by the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place. When a meeting is adjourned for fourteen days or more, seven Clear Days' notice at the least, specifying the place, the day and the hour of the adjourned Meeting shall be given, but it shall not be necessary to specify in such notice the nature of the business to be transacted at the adjourned meeting. Save as aforesaid, no Member shall be entitled to any notice of an adjournment. No business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business which might have been transacted at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.
- 18 At any general meeting a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless a poll is (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands) demanded:
  - (a) by the chairman of the meeting; or
  - (b) by at least three Members present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote; or
  - (f) by any Member or Members present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote and representing not less than one-tenth of the total voting rights of all Members having the right to vote at the meeting.

Unless a poll be so demanded, a declaration by the chairman of the meeting that a resolution has, on a show of hands, been carried or carried unanimously or by a particular majority or lost, and an entry to that effect in the book containing the minutes of proceedings of the Association shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against such resolution. The demand for a poll may be withdrawn.

- 19 If a poll is duly demanded the same shall be taken in such manner as the chairman of the meeting directs, including the use of ballot or voting papers, and the result of such poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded.
- 20 In the case of an equality of votes whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the chairman of the meeting at which the show of hands takes place or at which the poll is demanded shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.
- 21 A poll demanded on the election of a chairman or on a question of adjournment shall be taken forthwith. A poll demanded on any other question shall be taken either immediately or at such time (not being more than 30 days from the date of the meeting at which the poll was demanded) as the chairman of the meeting directs. No notice need be given of a poll not taken immediately and the demand for a poll shall not prevent the continuance of a meeting for the transaction of any business other than the resolution on which a poll was demanded.

### **Voting at general meetings**

- 22 Subject to any special rights or restrictions as to voting attached by, or in accordance with, these Articles, on a show of hands every Member who is present in person and on a poll every Member who is present in person or by proxy shall:
- (a) if he is a Britannia Member:
    - (i) have one vote for each Ship which is entered for Insurance in Britannia and whose Full Tonnage is 1,500 tons or more (excluding those so entered on the basis of paying a fixed contribution);
    - (ii) have one vote for all Ships so entered the Full Tonnage of each of which is less than 1,500 tons (excluding those so entered on the basis of paying a fixed contribution);
    - (iii) have one vote for all Ships so entered on the basis of paying a fixed contribution;
  - (b) if he is a Britannia Europe Member:
    - (i) have one vote for each Ship which is entered for Insurance in Britannia Europe and whose Full Tonnage is 1,500 tons or more (excluding those so entered on the basis of paying a fixed contribution);
    - (ii) have one vote for all Ships so entered the Full Tonnage of each of which is less than 1,500 tons (excluding those so entered on the basis of paying a fixed contribution);
    - (iii) have one vote for all Ships so entered on the basis of paying a fixed contribution;
  - (c) if he is a Britannia Member entered for Insurance in respect of reinsurance have one vote for all reinsurances so entered;



- (d) if he is a Britannia Europe Member entered for Insurance in respect of reinsurance have one vote for all reinsurances so entered;
  - (e) if he is a Member pursuant to Article 3(a)(iii), have one vote.
- 23 In the case of joint Members the vote of the senior Member who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, shall be accepted to the exclusion of the other joint Members and for this purpose seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names stand as joint Members in the Register.
- 24 No Member shall, unless the Board otherwise determines, be entitled to vote either in person or by proxy at any Meeting or to exercise any other privilege as a Member unless and until he shall have paid all monies for the time being due and payable from him to Britannia, in the case of Britannia Members, or Britannia Europe, in the case of Britannia Europe Members.
- 25 The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointor or of his attorney duly authorised in writing or, if the appointor is a corporation, either under seal or under the hand of an officer or attorney duly authorised. An instrument of proxy may be in any common form or in such other form as the Board shall approve and need not be witnessed. No person shall be appointed a proxy unless he is himself a Member or the duly authorised representative of a body corporate which is a Member.
- 26 The instrument appointing a proxy and the power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed or a notarially certified copy of that power of attorney or authority shall be deposited at the Office or at such other place within the United Kingdom as is specified for that purpose in the notice convening the Meeting or adjourned Meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote or in the case of a poll not less than 24 hours before the time appointed for the taking of the poll and in default the instrument of proxy shall not be treated as valid.
- 27 No objection shall be raised to the qualification of any voter except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is given or tendered, and every vote not disallowed at such meeting shall be valid for all purposes. Any such objection made in due time shall be referred to the chairman of the meeting, whose decision shall be final and conclusive.
- 28 The instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to confer authority to demand or join in demanding a poll.
- 29 A vote given in accordance with the terms of an instrument of proxy shall be valid notwithstanding the previous death or insanity of the principal, or revocation of the proxy or of the authority under which the proxy was executed, provided that no intimation in writing of such death, insanity or revocation as aforesaid shall have been received by the Association at the place of the meeting before the commencement of the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the proxy is used.
- 30 Any corporation which is a Member may, by resolution of its directors or other governing body, authorise such person as it thinks fit to act as its representative at any meeting of the Association and the person so authorised shall be entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of the corporation which he represents as that corporation could exercise if it were an individual Member.

