2.1.2.4 Lease of generic single occupancy commercial premises simplified version (A) with arbitration and (B) with guarantee

Summary

This simplified lease style is appropriate for a letting of premises for occupation by a single tenant and contains arbitration provisions which are compliant with the Arbitration (Scotland) Act 2010. The style also makes provision, in the Schedule Part 7, for a guarantee of the obligations of the Tenant under the Lease. The Premises may comprise a free-standing building or such part of a free-standing building as is comprehended within a single title. It is assumed that the Premises are not dependent on any adjoining property for access or for connections to essential services such as water, electricity, gas or sewers. The style takes the form of a full repairing and insuring lease and includes rent review provisions where the rent is to be reviewed either in an upwards direction or so as not to be less than the rent as reviewed in any previous review. There are no service charge provisions in the style as it is assumed that no significant common parts are made available for use and enjoyment by other tenants. The style nevertheless provides for the Tenant to make contributions towards the upkeep and maintenance costs of common parts – such as external boundary walls, fences and railings etc. – where owners of adjoining properties have an obligation under the title to contribute to such costs. The aim of the drafting of the style, more generally, is to strike a reasonable balance between the respective interests of Landlord and Tenant in order to expedite the parties' negotiations. As the location, age and type of premises, and their intended use, will vary widely the style will usually need to be modified or adapted in a way that practitioners using the style find appropriate to the transaction in hand.

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