

Common Compendium

AL - Albania

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Country Code: AL

Organisation (s): ALBANIAN INSURANCE BUREAU

1. Basic Information (GCB/GF/CB)

This section is aimed at all three organisations. The questions are repeated three times to be filled out by each organization

1.1. If relevant, please indicate the name of the organisation that operates as:

Green Card Bureau: - Albanian Insurance Bureau

Guarantee Fund: Click or tap here to enter text.

Compensation Body:

Information Centre:

1.2. What is the legal status/form of your organisation? Only one option can be selected by each organisation.

Please answer in your capacity as Green Card Bureau:

- Non-profit organisation**
- Association of legal entities**
- Limited liability company**
- Other. Please specify.** Click or tap here to enter text.

Please answer in your capacity as Guarantee Fund:

- Non-profit organisation**

- Association of legal entities
- Limited liability company
- Other. Please specify. Click or tap here to enter text.

Please answer in your capacity as Compensation Body:

- Non-profit organisation
- Association of legal entities
- Limited liability company
- Other. Please specify. Click or tap here to enter text.

1.3. How is the ownership of your organisation structured? Only one option can be selected by each organisation.

Please answer in your capacity as Green Card Bureau:

- Owned/controlled by all Members equally
- Part of state government
- Other. Please specify. Click or tap here to enter text.

Please answer in your capacity as Guarantee Fund:

- Owned/controlled by all Members equally
- Part of state government
- Other. Please specify. Click or tap here to enter text.

Please answer in your capacity as Compensation Body:

- Owned/controlled by all Members equally
- Part of state government
- Other. Please specify. Click or tap here to enter text.

1.4. How is the membership/governance of your organisation structured? Only one option can be selected by each organisation.

Please answer in your capacity as Green Card Bureau:

- Only insurance undertakings are Member to the organisation**
- Mixed membership of insurance undertakings and other members**
- Only Members participate in the governance**
- Others may participate in the governance**
- Other. Please specify.** [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Please answer in your capacity as Guarantee Fund:

- Only insurance undertakings are Member to the organisation**
- Mixed membership of insurance undertakings and other members**
- Only Members participate in the governance**
- Others may participate in the governance**
- Other. Please specify.** [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Please answer in your capacity as Compensation Body:

- Only insurance undertakings are Member to the organisation**
- Mixed membership of insurance undertakings and other members**
- Only Members participate in the governance**
- Others may participate in the governance**
- Other. Please specify.** [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

1.5. Is your organisation a VAT liable entity? Only one option can be selected by each organisation.

Please answer in your capacity as Green Card Bureau:

- Yes**
- No**

If answered yes to question 1.5., please indicate the VAT number: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

If answered yes to question 1.5, is the service of claim handling VAT exempted?

Yes

No

In what instances is VAT refundable? Please specify. Click or tap here to enter text.

Please answer in your capacity as Guarantee Fund:

Yes

No

If answered yes to question 1.5., please indicate the VAT number: Click or tap here to enter text.

If answered yes to question 1.5, is the service of claim handling VAT exempted?

Yes

No

In what instances is VAT refundable? Please specify. Click or tap here to enter text.

Please answer in your capacity as Compensation Body:

Yes

No

If answered yes to question 1.5., please indicate the VAT number: Click or tap here to enter text.

If answered yes to question 1.5, is the service of claim handling VAT exempted?

Yes

No

In what instances is VAT refundable? Please specify. Click or tap here to enter text.

1.6. For a full overview of your national GCB/GF/CB please provide the link of your website:

GCB: www.insurers-al.org

GF:

CB:

The following questions are only aimed at Guarantee Funds and Compensation Bodies:

1.7. On what legal basis is your organisation authorised to carry out compensation?

Please answer in your capacity as Guarantee Fund:

Please provide the name and date of the law: - Law No 32, dated 16.03.2021 “On Compulsory Insurance in the Transport Sector”

Please answer in your capacity as Compensation Body:

Please provide the name and date of the law: - Law No 32, dated 16.03.2021 “On Compulsory Insurance in the Transport Sector”

1.8. Is compensation by your organisation subsidiary? Only one option can be selected by each organisation.

Please answer in your capacity as Guarantee Fund:

Yes

No

Please provide further explanations: Click or tap here to enter text.