## **Separate meetings of Categories of Member**

- 31 The Board may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a separate meeting of the Members of either Category and such separate meetings shall also be convened on the signed requisition in writing of not less than fifteen Members of the Category in question being entitled to exercise not less than 15% of the votes exercisable at such meeting. If the Board fails to convene a meeting so requisitioned within twenty-one days from the date of the deposit of the requisition, the requisitionists may themselves convene such a meeting. All the provisions of the Acts shall, mutatis mutandis, apply to any such requisition as if such requisition were in respect of a general meeting of the Association. All the provisions as to general meetings contained in these Articles shall, mutatis mutandis, apply to such separate meetings.

## **Management**

- 32 The business of the Association shall be conducted by the Board and the Managers. The Board shall exercise such powers as are given to them by these Articles and the Managers shall exercise all such other powers of the Association as are not, by the Acts or these Articles, required to be exercised by the Association in general meeting or by the Members of any Category at a separate meeting, but no resolution of the Association in general meeting or the Members of any Category at a separate meeting shall invalidate any prior act of the Board or the Managers which would have been valid if such resolution had not been passed.
- 33 The Board may entrust to, and confer upon, the Managers any of the powers exercisable by the Board upon such terms and conditions and with such restrictions as the Board may think fit and either collaterally with, or to the exclusion of, the Board's own powers and may from time to time revoke, withdraw, alter or vary all or any of such powers.
- 34 The Board shall have power to agree with them the terms of their appointment as the Managers. In the event of their ceasing, for any reason, to be the Managers, then the Board shall have power to appoint new Managers upon such terms as the Board and such new Managers may mutually agree.
- 35 The Managers shall be entitled to attend all meetings of the Board, the Committee and their sub-committees, all general meetings of the Association and all separate meetings of the Members of any Category.
- 36 The Board may exercise all the powers of the Association to borrow money and to mortgage or charge its undertaking and property, or any part thereof, and to issue debentures, debenture stock and other securities whether outright or as security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Association or of any third party.
- 37 The Board may from time to time, and at any time by power of attorney, appoint any company, firm or person or body of persons, whether nominated directly or indirectly by the Board, to be the attorney or attorneys of the Association for such purposes and with such powers, authorities and discretions (not exceeding those vested in or exercisable by the Board under these Articles) and for such period and subject to such conditions as the Board may think fit, and any such powers of attorney may contain such provisions for the protection and convenience of persons dealing with any such attorney as the Board may think fit and may also authorise any such attorney to delegate all or any of the powers, authorities or discretions vested in him.

## Directors

- 38 Unless otherwise determined by the Association by ordinary resolution, the number of Directors shall not be less than seven nor more than fourteen, and shall include:
- (a) two Managers appointed following nomination in accordance with Article 39;
  - (b) one Chairman;
  - (c) if appointed, one Deputy Chairman or two Deputy Chairmen; and
  - (d) at least one but no more than two Expert Directors.
- 39 The Managers shall be entitled to nominate up to two executives of the Managers to be appointed as Directors; Directors so appointed shall not become Members.
- 40 The remuneration of Directors (other than Manager Directors) shall reflect the commitment of time involved in the discharge of their duties, including where applicable as members of sub-committees of the Board or in performing any special or extra services to the Association, and shall be determined by the Board on the recommendation of a sub-committee of the Board charged with making an objective assessment of such remuneration; the sub-committee shall take into account any overlap of time involved in Directors' duties as directors of the Association's subsidiaries. The Directors shall also be entitled to be reimbursed travel and related expenses incurred by them respectively in the performance of their duties in accordance with the Travel Policy approved by the Board on the recommendation of the above sub-committee of the Board.
- 41 A Director may:
- (a) be appointed by the Board to any other office or place of profit under the Association (except that of the auditor or Manager) and such Director may hold such office or place of profit in conjunction with his office as a Director on such terms and at such remuneration as the Board may determine; and
  - (b) act by himself or his firm in a professional capacity for the Association (other than that of auditor) and he or his firm shall be entitled to remuneration for professional services as if he were not a Director.
42. (a) Subject to the provisions of the Acts and the Rules, a Director may:
- (i) be a party to, or otherwise directly or indirectly interested in, any transaction or arrangement with the Association or in which the Association is otherwise interested; and
  - (ii) be a director or other officer of, or employed by, or a party to any transaction or arrangement with, or otherwise directly or indirectly interested in, any body corporate in which the Association is interested

