



Statutory Environmental Damage Insurance



PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

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This product description provides an overall picture of the scope of compensation provided by environmental damage insurance.

Please also read the insurance terms and conditions because they define the content of the insurance. The following are applied to this policy:

- the insurance terms and conditions of environmental damage insurance YM 01.

What does statutory environmental damage insurance cover?

Environmental damage insurance covers environmental damage caused after 1 January 1999 in industries that require a permit and have high risks. However, the injured party may only receive compensation in cases when compensation is unavailable from the party causing the loss owing to insolvency, the party causing the loss has no general liability insurance to cover it, or the party causing the loss is unknown.

Statutory environmental damage insurance only covers losses caused to a third party.

The insurance covers environmental losses caused by the conducted operation and any consequent bodily injury and material damage, financial loss that is not inconsiderable, and the prevention and remediation costs of the environmental damage. The insurance does not cover loss or damage caused to the liable party.

Insurance is obligatory in certain industries

Parties with obligation to insure

Companies under private law must take out insurance if

- their operations pose a significant risk of environmental damage
- their operations may cause damage to the environment and the party carrying out the operations has one of the following permits
 - Environmental permit issued by a regional state administrative agency (AVI)
 - Permit issued by the Safety Technology Authority (TUKES) for the handling or storage of a dangerous chemical or explosive.

Exempt from obligation to insure

The obligation to insure does not apply to

- Companies under private law operating under an environmental

permit processed and decided on by the municipal environmental protection authority

- Operations related to the storage or distribution of oil or oil products; lubricant manufacture; cleaning of contaminated soil; or utilisation of waste, unless the operation requires an environmental permit for some other reason
- Businesses that have an obligation to make a precautionary notification pursuant to the Decree on Precautionary Measures for the Protection of Water.

Territorial validity, maximum indemnity and deductible

Environmental damage insurance is valid in Finland. The sum insured is EUR 6 million per loss and a maximum total of EUR 10 million during the year. The deductible for the party suffering loss is in the case of natural persons EUR 300 and EUR 3,000 in the case of companies.

Factors affecting the premium

The insurance premium is based on

- the company's line of business
- the extent of the company's operations (net sales excluding VAT)
- the assumed risk level of the activity (risk categories 1-3).

The premium basis is the net sales related to the activity for which insurance is obligatory.

Claims handling and compensation

Instructions

As soon as the loss is detected, efforts must be made to limit the loss occurred and eliminate the cause of the loss. After this, you should focus on preventing subsequent losses and any further damage.

Filing a claim under environmental damage insurance

Claims handling and compensation of environmental damage takes place in the Environmental Insurance Centre.

A claim must be filed to OP or the Environmental Insurance Centre no later than three years from the date when the party suffering loss has found out that the compensation cannot be obtained from the party liable for the loss or the party liable for the loss has not been identified.

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