

**THE INSURANCE CODE OF 1956 (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 218 of 1956**

**500.6868 Uniform farm mutual fire policy; required form.**

Sec. 6868.

Uniform Farm Mutual Fire Insurance  
Policy No.                                 \$  
                                                      (Name of company)

Organized Charter expires

In consideration of the provisions and stipulations herein or added hereto and of the warranties contained in the application (if any) for insurance, and subject to the tenor, terms, provisions and stipulations of its charter and bylaws and any amendment thereto hereafter made, does hereby insure ..... and legal representatives, to the extent of the actual cash value of the property at the time of loss, but not exceeding the amount which it would cost to repair or replace the property with material of like kind and quality within a reasonable time after such loss, without allowance for any increased cost of repair or reconstruction by reason of any ordinance or law regulating construction or repair, and without compensation for loss resulting from interruption of business, nor in any event for more than the interest of the insured, commencing the ..... day of ..... 19..... at noon, standard time, at location of property involved, against all direct loss by fire and lightning and by removal from premises endangered by the perils insured against in this policy, except as hereinafter provided, to the property described hereinafter while located or contained as described in this policy, or pro rata for 5 days at each proper place to which any of the property shall necessarily be removed for preservation from the perils insured against in this policy, but not elsewhere, to an amount not exceeding the sums hereinafter stated upon the following described property, to-wit: (space for policy form) Assignment of this policy shall not be valid except with the written consent of this company.

This policy is made and accepted subject to the foregoing provisions and stipulations and those hereinafter stated, and to the charter and bylaws of said company not inconsistent therewith and to any amendment thereto hereafter made during the term hereof, which are hereby made a part of this policy, together with such other provisions, stipulations and agreements as may be added hereto, as provided in this policy.

In witness whereof, this company has caused these presents to be executed and attested by its president and secretary this ..... day of ..... A.D. 19 .....

..... President ..... Secretary

(All that appears above shall appear upon the first page of the policy.)

- This entire policy shall be void if whether before or after a loss, the insured has wilfully
1.   Concealment, concealed or misrepresented any material fact or circumstance concerning this insurance or the  
      Fraud                                 subject thereof, or the interest of the insured therein, or in case of any fraud or false swearing by  
                                                      the insured relating thereto.
  2.   Uninsurable   This policy shall not cover accounts, bills, currency, deeds, evidences of debt, money or  
      and Excepted securities; nor, unless specifically named hereon in writing, bullion, manuscripts, photos,  
      Property       pictures, jewelry, sporting goods or antiques.  
                                                      This company shall not be liable for loss by fire or other perils insured against in this policy  
                                                      caused, directly or indirectly, by: (a) enemy attack by armed forces, including action taken by  
                                                      military, naval or air forces in resisting an actual or an immediately impending enemy attack; (b)  
3.   Perils Not   invasion; (c) insurrection; (d) rebellion; (e) revolution; (f) civil war; (g) usurped power; (h)  
      Included     order of any civil authority except acts of destruction at the time of and for the purpose of  
                                                      preventing the spread of fire: Provided, That such fire did not originate from any of the perils  
                                                      excluded by this policy; (i) neglect of the insured to use all reasonable means to save and  
                                                      preserve the property at and after a loss or when the property is endangered by fire in  
                                                      neighboring premises; (j) nor shall this company be liable for loss by theft.
  4.   Other         Other insurance may be prohibited or the amount of insurance may be limited by endorsement  
      Insurance     attached hereto.