and where a proposed decision of the Board is concerned with such a transaction, arrangement, office or employment, that Director may be counted as participating in the decision making process for quorum and voting purposes, subject to the relevant

Director making a declaration of the nature and extent of his interest in accordance with the Acts.

- (b) Subject to the provisions of the Acts and the Rules, the following shall not be treated as an interest:
    - (i) an interest of which a Director is not aware and of which it is unreasonable to expect him to be aware, or an interest in a transaction or arrangement of which he is not aware and of which it is unreasonable to expect him to be aware;
    - (ii) an interest of which the other Directors are aware, or ought reasonably be aware, to the extent they are or ought reasonably to be aware of such interest;
    - (iii) an interest which cannot reasonably be regarded as giving rise to a conflict of interest; and
    - (iv) an interest if, or to the extent that, that interest contains terms of his service contract or other terms of engagement, which have been, or are to be, considered by a meeting of the Board or a duly appointed committee of the Board.
- 43
- (a) Subject to the provisions of the Rules, the Directors may authorise, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any matter which would otherwise result in a Director infringing his duty to avoid a situation in which he has, or can have, a direct or indirect interest that conflicts, or possibly may conflict, with the interests of the Association and which may reasonably be regarded as likely to give rise to a conflict of interests.
  - (b) Authorisation given by the Directors under Article 43 (a) may be subject to any terms and conditions which the Board considers appropriate and the Board may at any time vary or terminate such authorisation.
  - (c) A decision to authorise any matter under Article 43 (a) may be made either at a meeting of the Board, or by a decision in accordance with Article 61, of those Directors entitled to vote on the matter; but the decision will only be effective if:
    - (i) the quorum for any meeting at which the matter is considered is met without counting the Director in question or any other interested Director; and
    - (ii) the matter is agreed to without any interested Director voting, or would have been agreed to had no interested Directors' votes been counted.
  - (d) The provisions of this Article 43 shall not apply to any conflict of interest arising in relation to a transaction or arrangement between a Director and the Association. Article 42 shall apply to Directors' interests in any such transactions or arrangements.
- 44.
- (a) Where the Directors have authorised any matter under Article 43, or where a matter falls within Article 42, the Directors may, at the time of such authorisation or subsequently, provide (without limitation) that an interested Director:
    - (i) is excluded from discussions (whether at Board meetings or otherwise) related to the matter;
    - (ii) is not given any documents or other information relating to the matter; or

- (iii) both for quorum purposes and for voting purposes may or may not be counted or vote at any future Board meeting in relation to the matter.
- (b) Where the Directors have authorised any matter under Article 43, or where a matter falls within Article 42 (subject to a Director making a declaration of the nature and extent of his interest in an office, employment, transaction or arrangement in accordance with the Acts), then an interested Director:
  - (i) will not be required to disclose to the Association, or use for the benefit of the Association, any confidential information relating to the matter if to make such a disclosure would result in a breach of a duty or obligation of confidence owed by him in relation to or in connection with the matter;
  - (ii) may absent himself from Board meetings at which the matter may be discussed; and
  - (iii) may make such arrangements as he thinks fit not to receive documents and information in relation the matter, or for such documents and information to be received and read by a professional adviser on behalf of that Director.
- (c) Article 44 (b) does not limit any existing law or equitable principle which may excuse a Director from disclosing information in circumstances where disclosure would otherwise be required, or from attending meetings or receiving and reading documents in circumstances where such actions would otherwise be required.
- (d) Where the Directors authorise a matter under Article 43, or where a matter falls within Article 42, then an interested Director:
  - (i) will be obliged to conduct himself in accordance with any terms and conditions imposed by the Directors in relation to the matter; and
  - (ii) will not infringe any duty he owes to the Association under sections 171 to 177 of the Companies Act 2006 if he complies with any terms, limits and conditions (if any) imposed by the Board in relation to the authorisation and, where relevant, makes any disclosure required by the Acts.
- (e) In relation to any matter which has been authorised under Article 43, or where a matter involves a transaction or arrangement which falls within Article 42 (subject to a Director making a declaration of the nature and extent of his interest in an office, employment, transaction or arrangement in accordance with the Acts):
  - (i) an interested Director will not be accountable to the Association for any benefit conferred on him in connection with that matter;
  - (ii) the receipt of such a benefit shall not constitute a breach of his duty under section 176 of the Companies Act 2006; and
  - (iii) no such transaction or arrangement shall be liable to be avoided on the ground of any such interest or benefit.

