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## I. DEFINITIONS

The following provisions apply to the whole agreement.

### 1. VAB nv

VAB nv, with a registered office in Belgium, Pastoor Coplaan 100, 2070 Zwijndrecht, BE 0436.267.594, is a mobility organisation that offers breakdown assistance for covered wheelchair. The insurance products are guaranteed by VAB nv.

### 2. The insured person

- The *Wheelchair assistance* is person-specific: anyone who is mentioned in the proof of subscription and requests assistance with the insured wheelchair will be eligible to receive our help.
- The person who took out the VAB nv assistance and who is mentioned by name in the proof of subscription.

### 3. The insured wheelchair

The beneficiary mentioned can benefit from assistance for both electric and manual wheelchairs. The wheelchair belonging to the rightful owner/user is entitled to the services discussed in these terms and conditions.

### 4. Immobility

Immobility is defined as the inoperability of the covered wheelchair that occurs suddenly and unexpectedly without malicious intent and where the intervention of the VAB Roadside Assistance force is demanded immediately.

### 5. Residence

This is the address in Belgium, the residence of the underwriter. This address is mentioned in the contract.

### 6. ICE - In Case of Emergency

The beneficiary must provide the telephone number of an emergency contact. This number will be included in the agreement.

If the wheelchair cannot safely be made roadworthy, the contact person can be called to take the beneficiary home, if the latter cannot get into the breakdown vehicle by themselves. The contact person can also request an intervention, if the beneficiary is unable to do so.



## II. THE CONTRACT

### 1. Payment and commencement of the contract

After drawing up your contract, you will receive an invitation to pay. The contract shall commence starting from the day after payment. Likewise, breakdown or accident cover also starts from the day after payment.

VAB nv will send you an invitation to pay this contract a few weeks before the end date. VAB nv always reserves the right to refuse a subscription or extension for whatever reason.

In the event of payment of the membership contribution by direct debit, and if the member applies for and obtains a refund of the membership contribution in accordance with the Law of 10 December 2009 on payment services within 8 weeks of debiting his account, the membership contribution will be invoiced to the member. If, in the meantime, however, breakdown assistance has already been provided, the membership contribution will be invoiced to the member as stipulated above if the member subscribes at the time of the actual breakdown or accident.

Any additional bills must be paid to VAB nv within 14 days of the intervention.

*What in case of non-payment?*

- Without prejudice to its right to claim higher compensation subject to proof of higher damage actually suffered, is VAB nv, in the event of failure to pay one or more invoices in full and on time, entitled to:
  - a) if the customer is a consumer and has not proceeded to payment within a period of 14 calendar days following the sending of a first reminder: default interest at the legal interest rate, and this from the date of the second reminder and a fixed compensation as follows :
    - € 20 if the amount due is less than or equal to € 150
    - € 30 plus 10% of the amount due on the tranche between € 150.1 and € 500 if the balance due is between € 150.1 and € 500
    - € 65 plus 5% of the amount due on the tranche above € 500 with a maximum of € 2000 if the balance due is above € 500
  - b) if the customer is a company, automatically and without prior notice: (i) default interest equal to the interest rate provided for in the Law of 2 August 2002 on combating late payment in commercial transactions as from the due date of the invoice in question and (ii) liquidated damages equal to 10% of the amount owed, with a minimum of €75.
- VAB nv will provide the customer, upon request, with all documentary evidence of the debt and information on how to conduct a dispute.
- Non-payment on the due date renders all amounts still due immediately payable, irrespective of any payment terms already granted;
- In the event of non-payment, VAB nv also has the right to suspend any service until full payment of the bill and the costs referred to above;
- In the event of non-payment within 14 days of the breakdown, VAB nv shall be entitled to declare the application for connection as null and void and to charge the actual cost of the intervention.

Sums already paid will be considered as definitively acquired.

*Disputes*

The invoice must be disputed within 8 days of the invoice date, VAB nv will not accept any further disputes after this date. The beneficiary is also aware that if he/she does not pay outstanding invoices on the due date – or does so late – he/she will be obliged, without any formality or notice of default, to pay all outstanding invoices in his/her name immediately.

The parties explicitly agree and acknowledge that the place of execution of the agreement is the registered office of the supplier and that all disputes relating to the invoice are subject to Belgian law and are in accordance with article 624.2° of the Belgian Judicial Code, which shall be submitted to the courts of the district of Antwerp.

*Rate change*

The rates of our breakdown assistance and insurance products may be revised annually.