If the compensation is subsidiary, which entities are excluded? Click or tap here to enter text.

Please answer in your capacity as Compensation Body:

Yes

No

Please provide further explanations: Click or tap here to enter text.

If the compensation is subsidiary, which entities are excluded? Click or tap here to enter text.

2. Applicable law (GCB/GF/CB)

This section is aimed at all three organisations. You are invited to complete this section in cooperation amongst your organisations, if applicable. Only one common answer is expected to be provided.

2.1. Provide the title and if applicable, the number of your national law which forms the basis for making a claim (Road Traffic Act, Insurance Law, Liability Law, etc.)

- Law No 32, dated 16.03.2021 “On Compulsory Insurance in the Transport Sector”

2.2. What liability regime do your organisations operate with? Only one option can be selected.

Fault based liability

Strict liability

Other. Please specify. Click or tap here to enter text.

2.3. Are there any restrictions to the activities of your organisations regarding the way the law applies to visitors with regard to:

Country of residence. Please specify. Click or tap here to enter text.

Nationality. Please specify. Click or tap here to enter text.

Other. Please specify.

- There is not any restriction for the above criteria.

2.4. For what types/categories of motor vehicles is insurance compulsory?

- For all types/categories of motor vehicles

Are there any exemptions? Please specify. - Vehicles of the Armed Forces are exempted from insurance compulsory.

2.5. Does the MTPL insurance law apply to private areas?

Yes

No

How do you define a private area according to your national law? Please specify. 1. Residences Parking, 2. Shopping Malls etc.

2.6. What is the minimum amount of cover required for material and personal injury damage? State the minimum value of sum insured, the date as of which it is in effect from and please indicate whether the limit is per accident or per victim:

Click or tap here to enter text.

2.7. In which cases is an MTPL-insurer permitted by Law to reject/refuse cover for a third party claim? Please specify for the below-mentioned sub-items:

Accident caused by stolen vehicles: Click or tap here to enter text.

Accident caused by drunk driving: Click or tap here to enter text.

Accident caused with intent (for instance homicide, suicide): Click or tap here to enter text.

Accident caused by a terrorist attack: Click or tap here to enter text.

Accident caused by a driver without a license: - -- Each co-traveller who is found by his/her own will in the motor that has caused the accident, driven by an unauthorized driver, when proved that the person in the vehicle was aware of these circumstances.

Other instances: Click or tap here to enter text.

2.8. Does your national law require cover in respect of passengers carried in the vehicle?

Yes

No

Please specify. Click or tap here to enter text.

Is there any category of passenger excluded from this cover?

Yes

No

Please specify. Click or tap here to enter text.

2.9. Does your national law require the insurer and/or Bureau to make an offer of compensation to a claimant within a specified time?

Yes

No

If yes, what is the nature of the damages to which the time-limit applies? – 30 days for material damages and 90 days for non-material damages

If yes, what is the specific time-limit? Click or tap here to enter text.

2.10. What is the statute of limitation periods (prescription) according to your national law against the MTPL insurer when there is a direct action?

- Two years, lawsuits for payment of compensation under the contract of insurance and reinsurance as well as the respective amount deriving from compulsory insurance.

2.10.1. When does the period of limitation begin and when does it expire?

In respect to material damage: -The limitation period starts from the date when the subject acquires the right to sue.

In respect to bodily injuries: -The limitation period starts from the date when the subject acquires the right to sue.

2.10.2. Are there any provisions in your national law which allow the suspension/extension of the limitation period? How about interruption? Please specify.

- -Yes. The period of waiting the final criminal decision for the person who caused the accident.

2.10.3. Are there special circumstances in your national law regarding statute of limitations? Please describe in short:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Are there any differences for limitation period of liable party? Click or tap here to enter text.