## **Rotation, appointment, disqualification and removal of Directors**

- 45 One third of the Directors for the time being (excluding those appointed following nomination under Article 39) or, if their number is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest to but not exceeding one third, shall retire from office at each annual general meeting.
- 46 The Directors to retire at each annual general meeting shall be those who have been longest in office since their last appointment but as between persons who became Directors on the same day, those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot. A retiring Director shall be eligible for reappointment and shall act as a Director throughout the meeting at which he retires.
- 47 The Association may, by ordinary resolution at the meeting at which any Director retires in the manner aforesaid, fill the vacated office by appointing a person thereto and in default the retiring Director, if willing to act, shall be deemed to have been reappointed unless at such meeting it is expressly resolved not to fill such vacated office or a resolution for the reappointment of such Director shall have been put to the meeting and lost.
- 48 No person other than a Director retiring at the meeting shall, unless recommended by the Board for appointment, be eligible for appointment to the office of Director at any general meeting unless, not less than seven nor more than twenty-one Clear Days before the date appointed for the meeting, there shall have been left at the Office notice in writing signed by three or more members, duly qualified to be present and vote at the meeting for which such notice is given, of their intention to propose such person for appointment and also notice in writing is received by the Association signed by the person to be proposed indicating his willingness to be appointed.
- 49 The Association may by ordinary resolution increase or decrease the total number of Directors and/or any limit in Article 38 on the number of Directors of a particular type, and determine in what rotation such increased or reduced number shall go out of office and if the number is increased may (subject to the provisions of Article 47) make any appointments necessary to fill the vacancies thereby created.
- 50 The Board shall have power at any time to appoint any person to be a Director either to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the existing Directors but so that such appointment does not (a) breach any limit in Article 38 on the number of Directors of a particular type, or (b) cause the total number of Directors to exceed the number fixed in accordance with these Articles. Any person so appointed to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the existing Directors shall hold office until the next following annual general meeting and shall then be eligible for reappointment but shall not be taken into account in determining the Directors who are to retire by rotation at such meeting.
- 51 The office of a Director shall be vacated if such Director:
- (a) becomes bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors generally;
  - (b) becomes incapable by reason of mental disorder of managing and administering his property and affairs;
  - (c) being a Manager Director, ceases to be employed by the Managers;

- (d) ceases to be a Director or is prohibited from being a Director by an order made under any provisions of the Acts or law;
- (e) resigns his office by notice in writing to the Association;
- (f) ceases in the opinion of the Board to be actively engaged in business;
- (g) attains the age of 70 (unless with the agreement of the Board);
- (h) has served a total of 10 years (unless with the agreement of the Board);
- (i) has served upon him a notice in writing signed by all his co-Directors, but so that if he holds an appointment to an executive office which thereby automatically determines such removal shall be deemed an act of the Association and shall have effect without prejudice to any claim for damages for breach of any contract of service between him and the Association.

52 In addition to any power to remove a Director conferred on the Association by the Acts, the Association may by special resolution remove any Director before the expiration of his period of office and may, if thought fit, by ordinary resolution appoint another person in his stead. Any person so appointed shall hold office until the next following annual general meeting and shall then be eligible for reappointment but shall not be taken into account in determining the Directors who are to retire by rotation at such meeting.

### **Proceedings of the Board**

53 The Board shall meet from time to time as may be required for the purposes of the business of the Association and when, and so often as, a meeting of the Board shall be convened by the Chairman (if any) or the Managers; reasonable notice shall be given to each member of the Board. The quorum necessary for the transaction of business of the Board shall be five or such higher number as from time to time may be fixed by the Board.