VAB nv reserves the right to change the conditions at any time. The applicable terms and conditions will be communicated at each subscription or renewal. The updated conditions and rates can always be consulted on the website at [vab.be/voorwaarden](http://vab.be/voorwaarden) or via chat or our customer service.

This communication serves as an announcement in the sense of the Law of 10 December 2009 on payment services. In the event of a dispute, the courts of the district of Antwerp shall have exclusive jurisdiction.

### 2. Validity and termination of the contract

The 12-month term of the VAB contract is stated in the proof of subscription. The period of validity cannot be temporarily suspended.

Annual contracts are tacitly renewed for successive periods of one year, unless you cancel the contract at least 2 months before the renewal date. VAB can cancel up to 3 months before the renewal date.

From the second policy year, you can cancel your contract at any time, with effect after 2 months from the day after the registered letter has been submitted, the service, the date of the acknowledgement of receipt, or an email to [contact@vab.be](mailto:contact@vab.be).

*Right of Cancellation*

If the insurance contract is established through a distance selling process, you have the right to revoke the contract within 14 calendar days from the date of taking out said insurance contract. The policy must have a validity of more than 30 days and no intervention may yet have been provided with regard to this policy. It can be revoked without giving any reason and is free of charge. Where applicable, you will owe VAB nv that part of the premium that corresponds to the period of cover that has already lapsed. The termination shall take effect on the date of sending of the e-mail or on the date of posting.

### 3. Prescription

The statutory limitation period is three years, after which you can no longer rely on this insurance. This period starts from the day of the claim. If you only become aware of the claim at a later date, this period only starts from the date on which you discovered the claim. Any right to a possible intervention expires after five years.

### 4. What are the benefits of my VAB contract?

By signing or renewing a VAB contract, you can automatically enjoy interesting customer benefits. You will also receive our digital newsletter.

### 5. Where is the insurance valid?

*Wheelchair Assistance:*  
in Belgium.

### 6. Your obligations

When a requested assistance cannot be carried out - beyond the road guard's control - a useless displacement will be charged to the customer. A useless displacement includes when our roadside assistance officer arrives on the scene and our customer and/or the bicycle is no longer present at the breakdown site or he does not have access to the site where the immobile bicycle is located, when the immobile bicycle stops within a radius of 5 km after it has left its recovery site, ...

*You commit to:*

- Show the VAB road guard your identity card if asked. If you are unable to prove your identity, subscription costs may be charged;
- Co-operate with the administrative formalities and obligations necessary to enable the assistance requested to be carried out;
- Provide the details of a contact person when drawing up the agreement (ICE);
- Give VAB nv correct information about the covered claim;
- Provide proof of the costs incurred on the basis of original invoices and/or certificates.

### 7. How can I contact VAB?



*What do I have to do in the event of a claim?*

In the event of any type of benefits, you must notify our emergency call centre right away so we can immediately give you the initial instructions and can notify our roadside assistance agent. If you don't notify us, we can refuse the costs afterwards.

In the event of a breakdown or accident in Belgium, you can contact our emergency centre on 078 222 222.

**8. What happens in the event of complaints?**

In the event of a complaint, you can contact the VAB complaints service ([klachtenbehandeling@vab.be](mailto:klachtenbehandeling@vab.be)).



### III. THE WHEELCHAIR ASSISTANCE

#### 1. When is assistance provided?

The guarantee applies to the unexpectedly technically or legally immobilised insured wheelchair located in Belgium and counting from the place of residence of the entitled party. Wheelchair assistance is only provided if the bicycle is located on a road that is accessible to a VAB nv assistance vehicle.

Immobility is defined as the inoperability of the covered vehicle that occurs suddenly and unexpectedly without malicious intent and where the intervention of the VAB Roadside Assistance force is demanded immediately. The immobilisation is the result of an accident, technical defect, flat tyre, battery problem or vandalism.