The following questions are only aimed at Compensation Bodies. Please answer in your capacity as Compensation Body:

2.11. Under your legislation, does a victim who has requested compensation under Articles 24 and 25 of the Codified Motor Insurance Directive have the right to remedy against the decision/omission of the Compensation Body?

Yes

No

If yes, please specify (i.e. appeal to administrative authority, judicial review of the latter's decision or action to court directly, i.e., passive procedural legitimacy of the Compensation Body):

Click or tap here to enter text.

3. Trucks and trailers (GCB/GF/CB)

This section is aimed at all three organisations. You are invited to complete this section in cooperation amongst your organisations, if applicable. Only one common answer is expected to be provided.

3.1. Does your national law regulate trailers?

Yes

No

3.2. Liability

3.2.1. If the truck is coupled with the trailer, does liability strictly fall on the truck or is there a division of liability? Please specify.

- The liability is equally divided

3.2.2. Can liability arise in case of an uncoupled trailer in an accident?

Yes

No

If yes, what are the conditions? [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

3.3. Do trailers need to bear a registration plate in your country?

Yes

No

If yes, please specify the conditions: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

3.4. Is the trailer given separate plates or does it bear the same registration plate as the truck?

Yes

No

Please specify. - The plate is registered as a unique vehicle (different from the truck)

3.5. Does your country have an established practice in determining where (the component parts of) a truck-trailer combination bearing the registration plates of different countries is/are:

- "normally based"

Yes

No

Please specify. [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

- “originating from”

Yes

No

Please specify. Click or tap here to enter text.

3.6. Is there an obligation to insure the truck and the trailer separately?

Yes

No

If yes, please specify the conditions/exemptions: Click or tap here to enter text.

3.7. Do trailers need their own Green Card?

Yes

No

Please specify. Click or tap here to enter text.

3.8. If there is no insurance obligation for a trailer in your country but liability is ascertained under the applicable law, does the Guarantee Fund intervene?

Yes

No

Please specify. Click or tap here to enter text.

3.9. If there exists a separate liability, is a claimant obliged to make a claim against either the truck or the trailer?

Yes

No

Please specify. Click or tap here to enter text.

3.10. If there is a division of liability?

Yes

No

If yes, Please specify.

- the criteria (i.e. joint/several liability, percentage): Click or tap here to enter text.

- on what is the division of liability based (i.e. law/jurisprudence/agreement between insurers)?

-Articles 21/6, law 32/2021 "On compulsory insurance in the transport sector"

3.11. Can the division of risk between truck and trailer be based on any other rules than liability (e.g. such as on the basis of double insurance)?

Yes

No

Please specify. Click or tap here to enter text.

3.12. Who is responsible for the damage to a connected trailer in case of a solo accident?

The towing unit

The trailer

Other.

Please specify. Click or tap here to enter text.

3.13. Who is responsible for the damage to a connected trailer in cases involving Third Parties?

The towing unit

The trailer

A third party, depending on the situation

Other. Please specify. Click or tap here to enter text.

4. Property Damage – Claims (GCB/GF/CB)

This section is aimed at all three organisations. You are invited to complete this section in cooperation amongst your organisations, if applicable. Only one common answer is expected to be provided.

4.1. For the following sub-items please state the different possibilities for a claimant to file a claim against a MTPL-insurer for property damage

4.1.1. How is vehicle damage covered with regards to repair costs?

Click or tap here to enter text.

4.1.2. How is vehicle damage covered with regards to total loss?

Click or tap here to enter text.

4.2. Does the claimant have right to compensation for loss of value for a damaged vehicle?

Yes

No

If yes, Please specify. Click or tap here to enter text.

4.3. Does the claimant have right to compensation for costs of expert reports?

Yes

No

If yes, Please specify. Click or tap here to enter text.

4.4. Does the claimant have right to compensation for costs of vehicle recovery/rescue and towing a vehicle to a repair shop?

Yes

No

If yes, please specify the criteria: Click or tap here to enter text.

4.5. Does the claimant have right to compensation for the loss of use of a damaged vehicle?

Yes

No

If yes, please specify the criteria: Click or tap here to enter text.