- Unless otherwise provided in writing added hereto this company shall not be liable for loss occurring: (a) while the hazard is increased by any means within the control or knowledge of the insured; or (b) while a described building, whether intended for occupancy by owner or tenant, is vacant or unoccupied beyond a period of 60 consecutive days; or (c) as a result of explosion or riot, unless fire ensue, and in that event for loss by fire only; (d) if, with the knowledge of the insured foreclosure proceedings be commenced or notice given of sale of any property insured hereunder by reason of any mortgage or trust deed; or (e) if any change, other than by the death of an insured, takes place in the interest (except increase of insured's interest), title or possession of the subject of insurance (except change of occupants without increase of hazard); or (f) while the insured shall have any other contract of fire insurance covering in whole or in part on property covered by this policy without the knowledge of this company.
5. Conditions Suspending or Restricting Insurance
  6. Other Perils or Subjects
  7. Added Provisions
  8. Waiver Provisions
  9. Cancellation of Policy
  10. Mortgagee Interest and Obligations
  11. Pro Rata Liability
  12. Requirements In Case Loss Occurs
- Any other peril to be insured against or subject of insurance to be covered in this policy shall be by endorsement in writing hereon or added hereto.
- The extent of the application of insurance under this policy and of the contribution to be made by this company in case of loss, and any other provisions or agreement not inconsistent with the provisions of this policy, may be provided for in writing added hereto, or by duly adopted articles of association or bylaws of the company, but no provision may be waived except such as by the terms of this policy is subject to change.
- No permission affecting this insurance shall exist, or waiver of any provision by valid, unless granted herein or expressed in writing added hereto, or by duly adopted articles of association or bylaws of the company.
- This policy shall be cancelled at any time at the request of the insured, in which case this company shall, upon demand and surrender of this policy, refund the excess of paid premium above the customary short rates for the expired time. This policy may be cancelled at any time by this company by giving to the insured a 5 days' written notice of cancellation, delivered personally or mailed to the insured at the last known post office address as shown by the company's records, with or without tender of the excess of paid premium above the pro rata premium for the expired time, which excess, if not tendered, shall be refunded on demand. Notice of cancellation shall state that said excess premium (if not tendered) will be refunded on demand.
- If loss hereunder is made payable, in whole or in part, to a designated mortgagee not named herein as the insured, such interest in this policy may be cancelled by giving to such mortgagee a 10 days' written notice of cancellation delivered personally or mailed to such mortgagee at the last known post office address as shown by the company's records.
- If the insured fails to render proof of loss such mortgagee, upon notice, shall render proof of loss in the form herein specified within 60 days thereafter and shall be subject to the provisions hereof relating to appraisal and time of payment and of bringing suit. If this company shall claim that no liability existed as to the mortgagor or owner, it shall, to the extent of payment of loss to the mortgagee, be subrogated to all the mortgagee's right of recovery, but without impairing mortgagee's right to sue; or it may pay off the mortgage debt and require an assignment thereof and of the mortgage. Other provisions relating to the interests and obligations of such mortgagee may be added hereto by agreement in writing, or may be provided for by the bylaws of the company.
- This company shall not be liable for a greater proportion of any loss than the amount hereby insured shall bear to the whole insurance covering the property against the peril involved, whether collectible or not.
- The insured shall give immediate written notice to this company of any loss, protect the property from further damage, forthwith separate the damaged and undamaged personal property, put it in the best possible order, furnish a complete inventory of the destroyed, damaged and undamaged property, showing in detail quantities, costs, actual cash value and amount of loss claimed; and within 60 days after the loss, unless such time is extended in writing by the company, the insured shall render to this company a proof of loss, signed and sworn to by the insured, stating the knowledge and belief of the insured as to the following:

The time and origin of the loss, the interest of the insured and of all others in the property, the actual cash value of each item thereof and the amount of loss thereto, all encumbrances thereon, all other contracts of insurance, whether valid or not, covering any of said property, any changes in the title, use, occupation, location, possession or exposures of said property, since the issuing of this policy, by whom and for what purpose any building herein described and the several parts thereof were occupied at the time of loss and whether or not it then stood on leased ground, and shall furnish a copy of all the descriptions and schedules in all policies and, if required, verified plans and specifications of any building, fixtures or machinery destroyed or damaged.

The insured, as often as may be reasonably required, shall exhibit to any person designated by this company all that remains of any property herein described, and submit to examinations under oath by any person named by this company, and subscribe the same; and, as often as may be reasonably required, shall produce for examination all books of account, bills, invoices, and other vouchers, or certified copies thereof if originals be lost, at such reasonable time and place as may be designated by this company or its representative, and shall permit extracts and copies thereof to be made.

In case the insured and this company shall fail to agree as to the actual cash value or the amount of loss, then, on the written demand of either, each shall select a competent and disinterested appraiser and notify the other of the appraiser selected within 20 days of such demand. The appraisers shall first select a competent and disinterested umpire; and failing for 15 days to agree upon such umpire, then, on request of the insured or this company, such umpire shall be selected by a circuit judge of the judicial circuit of this state in which the property covered is located.

13. Appraisal

The appraisers shall then appraise the loss, stating separately actual cash value and loss to each item; and, failing to agree, shall submit their differences, only, to the umpire. An award in writing, so itemized, of any 2 when filed with this company shall determine the amount of actual cash value and loss. Each appraiser shall be paid by the party selecting him and the expenses of appraisal and umpire shall be paid by the parties equally.

14. Company's Options

It shall be optional with this company to take all, or any part, of the property at the agreed or appraised value, and also to pay its proper share of repairing, rebuilding or replacing the property destroyed or damaged with other of like kind and quality within a reasonable time, on giving notice of its intention so to do within 30 days after the receipt of the proof of loss herein required.

15. Abandonment

There can be no abandonment to this company of any property.

16. When Loss Payable

The amount of loss for which this company may be liable shall be payable 60 days after proof of loss, as herein provided, is received by this company and ascertainment of the loss is made either by agreement between the insured and this company expressed in writing or by the filing with this company of an award as herein provided.

17. Suit

No suit or action on this policy, for the recovery of any claim, shall be sustainable in any court of law or equity unless all the requirements of this policy shall have been complied with, nor unless commenced within 12 months next after the loss shall have occurred.

18. Subrogation

This company may require from the insured an assignment of all right of recovery against any party for loss or damage to the extent that payment therefor is made by this company, and of all contractual rights against any third party (but without impairment of insured's right to sue for the full amount due such insured), to the extent that payment for loss or damage is made by this company. Suit for recovery under any assignment made to this company may be brought in the name of the insured or this company or both, but without cost to the insured.

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