#### 2. The assistance consists of:

- ▣ Sending a VAB Roadside Assistance worker on site. They will attempt to make the wheelchair roadworthy again, possibly on a temporary basis. For most interventions, an on-the-spot repair is possible;
- ▣ If the wheelchair cannot be repaired on the spot by the VAB Roadside Assistance worker, towing is possible. In the event of towing, our VAB Roadside Assistance workers are neither qualified nor insured to lift people with a physical disability or reduced mobility into a breakdown truck. In these cases, we will work with the customer to find another solution:
  - ▣ We will either contact the emergency number that was included in the agreement in advance (ICE) to help bring you home;
  - ▣ Or we will contact our partner, who specialises in the transport of persons with a disability. There are no additional costs involved.
- ▣ If, at the time of the intervention, the right holder is the only person accompanying one or more minor children, we will also organise the transport of the children (*max. 3 children*);
- ▣ In the event of the theft of the wheelchair, we will organise and bear the costs of transporting the right holder to his or her place of departure or arrival in Belgium up to a maximum of € 80. This guarantee applies once in a contract/year and is only granted if the right holder can prove that all precautions have been taken to minimise the risk of theft of the bicycle and if the theft has been reported to the police.

#### 3. What is not covered by the guarantees?

*We are not obliged to intervene in the case of:*

- ▣ Services of any kind, which at the time of the event were not requested from the VAB Emergency Call Centre or which were not carried out by us or with our agreement, are not eligible for a refund. Failure to follow the established procedure and/or failure to provide the necessary proof will also lead to the refusal of a refund;
- ▣ The practice of all sports/activities as a profession or for remuneration is excluded, including competitions and training sessions;
- ▣ Excessive use of alcohol or the use of medicines or narcotics that have not been prescribed by a physician, unless there is no causal connection with the harmful event;
- ▣ Regularly recurring defect in the wheelchair, as a result of inadequate maintenance;
- ▣ Defects and breakdowns, the price of the spare parts, the maintenance costs of the bicycle and the repair costs, if the bicycle is already at a repair shop (*incl. the costs for the specifications and disassembly of the bicycle by the repair shop*);
- ▣ Damages caused intentionally by the right holder or as a result of an accident occurring as a result of bets or challenges;
- ▣ Damages resulting from an accident resulting from a dispute, aggression or attack of which the right holder was a provocateur or instigator;
- ▣ Organised rides, where the organisation provides technical assistance. Only if this assistance is unable to solve the problem can VAB nv be called upon;
- ▣ Defects resulting from the use of non-original spare parts;

- ▣ In the event of towing, our VAB Roadside Assistance workers are neither qualified nor insured to lift people with a physical disability or reduced mobility into a breakdown truck;
- ▣ Request for reimbursement for events prior to the start date of the contract;
- ▣ Costs that are not explicitly mentioned as insured.

*We cannot be held liable for:*

- ▣ Late, incomplete or non-execution of the assistance, or for shortfalls in the execution of the assistance, in the event of circumstances independent of our will or in the event of force majeure, such as terrorism, war, popular uprising, insurrection, strike, retaliation measures, restriction of freedom of movement, radioactivity, (*binding*) provisions of Belgian or foreign authorities (*e.g. negative travel advice or travel ban, lockdown, quarantine measures*), natural disaster, and so on.



## LEGALLY REQUIRED INFORMATION

### Privacy

VAB nv respects the privacy of its members, clients and the users of its website. In order to be able to provide you, as a customer, with our services and products, we need to request some personal data. VAB nv strives to process these personal data in a legal, fair and transparent manner.

More information about these regulations can be obtained on the website [gegevensbeschermingsautoriteit.be](http://gegevensbeschermingsautoriteit.be).

Clients who are dissatisfied because VAB nv has not complied with their privacy legislation always have the right to lodge a complaint with the Data Protection Authority via [contact@apd-gba.be](mailto:contact@apd-gba.be).

*Each person whose data is processed by VAB nv (this is the data subject) has various rights:*

- Right to information;
- Right of access;
- Right of rectification;
- Right of erasure;
- Right to restriction of processing;
- Right to transferability of data;

- Right to object.

*These rights can be exercised in two ways:*

- By e-mail for the attention of [privacy@vab.be](mailto:privacy@vab.be), or;
- By means of a written request for the attention of:

VAB nv, Risicobeheer-Gegevensbescherming,  
Pastoor Coplaan 100, B-2070 Zwijndrecht.

You can consult our complete privacy statement on our website:

[vab.be/nl/over-vab/privacy](http://vab.be/nl/over-vab/privacy)

If you wish, you can also request this in writing at our VAB Customer Service department:

VAB nv, Customer Service, Pastoor Coplaan 100, B-2070 Zwijndrecht.

### Fraud

In order to encourage solidarity between policyholders and to avoid unnecessary premium increases, we are taking active action against all forms of abuse and fraud. Insurance fraud is a criminal offence and can lead to criminal prosecution.