54.1 Subject to Article 54.2 the Board or any validly constituted sub-committee of the Board may meet together (either in person and/or by telephone or any other communication equipment which allows all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other) for the despatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings as they think fit. A person participating in any such meeting by telephone or other communication equipment shall be deemed to be present in person at the meeting and shall be entitled to vote and be counted in the quorum accordingly. Such a meeting shall be deemed to take place where the largest group of those participating is assembled, or, if there is no such group, where the chairman of the meeting then is.

54.2 Directors may attend a meeting of the Board or any sub-committee of the Board by telephone or other communication equipment as referred to in Article 54.1 only at the discretion of the Chairman, or in the case of a sub-committee the sub-committee chairman, who may decide either:

- (a) that it is necessary or expedient that all Directors may attend the meeting in such manner; or

- (b) that the circumstances of any individual Director are such that such Director should be permitted to attend the meeting in such manner.
- 55 Questions arising at any Board Meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes. In the case of an equality of votes the Chairman or in his absence the Deputy Chairman (or, where there are two Deputy Chairmen, whichever of the Deputy Chairmen is, pursuant to Article 16, presiding as chairman), shall have a second or casting vote.
- 56 The continuing Directors may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their body, but if their number is reduced below the minimum number of Directors fixed by, or pursuant to, these Articles the continuing Director or Directors may act for the purpose of increasing the number of Directors to that number, or of summoning a general meeting of the Association, but for no other purpose.
- 57 The Board may, from time to time, appoint and remove a Chairman. The Chairman shall preside at all Board Meetings but if no such Chairman is appointed or if at any meeting the Chairman is not present within 15 minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the Directors present shall choose one of their number (excluding the Manager Directors) to be chairman of such meeting.
- 58 The Board may delegate any of its powers to sub-committees consisting of such Director or Directors as it thinks fit. Any sub-committee so formed shall, in the exercise of any powers so delegated, conform to any regulations that may from time to time be imposed upon it by the Board.
- 59 The meetings and proceedings of any such sub-committee consisting of two or more Directors shall be governed by the provisions of these Articles regulating the meetings and proceedings of the Board so far as the same are applicable and are not superseded by any regulations made by the Board under Article 58.
- 60 All acts bona-fide done by the Board or any sub-committee or any person acting as a Director shall, notwithstanding that it shall afterwards be discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any such committee or sub-committee or any such person acting as aforesaid or that they or any of them were disqualified, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed and was qualified to be a Director.
- 61 A resolution in writing, signed by all of the Directors for the time being entitled receive notice of a meeting of the Board, shall be as effective for all purposes as a resolution duly passed at a Board Meeting and may consist of several documents in the like form signed by one or more Directors.
- 62 Member Representative Committee**
- 62.1 There is hereby constituted a consultative committee (the Committee), the role of which is to assist the Board in relation to:
- (a) overall business strategy;
  - (b) investment strategy;
  - (c) calls policy;



- (d) reinsurance arrangements;
- (e) rule changes;
- (f) risk tolerance, risk and capital management;
- (g) loss prevention;
- (h) the exercise of claims discretion of claims not exceeding USD2 million; and
- (i) other matters as requested by the Board.

The Committee shall be made up of Representatives appointed by the Members. The Committee has no power or authority in respect of the management of the business of the Association and the Representatives shall not, in their capacity as such, be Directors or otherwise officers of the Association, nor shall they carry out any Regulated Function in relation to the Association.

- 62.2 Unless otherwise determined by the Association by ordinary resolution the number of Representatives shall be not less than 20 and not more than 40. All Directors, other than Manager Directors, shall become a Representative upon their appointment as Directors (or by virtue of their being Directors at the date of adoption of these Articles) and shall cease to be a Representative upon their ceasing to be a Director. The initial Representatives (in addition to those who are Representatives by virtue of their being Directors) shall be those persons who are appointed a Representative by ordinary resolution at the general meeting at which these Articles are adopted.
- 62.3 Any person shall be eligible to be a Representative if he is the owner or agent of, or employed in an executive capacity by a corporation which is the owner or agent of, a Ship entered for insurance in either Britannia or Britannia Europe, or is a Director as referred to in Article 62.2.
- 62.4 The remuneration of Representatives who are not also Directors shall be determined by the Board on the recommendation of a sub-committee of the Board charged with making an objective assessment of remuneration. Representatives shall also be entitled to be reimbursed travel and related expenses incurred by them respectively in the performance of their duties as such in accordance with the Travel Policy approved by the Board on the recommendation of the above sub-committee of the Board.
- 62.5 Without prejudice to the provisions of Articles 32 to 37 and consistent with the duties of Directors under the Acts, the Board will consult the Committee in relation to the matters referred to in Article 62.1.