4.6. Does the claimant have right to compensation for costs of hiring another vehicle in case of a damaged vehicle and/or a lump sum as a substitute?

Yes

No

If yes, please specify the criteria: Click or tap here to enter text.

4.7. Does the claimant have right to compensation for registration fees related to cases where the vehicle is a total loss?

Yes

No

If yes, please specify the criteria: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

4.8. Does the claimant have right to compensation for costs related to overnight accommodation and meals?

Yes

No

If yes, please specify the criteria: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

4.9. Does the claimant have right to compensation for pre-financing costs related to a vehicle damage (for instance borrowing money because of an accident)?

Yes

No

If yes, please specify the criteria: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

4.10. Does the claimant have right to compensation for general costs (i.e. telephone and mailing costs, administrative costs, etc)?

Yes

No

If yes, please specify the criteria: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

4.11. Any other instances/cases which are covered?

Yes

No

If yes, Please specify. [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

4.12. How can the claimant claim recovery for damages if the responsible vehicle is uninsured?

Please specify. Click or tap here to enter text.

5. Personal Injuries and death – Claims (GCB/GF/CB)

For the following sub-items please state the different possibilities for a claimant to file a claim against a MTPL-insurer for bodily injury. Please specify for each question when applicable.

5.1. Does the claimant have right to compensation for costs of medical treatment?

Yes.

No.

Please specify. Click or tap here to enter text.

5.1.1. Does your national law make a distinction between public and private healthcare?

Yes.

No.

Please specify. Click or tap here to enter text.

5.2. Does the claimant have right to compensation for costs of care and increased needs due to an accident?

Yes.

No.

Please specify. Click or tap here to enter text.

5.3. Does the claimant have right to compensation for disability?

Yes.

No.

Please specify. Click or tap here to enter text.

5.4. Does the claimant have right to compensation for pain and suffering?

Yes

No

If answered yes, how is the amount of compensation assessed (fixed sum, tables, court)? Please specify. [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

5.5. Does the claimant have right to compensation for loss of earnings?

Yes.

No.

Please specify. [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

5.6. Does the claimant have right to compensation for loss of future earnings?

Yes.

No.

Please specify. [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

5.7. Does the claimant have right to compensation for loss of dependency (for instance a victim is fatally injured in a traffic accident and leaves a spouse / children behind)?

Yes.

No.

Please specify. [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

5.8. Does the claimant have right to compensation for funeral expenses?

Yes.

No.

Please specify. [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

5.9. Does the claimant have right to compensation for moral damages (limitations in life, loss of quality, etc)?

Yes.

No.

Please specify. Click or tap here to enter text.

Is it part of the pain and suffering according to your national law?

Yes.

No.

Please specify. Click or tap here to enter text.

5.10. Does the claimant have right to compensation in case of aggravation of the damage suffered?

Yes.

No.

Please specify. Click or tap here to enter text.

5.11. Are relatives/next of kin entitled to compensation (tort, pain and suffering, other)?

Yes.

No.

Please specify. Click or tap here to enter text.

5.12. Any other cases? Please specify.

Click or tap here to enter text.

6. Claims Settlement Procedures – in and out of court (GCB/GF/CB)

This section is aimed at all three organisations. You are invited to complete this section in cooperation amongst your organisations, if applicable. Only one common answer is expected to be provided.

6.1. What evidence is considered as acceptable/lawful in your country? More than one of the following options can be selected.

Constat amiable (European Accident Statement)

Police report

Pictures

Witness statements

Medical statements

Other

Please specify in detail: Click or tap here to enter text.

6.2. Out of court settlement

6.2.1. What are the conditions for filing a claim according to your national law? Please specify in detail:

- **Formal claim and the documents attached**

6.2.2. Do you require proof for the following 3 indicators and please specify in detail (including limitations):

- Proof of involvement – including the recording/requirement of the accident (i.e police report, constat amiable, etc.)

Yes

No

Please specify. Click or tap here to enter text.

- **Proof of damage**

Yes

No

Please specify. Click or tap here to enter text.

