

ESSURE CLAIMS FOUNDATION

Claim Code Compliance Document

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INTRODUCTION

Essure Claims Foundation (the “**Foundation**”) was established in 2019 and currently has a management board (the “**Board**”) consisting of three directors and a supervisory board (the “**Supervisory Board**”) consisting of three supervisory directors.

The Board is charged with the management of the Foundation, and it requires prior written approval of the Supervisory Board for certain resolutions that may significantly impact the Foundation and/or its (endeavors to achieve its) objects.

The Foundation endorses the Claim Code that came into force on 1 July 2011 as amended on 4 March 2019 (the “**Claim Code**”). The Claim Code consists of principles (the “**Principles**”) that are considered to be broadly accepted general guidelines and views on how claim foundations and associations should represent collective interests, including – but not limited to – litigation. The Principles create a set of standards for the founders, directors, supervisory boards and consultants and advisors engaged by the foundation or association.

PRINCIPLE I: COMPLIANCE WITH THE CLAIM CODE

The compliance of the Foundation to the Claim Code is discussed annually in a joint meeting of the Board and the Supervisory Board. If and when the Board wishes to deviate from the Claim Code, it will need prior written approval of the Supervisory Board as set out in clause 7.1 articles of association of the Foundation (the “**Articles**”).

This document is a document as set out in clause 7.2 of the Articles and Elaboration 1 of Principle I of the Claim Code and will be published on the Foundation’s website: <https://essureclaimlawyersnl.com/nl/>.

PRINCIPLE II: PROTECTING COLLECTIVE INTERESTS ON A NON-PROFIT BASIS

The Foundation acts as a non-profit entity in the collective interests of all the injured women who have suffered damage and/or are at risk of suffering damage as a result of Bayer's actions and/or omissions with regard to the Essure implant (the “**Aggrieved Women**”).

The Foundation does not generate revenues by requiring the Aggrieved Women to pay a registration fee. The risk of inappropriate use of such funds – for which the Claim Code provides important safeguards – is therefore absent.

Clause 27.5 Articles provides that if the Board adopts a resolution to dissolve the Foundation it will need to stipulate how any surplus on winding up is to be allocated, in line with the objects of the Foundation. The resolution to dissolve the Foundation (including the allocation of a possible surplus) is subject to prior written approval of the Supervisory Board (clause 27.2 in conjunction with clause 26.1 Articles) and can (in principle) only be passed by a majority of two thirds of the votes cast at a board meeting at which at least two thirds of the Board members are present or represented (clause 27.2 in conjunction with clause 26.2 Articles).

Elaboration II.2 of Claim Code provides that the Articles should also contain a provision that a liquidation surplus should be distributed amongst the Aggrieved Women. Such provision is absent in the Articles. As per clause 27.5 Articles, the Board will determine the destination of any liquidation surplus with the understanding that that determination will be aligned with the statutory object of the Foundation.

PRINCIPLE III: EXTERNAL FUNDING

The Foundation entered into an agreement with Financiering Essure Claims C.V. (the “**Funder**”) and has engaged the Funder, for the benefit of the Aggrieved Women, to provide funding to the Foundation and all activities in connection thereto (the “**Funder Engagement**”). The managing entity of the Funder is Redbreast Associates N.V., a professional litigation funder based in Amsterdam (see: www.redbreast.com)

The Foundation has investigated the track record and reputation of the Funder and its managing entity and is satisfied that the Funder is wholly independent from any defendant in litigation. The Funder has agreed to fund the litigation initiated by the Foundation all the way through a judgment on the merits by the court of first instance.

The members of the management board, the members of the supervisory board and the lawyers of the Foundation are all independent from the Funder and its affiliates. The funding conditions do not conflict with the collective interests the Foundation aims to protect on the basis of its Articles. In return for the services rendered, the risks and costs assumed by the Funder, it will receive (1) a reimbursement of its costs and (2) a fee of 25% of any financial recovery (after deduction of the costs under (1)) achieved through a (collective) settlement or litigation ((1) and (2) together the “**Success Fee**”). The Success Fee is capped at 30% of the awarded damages to the Aggrieved Parties.

PRINCIPLE IV: INDEPENDENCY OF THE FOUNDATION AND AVOIDING CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS

In accordance with the Claim Code, any apparent conflict of interest between the Foundation’s engaged advisors, the Supervisory Board and the Board should be avoided. In all cases where there is a direct or indirect conflict of interest between the interests of the Foundation and the interests of one or more members of the Board or the Supervisory Board, the individual with the conflict of

interest will not take part in the deliberations and shall abstain from voting in respect of the matter in which he or she has a conflict of interests (Clauses 13.1 and 19.2 Articles).

In deviation of Elaboration IV.3 Claim Code, the Articles do not explicitly exclude that the Foundation enters into agreements with a person and/or legal entities in which a member of the Board or Supervisory Board is involved in the capacity of director, founder, shareholder, member of the supervisory board and/or employee. The Foundation is currently not engaged in such agreement and is not anticipating in entering in such agreement. Since the Foundation has an adequate conflict of interest policy, the current governance of the Foundation nevertheless provides sufficient safeguards in this respect.

On the website of the Foundation (<https://essureclaimlawyersnl.com/nl/>) stakeholders have access to all relevant information, including – but not limited to – the following documents: (i) the Articles, (ii) this Claim Code Compliance Document, (iii) the résumés of the members of the Board and the Supervisory Board, and (iv) updates on any pending litigation.

PRINCIPLE V: COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD

Elaboration V.1 of the Claim Code provides that the Board of the Foundation should consist of at least three individuals. Currently the board consists of three individuals: Mrs. A.F. Collignon (partner and lawyer at Legaltree and expert on product liability and personal injury cases), Mr. G. Rooijackers (business valuator and partner at Sman Business Value), and Mr. J.H. Schagen van Leeuwen (retired medical doctor/gynecologist at – amongst others – St Antonius Hospital in Utrecht). Given the current composition of the Board it has adequate legal, financial and medical expertise and experience.

PRINCIPLE VI: RENUMERATION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Directors are entitled to a management fee for services rendered to the Foundation (Clause 6.6 Articles). The Board members have specific expertise (including legal expertise) required for their task within the Foundation. Given the complex international setting of the matters in which the Foundation operates, the exposure, and the specific requirement of legal knowledge, the Foundation deems it justified to determine an hourly rate of EUR 250 (excluding VAT) for time spent by its Board members.

PRINCIPLE VII: THE SUPERVISORY BOARD

Currently the Supervisory Board consists of three individuals: Ms. Gemma Kenter, Mr. Karl Peter Puzskajler and Ms. Kim Smit. Given the current composition of the Supervisory Board it has adequate both legal, financial, and medical expertise and experience, in accordance with Elaboration VII of the Claim Code. The Supervisory Board members are remunerated for their services on an annual basis. The Foundation deems it justified to determine the annual fee for Supervisory Board members at EUR 3.000 (excluding VAT).