### **63 Rotation, appointment, disqualification and removal of Representatives**

- 63.1 One third of the Representatives for the time being (other than those who are Representatives by virtue of their being Directors) or, if their number is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest to but not exceeding one third, shall retire at each annual general meeting.
- 63.2 The Representatives to retire at each annual general meeting shall be those who have been longest in office since their last appointment but as between persons who became Representatives on the same day, those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot. A retiring Representative shall be eligible for reappointment.

- 63.3 The Association may, by ordinary resolution at the meeting at which any Representative retires in the manner aforesaid, fill the vacancy by appointing a person thereto and in default the retiring Representative, if willing to act, shall be deemed to have been reappointed unless at such meeting it is expressly resolved not to fill such vacancy or a resolution for the reappointment of such Representative shall have been put to the meeting and lost.
- 63.4 No person other than a Representative retiring at the meeting shall, unless recommended by the Committee for appointment, be eligible for appointment as a Representative at any general meeting unless, not less than seven nor more than fourteen Clear Days before the date appointed for the meeting, there shall have been left at the Office notice in writing signed by three or more Members, duly qualified to be present and vote at the Meeting for which such notice is given, of their intention to propose such person for appointment and also notice in writing is received by the Association signed by the person to be proposed indicating his willingness to be appointed.
- 63.5 The Association may by ordinary resolution increase or decrease the number of Representatives and determine in what rotation such increased or reduced number shall go out of office and if the number is increased may (subject to the provisions of Article 63.3) make any appointments necessary to fill the vacancies thereby created.
- 63.6 The Committee shall have power at any time, and from time to time, to appoint any person to be a Representative either to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the existing Representatives but so that the total number of Representatives shall not at any time exceed the number fixed in accordance with these Articles. Any person so appointed to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the existing Representatives shall hold office until the next following annual general meeting and shall then be eligible for reappointment but shall not be taken into account in determining the Representatives who are to retire by rotation at such meeting.
- 63.7 The appointment of a Representative shall cease if such Representative:
- (a) becomes bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors generally;
  - (b) becomes incapable by reason of mental disorder of managing and administering his property and affairs;
  - (c) ceases to be eligible, in accordance with Article 62.3, for appointment as a Representative;
  - (d) resigns by notice in writing to the Association;
  - (e) ceases in the opinion of the Committee to be actively engaged in business;
  - (f) has served upon him a notice in writing signed by 75% of his co-Representatives.

#### **64 Proceedings of the Committee**

- 64.1 The Committee shall meet from time to time as may be required for its purposes and when, and so often as, a meeting shall be convened by the Committee Chairman or the Managers; reasonable notice shall be given to each Representative. The quorum necessary for a meeting

of the Committee shall be 10 or such higher number as from time to time may be fixed by the Committee.

- 64.2 Subject to Article 64.3 the Committee or any validly constituted sub-committee of the Committee may meet together (either in person and/or by telephone or any other communication equipment which allows all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other) and adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings as they think fit. A person participating in any such meeting by telephone or other communication equipment shall be deemed to be present in person at the meeting and be entitled to vote and be counted in the quorum accordingly. Such a meeting shall be deemed to take place where the largest group of those participating is assembled or, if there is no such group, where the chairman of the meeting then is.
- 64.3 Representatives may attend a meeting of the Committee or any sub-committee of the Committee by telephone or other communication equipment as referred to in Article 64.2 only at the discretion of the Committee Chairman, or in the case of a sub-committee the sub-committee chairman, who may decide either:
- (a) that it is necessary or expedient that all Representatives may attend the meeting in such manner; or
  - (b) that the circumstances of any individual Representative are such that such Representative should be permitted to attend the meeting in such manner.
- 64.4 Questions arising at any meeting of the Committee shall be decided by a majority of votes. In the case of an equality of votes the Committee Chairman, or in his absence the Committee Deputy Chairman (or, where there are two Committee Deputy Chairmen, whichever of the Committee Deputy Chairmen is, pursuant to Article 64.5, presiding as chairman), shall have a second or casting vote.
- 64.5 The Chairman and Deputy Chairman/Chairmen shall, ex officio, be the Committee Chairman and Committee Deputy Chairman/Chairmen respectively. The Committee Chairman, or in his absence the (or a) Committee Deputy Chairman, shall preside as chairman at all meetings of the Committee but if at any meeting the Committee Chairman and Committee Deputy Chairman/Chairmen are not present within five minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the Representatives present shall choose one of their number to be chairman of such meeting.
- 64.6 The Committee may delegate any of its powers to sub-committees consisting of such Representatives as it thinks fit. Any sub-committee so formed shall, in the exercise of any authorities so delegated, conform to any regulations that may from time to time be imposed upon it by the Committee.
- 64.7 The meetings and proceedings of any such sub-committee consisting of two or more Representatives shall be governed by the provisions of these Articles regulating the meetings and proceedings of the Committee so far as the same are applicable and are not superseded by any regulations made by the Committee.
- 64.8 A resolution in writing signed by all the Representatives for the time being entitled to receive notice of a meeting of the Committee shall be as effective for all purposes as a resolution duly passed at a meeting of the Committee duly convened and held and may consist of several documents in the like form signed by one or more Representatives.

