



Aggregation Business Interruption Causation

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A Aggregation Principles

Event and occurrence mean something that happens at a particular time, at a particular place and in a particular way. There must be: (a) a happening;
(b) capable of being described as an event; (c) losses that are closely connected by time, location and motive; (d) causal link between the event and the losses; (e) lack of remoteness between the event and the losses

A cause, originating cause or source is a wider concept and encompasses the underlying reason or state of affairs for the loss.

Increasing use of series clauses, aggregating series of related losses.



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BI is rarely standalone and forms a section in a general property cover

The primary trigger for BI is physical loss of or damage to the insured property in the period of insurance

There is often a requirement that there has been a successful claim for property damage under the policy

There are secondary (often sublimited) deemed damage extensions/triggers for, during the policy period: disease on or near premises; official closure by reason of an event on or near premises; or official closure due to disease on or near premises

The sum recoverable is loss in the indemnity period, which commonly runs beyond the duration of the policy itself



C Causation Principles

Any loss must be proximately caused by an insured peril

The test may be altered by express wording

If the loss is concurrently caused by an insured peril and an uninsured peril, the insured peril prevails



If the loss is concurrently caused by an insured peril and an excluded peril, the exclusion takes priority

The burden of proving an insured peril is on the assured and the insurers must then prove a defence

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If the policy is all risks, the assured need only prove the loss



Some Causation Conundrums



Brian Leighton (Garages) Ltd v Allianz Insurance Plc [2023] EWCA Civ 8



Allianz Insurance Plc v University of Exeter [2023] EWHC 630 (TCC)



Concurrent Causes



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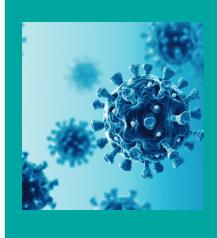
Discovery Land Company LLC v AXIS Specialty Europe SE [2023] EWHC 779 (Comm)



Sky UK Ltd v Riverstone Managing Agency Ltd [2023] EWHC 1207 (Comm)



Business Interruption Triggers



LCA Marrickville Pty Ltd v Swiss Re International SE [2022] FCAFC 17



TKC London Ltd v Allianz Insurance Ltd [2021] EWHC 2710 (Comm) Bellini (N/E) Ltd v Brit UW Ltd [2023] EWHC 1545 (Comm)



Various Eateries Trading Ltd v Allianz Insurance Plc [2022] EWHC 2549 (Comm)



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Financial Conduct Authority v Arch Insurance and Others [2021] UKSC 1



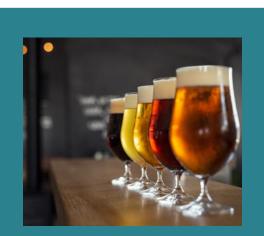
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Corbin & King Ltd v AXA Insurance UK Plc [2022] EWHC 409 (Comm)



London International Exhibition Centre Plc v Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance Plc [2023] EWHC 1481 (Comm)



Stonegate Pub Company Ltd v MS Amlin Corporate Member Ltd [2022] EWHC 2548 (Comm); Various Eateries Trading Ltd v Allianz Insurance Plc [2022] EWHC 2549 (Comm)



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PizzaExpress Group Ltd v Liberty Mutual Insurance Europe SE [2023] EWHC 1269 (Comm)



Business Interruption Subrogation



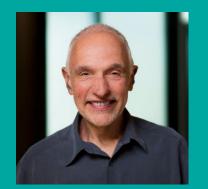
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