- **Proof of causal link between liability and damage**

Yes

No

Please specify. Click or tap here to enter text.

6.2.3. Is a visiting victim required to file a report about the accident to the local authorities before returning to the State of residence?

Yes

No

Please specify. Click or tap here to enter text.

If they fail to do so, does that exclude the visiting victim from filing a claim for compensation?

Yes

No

Please specify. Click or tap here to enter text.

6.2.4. Which are the conditions according to your national law in considering a vehicle as identified? Please specify in detail.

6.2.5. Are there any other requirements for filing a claim?

Yes

No

If yes, please specify in detail. Click or tap here to enter text.

6.2.6. Are legal fees for out of court settlements reimbursed?

Yes

No

If yes, how are these fees assessed/calculated? Click or tap here to enter text.

6.3. Court settlements

6.3.1. What are the requirements when filing a claim in relation to civil and/or criminal proceedings? Please specify in detail:

Click or tap here to enter text.

6.3.2. What legal remedies are available (possibility of appeal, etc.)? Please specify in detail:

Click or tap here to enter text.

6.3.3. How do you handle any costs in connection with proceedings in and out of court and please specify the types of costs (lawyers fee, legal fees, court experts, translation, etc.)? Please specify in detail.

Out of court (arbitration/mediation, etc.): Click or tap here to enter text.

In court: - The fee, the other court as well as remuneration of a lawyer, in case there was one that were paid by the plaintiff shall be charged to the defendant to the extent of the part of the lawsuit that was endorsed by the court. The fee and the other court costs from the payment of which has exempt shall be charged to the other party to the extent of the party of the lawsuit that was endorsed by the court.

6.4. Any other procedure of settlement? Please specify.

Click or tap here to enter text.

7. Involvement of National Guarantee Funds (GF) EEA/Non-EEA

This section is aimed only at Guarantee Funds. Please only provide answers to this section in your capacity as Guarantee Fund.

7.1. In which cases does your National Guarantee Fund intervene (stolen vehicles, intent, etc.)? Please specify in detail. -----(Article 11 MID).

Click or tap here to enter text.

7.2. What is the procedure (including any specific requirements) to be followed by a claimant when filing a claim to your national Guarantee Fund? Please specify.

Click or tap here to enter text.

7.3. Can a claimant who is resident in a foreign country make a claim against your National Guarantee Fund? Please specify.

Click or tap here to enter text.

7.4. Are there any exceptions when handling a claim for uninsured and/or unidentified vehicles (excess, property damage only when bodily injury, severity of bodily injuries, passenger voluntarily entering an uninsured vehicle, other)? Please specify in details.

Click or tap here to enter text.

7.5. Does the statute of limitations mentioned above under “Applicable Law” apply for the National Guarantee Fund or are there any exceptions?

Yes

No

If yes, Please specify. [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

7.6. Involvement of the Guarantee Fund or any other bodies responsible for insolvencies for protection of victims in case of insolvency of an MTPL insurer? / Insurance Guarantee Scheme

When does this intervention mechanism start its intervention? Only one option can be selected.

The insurance undertaking is subject to bankruptcy proceedings

The insurance undertaking is subject to winding up proceedings

The insurance undertaking has had the authorisation withdrawn

After withdrawal of the authorisation

Please specify. [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

7.7. Stolen vehicles- Are people who voluntarily entered the vehicle which caused the damage when they knew that the vehicle was stolen, excluded from the intervention of the body?

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

8. Involvement of Green Card Bureaux (GCB)

This section is aimed only at Green Card Bureaux. Please only provide answers to this section in your capacity as Green Card Bureau.

8.1. What is the procedure (including any specific requirements) to be followed by a claimant when filing a claim to your national Green Card Bureau? Please specify.

- Formal claim and the documents attached (police report, photo of accident etc.)

8.2. Does a claimant resident in a foreign country have a direct right of action against the local Bureau of the country of accident or the agent/ insurer representing the Bureau?

Yes

No

Please specify. Click or tap here to enter text.

8.3. Are there any other considerations that claimants should bear in mind? Please specify.

Click or tap here to enter text.