

Credit control procedures.

1 Your company

Company name

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Address

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Postcode

Country

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National ID

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Please provide full details of your trading activities

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2 IT systems

2.1 Is credit control centralised across all operations to be covered by the policy?

Yes

No

If yes, where is it controlled from?

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If no, then please explain how the various units co-ordinate

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2.2 Do you utilise a credit management software package?

Yes

No

If yes, please state which

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Is the same package used across the business and all group companies?

Yes

No

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3 Credit department

3.1	Do you operate with a Group/Company Credit Manual?	Yes	No
	If yes, how frequently is this manual updated? Please provide a copy		
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3.2	How are other departments made aware of credit management procedures?		
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3.3	When were your Terms and Conditions last reviewed?		
	Please provide a copy of them		
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3.4	Do all debtors agree contractual terms prior to setting a credit limit?	Yes	No
	Are these signed agreements?	Yes	No
3.5	How are your customers made aware of your terms and conditions?		
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	Is this prior to setting a credit limit?	Yes	No
3.6	Do you advise to a new customer your Terms and Conditions of Sale prior to goods being delivered/services rendered?	Yes	No
3.7	Do you ever accept a customers terms and conditions over your own? If yes please state details in Section 9	Yes	No
3.8	At what point would you consider an order accepted?		
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3.9	Are order acknowledgements always issued?	Yes	No
3.10	Are proof of deliveries always issued?	Yes	No
3.11	Are export customers treated any differently from domestic ones?	Yes	No
	If exporting, do you have local representation that assists credit control?	Yes	No
	Do you have existing relationships with overseas lawyers/collection agents?	Yes	No
3.12	Can decisions in the credit department be overruled?		
	If so, by whom?		
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	How often has this happened in the past year?		
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3 Credit department (continued)

3.13 What are the maximum internal credit limits that can be approved and by whom?

Name	Title	Authority level
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3.14 Are credit limits that you set inclusive of VAT?

Yes No

3.15 Do you set credit limits on:

Individual debtors?

Yes No

A debtor's parent company/intermediate holding company(ies)?

Yes No

The group ultimate parent company to which the debtor belongs?

Yes No

If the answer to any of the above is no, please explain how debtor exposures and group aggregations are monitored and controlled

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3.16 How are high risk debtors flagged and monitored?

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4 Setting internal credit limits

4.1 Is a new account application form completed?

Yes No

If yes, please provide a sample copy.

Credit limit amount

Minimum information

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4.2 What is the process to help ensure that the correct principal to contract is identified prior to setting a credit limit?

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4 Setting internal credit limits (continued)

4.3 What information do you utilise to assess your debtors' creditworthiness?

4.3a Credit agency reports?

Yes No

If yes, which agencies do you use?

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Do you have a real time monitoring service with your provider?

Yes No

How frequently are these updated?

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Are old reports retained and if so, how are they stored?

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How do you use the report to justify credit limits?

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4.3b Previous trading experience?

Yes No

If yes, how is it reviewed and stored?

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How do you use trading experience to justify credit limits?

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4.3c Financial Accounts?

Yes No

How frequently are these updated?

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What level of analysis is carried out on the financial accounts?

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How are credit limits set?

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4.3d Buyer visit?

Yes No

If yes, when would a debtor require a visit?

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Are meeting reports compiled and if so, where are they stored?

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4.4 Do you have any existing long term or binding contracts?

Yes No

If yes, please provide details

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5 Existing debtors: maintaining and increasing credit limits

- 5.1** How often do you review your internal credit limits? Does this vary based on level of perceived debtor risk or limit value?

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- 5.2** Is an increased credit limit application form completed?

Yes No

If yes, please provide a sample copy if different to the new account application form.

- 5.3** Does the information required to increase a credit limit differ from that required to open a new account?

Yes No

Please explain

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- 5.4** Do you give seasonal/temporary uplifts on credit limits?

Yes No

If yes, what is the process to authorise temporary uplift?

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If the information required is different to a permanent increase please state

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What is the average duration of a temporary uplift?

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What would the average percentage uplift of a temporary increase be?

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- 5.5** Do you retain the credit limit and debtor history?

Yes No

If yes, how and where do you store it?

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- 5.6** Do you ever trade in excess of your set credit limits?

Yes No

If yes, who has the authority to sign it off and how often does this generally happen?

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6 Acceptance, delivery and invoicing

6.1 Is the status of an account checked before orders are accepted? **Yes** **No**

If yes when?

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6.2 Is the status of an account checked before new deliveries are made? **Yes** **No**

If yes when?

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6.3 How soon are invoices raised after delivery or date services rendered? **Yes** **No**

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6.4 How often do you send out statements to debtors?

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6.5 Do you show ageing of the account on your statements? **Yes** **No**

7 Collection practices

7.1 To ensure prompt payment what action do you take?

Action	Days before due date	Days before due date
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Telephone	Yes No
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Writing	Yes No
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Other	Yes No
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7.2 Do you monitor changes in payment patterns? **Yes** **No**

If yes, do you take action as a result of deterioration? **Yes** **No**

7.3 What is the process you use to authorise repayment plans when accounts are overdue?

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7.4 What is the maximum period you allow a customer to reschedule an overdue debt?

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Do you have guidelines? **Yes** **No**

7 Collection practices (continued)

7.5 On overdue accounts relating to undisputed debts, how many days after due date would you:

Action	Days before due date
Place an account on stop?
Instruct solicitors/collection agent?
Commence legal action?