## **Secretary**

- 65 The Secretary shall be appointed by the Board for such term at such remuneration and upon such conditions as it may think fit, and any Secretary so appointed may be removed by the Board. Anything by the Acts or these Articles required or authorised to be done by or to the Secretary may, if the office is vacant, or there is, for any other reason, no Secretary capable of acting, be done by or to any assistant or deputy Secretary or, if there is no assistant or deputy Secretary capable of acting, by or to any employee of the Managers authorised generally or specifically in that behalf by the Board provided that any provision of the Acts or these Articles requiring or authorising a thing to be done by or to a Director and the Secretary shall not be satisfied by its being done by or to the same person acting both as a Director and as, or in the place of, the Secretary.

## **The Seal**

- 66 The Board shall provide for the safe custody of the Seal which shall only be used by the authority of the Board or of a sub-committee authorised by the Board in that behalf and every instrument to which the Seal shall be affixed shall be signed by a Director and shall be countersigned by the Secretary or the Managers.

## **Reserves**

- 67 Any monies for the time being standing to the credit of the Association and not needed to meet expenses and outgoings or as otherwise provided in or required by these Articles, shall be applied for the benefit of Britannia Members and/or former Britannia Members and Britannia Europe Members and/or former Britannia Europe Members in such fair and equitable manner and in such proportions as the Board in its discretion shall reasonably determine.

## **Accounts**

- 68 The Board shall cause proper accounts to be kept in accordance with the provisions of the Acts.
- 69 The books of account shall be kept at the Office or (subject to the provisions of the Acts) at such other place as the Board shall think fit and shall always be open to the inspection of the Board. No Member (not being a Director) shall have any right of inspecting any book or account or document of the Association except as conferred by the Acts or authorised by the Board.
- 70 The Board shall, from time to time, in accordance with the provisions of the Acts, cause to be prepared and to be laid before the Association in general meeting such company accounts and reports as are specified in the Acts.
- 71 A copy of the annual accounts (including every document required by the Acts to be annexed thereto) which is to be laid before the Association in general meeting together with a copy of the auditors' report shall, fourteen days at least before the date of the meeting, be sent to every Member and to the auditors and to every holder of debentures of the Association, provided that this Article shall not require a copy of these documents to be sent to any Member who is not entitled to receive notices of general meetings of the Association.
- 72 The auditors' report shall be open to inspection by any Member.

## **Audit**

73 The provisions of the Acts in regard to audit and auditors shall be observed.

## **Notices and addresses**

74 A notice or other document may be served by the Association upon any Member either:

- (a) personally; or
- (b) by sending it through the post in a prepaid letter addressed to such Member at his address as appearing in the Register; or
- (c) by Electronic Means addressed to such Member at an email address specified by such Member for that purpose; or
- (d) by means of the Association's website.

In the case of joint Members, such notice or other document shall be served on that one of the joint Members whose name stands first in the Register and such service shall be sufficient service upon all the joint Members. In the case of joint Members the address of the joint Member whose name stands first in the Register shall, unless the Board shall otherwise decide, be the address to be entered in the Register for the other Members who are joint Members with such Member. All notices and other documents shall be issued by the Managers.