7.6 Where are notes relating to the collections process recorded?

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7.7 Do you make any exceptions as to when you place an account on stop and cease delivery? Yes No

If yes, under what circumstances?

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7.8 Who has the authority to place an account on stop?

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7.9 When an account is placed on stop are other departments including associated credit departments made aware of this? Yes No

7.10 How are overdue accounts monitored and reviewed?

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7.11 What attitude do you take towards further deliveries under a contract where there are payment delays?

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7.12 How are disputes and queries identified as such on your system?

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7.13 Do you operate with any consignment or self billing stock agreements? Yes No

If yes, on average how many accounts does this affect? Please supply agreement wordings

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7.14 Do you have retention of title within your terms and conditions? Yes No

7.15 What securities or recourse do you have in the event of non-payment?

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8 Information to attach

Credit manual	Yes	No
Terms and conditions of sale	Yes	No
New account application form	Yes	No
Details of any long-term/binding contracts	Yes	No

9 Additional Information

Please use the space provided below for any additional information

10 Your duty of fair presentation

- 10.1** The insured must make a fair presentation of the risk (as set out in the Insurance Act 2015 or successor or amending legislation) in proposing for, or proposing to vary, this insurance.

Remedies for breach of the duty of fair presentation – proposing for this insurance

If the insured or anyone acting on its behalf breaches the insured's duty of fair presentation then the insurer's remedies shall be as follows:

- a) if such breach is deliberate or reckless, the insurer may:
 - i) treat this policy as having been terminated from its inception; and
 - ii) retain the premium;
- b) if such breach is not deliberate or reckless and the insurer would not have entered into this policy but for the breach, the insurer may by notice to the insured treat this policy as having been terminated from its inception in which case the insurer shall return the premium; and
- c) in all other cases if, but for the said breach, the insurer would have entered into this policy but:
 - i) on different terms (other than terms relating to the premium), the insurer may require that this policy is treated as if it had been entered into on those different terms from the outset; or
 - ii) would have charged a higher premium, the insurer may reduce proportionately the amount to be paid on a claim (and, if applicable, the amount already paid on prior claims). In those circumstances, the insurer shall pay only X% of what it would otherwise have been required to pay, where $X = (\text{premium actually charged/higher premium}) \times 100$.

Material changes during the policy period

The insured must notify the insurer within thirty (30) days of any material change to the insured, its business or the risks insured if indemnity under this insurance is sought in relation to any such change.

The insurer shall not indemnify the insured for any liability arising out of a material change for which indemnity would otherwise have been available under this insurance unless the insurer has provided valid confirmation of cover, whether by an express term of this policy, endorsement, written confirmation or otherwise.

10.2 Co-insurance

Under the terms of your policy, you will be your own insurer for:

- a) an agreed percentage of any loss you may suffer;
- b) so much of any indebtedness owing to you as exceeds the permitted limit; and
- c) any deductibles applicable to your policy.

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11 Declaration

I/we declare that this proposal contains every material circumstance of which I/we are aware following a reasonable search and that the information contained in this proposal (including all attachments, if applicable) is substantially correct.

I/we undertake to inform the insurer of any material alteration to the information contained in this proposal as may be necessary to comply with my/our duty of fair presentation as set out in the Insurance Act 2015.

If this proposal has been completed on my/our behalf, I/we agree the person is deemed to be my/our agent and not an agent for QBE Europe SA/NV and QBE UK Limited and that I/we have read the information provided before signing the form.

I/we confirm that I/we have read and understood the above Declaration and the Important Notes overleaf.

**Company stamp or
full name of company(s)**

Signature

Date /

Name of signatory

Position in company

Email

12 Broker/Agent

Company stamp name

Address

Contact name

Email

13 Important notes

13.1 Choice of contract law

Unless it is agreed otherwise, the law that applies to this contract is the law of that part of the United Kingdom where your principal premises is located.

In addition any legal proceedings between you and us in connection with this contract will only take place in the courts of that part of the United Kingdom where your principal premises is located and are subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of that court.

13.2 Compensation

QBE UK Limited is covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. This provides compensation in case any of its members are unable, in specified circumstances, to meet any valid claims under their policies. Compensation for noncompulsory insurance will be paid at 90% with no upper limit and at 100% if the insurance is legally compulsory with no upper limit. Compensation is only available to commercial customers in limited circumstances.

Further information can be obtained from QBE at the address below, or from the Financial Services Compensation Scheme at the following address: Financial Services Compensation Scheme, PO Box 300, Mitcheldean, GL17 1DY; or from their website www.fscs.org.uk/contact-us/.

13.3 Data Privacy Notice

Any personal data provided to the insurer will be processed in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations and in accordance with the privacy notice which can be found at <https://qbeeurope.com/privacy-policy/>. Alternatively the insured may contact the insurer's Data Protection Officer to request a copy of the full privacy notice by email: dpo@uk.qbe.com or by writing to: the Data Protection Officer, QBE European Operations, 30 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 3BD.

13.4 Fraud Act 2006

If you provide an answer/information which you know is untrue, or deliberately fail to provide information that we have requested (e.g. previous accidents) you may be committing a criminal offence.

13.5 Records

The insurer may hold documents relating to this insurance and any claims under it in electronic form and may destroy the originals. It is hereby agreed that an electronic copy of any such document will be admissible in evidence to the same extent as, and carry the same weight as, the original.

13 Important notes (continued)

13.6 The law and language applicable to the policy

The language applicable to the policy.

The language used in this policy and any communications relating to it will be English.

13.7 Your insurer

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