75 Any Member described in the Register as having an address not within the United Kingdom may give to the Association an address within the United Kingdom at which all notices shall be served upon him and all notices served at such an address shall be deemed to be well served.

76 Any notice or other documents shall be served or deemed to have been served or delivered:

- (a) if served personally, at the time of delivery;
- (b) if served by post, at the expiration of twenty-four hours after the letter containing it was put into the post (and, in proving such service or sending, it shall be sufficient to prove that the letter containing the notice or document was properly addressed and put into the post as a prepaid letter);
- (c) if served by Electronic Means, on the day after it was despatched (and, in proving such service, it shall be sufficient to prove that the notice or other document was duly despatched); or
- (d) if served by means of the Association's website, on the date on which notification of its availability on the website is deemed to have been served.

## **Winding up**

77 In the event of the Association being wound up, the assets of the Association remaining after payment of all debts and liabilities of the Association and of all costs, charges and expenses of winding up, shall be distributed amongst such of the Britannia Members and/or former Britannia Members and Britannia Europe Members and/or former Britannia Europe Members, in each case insured or reinsured in Britannia or Britannia Europe under policies that became

effective on or after the first day of the last five financial years during which insurance coverage was written by Britannia or Britannia Europe, in such fair and equitable manner and in such proportions or amounts as the Board in its discretion shall reasonably determine prior to such winding up and subject always to the final decision of any liquidator.

## Indemnity

78 The Association shall indemnify each Director, Manager, other person carrying out any Regulated Function, Secretary and any other officer of the Association against each loss, liability and cost which he may incur in connection with negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust by him (a "Liability") provided that the Liability is incurred by him in connection with the performance of his duties, obligations or role as a Director, Manager or other person carrying out a Regulated Function, Secretary or other officer of the Association subject to the following restrictions:

- (a) the Association shall not indemnify him to the extent the Liability is incurred by him to the Association or a subsidiary company;
- (b) the Association shall not indemnify him to the extent the Liability is incurred by him to pay (i) a fine imposed in criminal proceedings, or (ii) a sum payable to a regulatory authority by way of a penalty in respect of their non-compliance with any requirement of a regulatory nature (however arising);
- (c) the Association shall not indemnify him to the extent the Liability is incurred by him (i) in defending any criminal proceedings in which he is Finally convicted, or (ii) in defending any civil proceedings brought by the Association, or a subsidiary company, in which the Final judgment is given against him; and
- (d) the Association shall not indemnify him other than to the extent it is lawful to do so under sections 232, 233 and 234 of the Companies Act 2006.

79 The Association shall provide each Director, Manager or other person carrying out a Regulated Function, Secretary or other officer with sufficient funds to meet any expenditure incurred or to be incurred by him and to do anything in its power to assist him to avoid incurring such expenditure:

- (a) in defending any criminal or civil proceedings; or
- (b) in connection with any application made by him under section 1157 Companies Act 2006, in each case in connection with the performance of his duties, obligations or role as a Director, Manager or other person carrying out a Regulated Function, Secretary or other officer of the Association provided that the terms of the Association doing such thing or providing or agreeing to provide such funds are such that such Director, Manager or other person carrying out a Regulated Function, Secretary or other officer agrees to repay such funds and that any liability of the Association under any transaction connected with the doing of such thing or the provision of such funds falls to be discharged by the Director, Manager or other person carrying out a Regulated Function, Secretary or other officer not later than the date on which the Ruling becomes Final either in the event of the Director, Manager or other person carrying out a Regulated Function, Secretary or other officer being convicted, or in the event of

judgment being given against him, or in the event of the court refusing to grant him relief (as the case may be).

80 For the purposes of Article 78 and 79:

"subsidiary company" means a company which is a subsidiary of the Association as defined in the Acts;

"Final" or "Finally" means in respect of a Ruling, the point at which (a) if the Ruling is not appealed against, the period for bringing an appeal ends; or (b) if the Ruling is appealed against, the appeal (or any further appeal) (i) is determined and the period for bringing any further appeal ends, or (ii) is abandoned or otherwise ceases to have effect; and

"Ruling" means a conviction, judgment or refusal of relief, as the context requires.

### **Guarantee**

81 Every member of the Association undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Association in the event of the same being wound up during the time that he is a Member, or within one year afterwards, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Association, contracted before the time at which he ceases to be a Member, and the costs, charges and expenses of winding up the same, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories amongst themselves, such amount as may be required, not exceeding five pounds.