Flight Delay Certificate of Insurance

This Certificate of Insurance contains information about your insurance. Please read it carefully and keep it in a safe place. Refer to the Definitions section or to the applicable description of benefits and the paragraph following this one for the meanings of all capitalized terms.

The coverage outlined in this Certificate of Insurance is effective as of July 16, 2012, and is provided to eligible Scotiabank® Gold American Express® Cardmembers by American Bankers Insurance Company of Florida (hereinafter referred to as the “Insurer”) under Group Policy No. BNS122000 (hereinafter referred to as the “Policy”) issued by the Insurer to The Bank of Nova Scotia (hereinafter referred to as the “Policyholder”).

The terms, conditions and provisions of the Policy are summarized in this Certificate of Insurance, which is incorporated into and forms part of the Policy. All benefits are subject in every respect to the Policy, which alone constitutes the agreement under which benefits will be provided. You or a person making a claim under this Certificate may request a copy of the Policy and/or copy of your application for this insurance (if applicable) by writing to the Insurer at the address shown below.

The Insurer’s Canadian head office is located at 5000 Yonge Street, Suite 2000, Toronto, Ontario M2N 7E9.

Claim payment and administrative services are provided by Scotia Assist.

In no event will a corporation, partnership or business entity be eligible for the insurance coverage provided by this Certificate of Insurance.

1. DEFINITIONS

In this Certificate of Insurance, the following words or phrases have the meanings set forth below:

Account means the Primary Cardmember’s Scotiabank Gold American Express Card Account, which must be in Good Standing with the Policyholder.

Cardmember means the Primary Cardmember and any supplemental Cardmember who is a natural person resident in Canada to whom a Scotiabank Gold American Express Card is issued and whose name is embossed on the card. Cardmember may also be referred to herein using “You” and “Your”.

Checked Luggage means suitcases or other containers specifically designated for carrying personal belongings, for which a baggage claim check has been issued to the Insured Person by a Common Carrier.

Common Carrier means any land, water or air conveyance which is licensed to carry passengers without discrimination and for hire, excluding courtesy transportation provided without a specific charge.

Dependent Children means Your unmarried natural, adopted or step-children who are dependent on You for maintenance and support who are either under 21 years of age, or under 25 years of age and in full-time attendance at a recognized institution of higher learning in Canada.

Dollars and $ means Canadian dollars.

Essential Items mean the minimum essential clothing and toiletries, the purchase of which is rendered absolutely necessary and indispensable due to the delay of Your Checked Luggage.

Good Standing means, with respect to an Account, that the Primary Cardmember has not advised the Policyholder to close it and the Policyholder has not suspended or revoked credit privileges or otherwise closed the Account.

Insured Person means a Cardmember, his or her Spouse and eligible Dependent Children when travelling with the eligible Cardmember and/or his or her Spouse.

Primary Cardmember means the principal applicant for an Account who is a natural person resident in Canada to whom a Scotiabank Gold American Express Card is issued by the Policyholder.

Scotia Assist means the Insurer in relation to claim payment and administrative services.

Spouse means the Cardmember’s legal husband or wife, or the person with whom the Cardmember has lived and publicly represented as his or her Spouse for at least one continuous year.

Trip means a scheduled period of time during which an Insured Person is away from his or her province or territory of residence in Canada, as determined by the departure and return dates.

2. FLIGHT DELAY INSURANCE

Benefits

Scotia Assist will reimburse the Cardmember for all Insured Persons travelling on the same Trip if the confirmed scheduled flight departure from any airport is delayed by 4 hours or more, for necessary and reasonable expenses incurred with respect to hotel accommodations, restaurant meals, refreshments, Essential Items and sundry items (such as a magazine, paperback book and other such small items) within 48 hours of the delay or denied boarding, to a maximum of $500 per Insured Person on the same Trip, provided that:

(i) at least 75% of the full cost of the delayed flight was charged to Your Account and/or paid with Scotia Rewards® points;
(ii) no alternative transportation is made available to the Cardmember within 4 hours of the scheduled departure time of the original flight;
(iii) delay of the flight was the result of strike by airline personnel, quarantine, civil commotion, hijack, natural disaster, inclement weather, mechanical breakdown or denied boarding due to overbooking; and
(iv) the Cardmember provides the required proof of loss to Scotia Assist, including plane ticket(s) or the Scotiabank Gold American Express Card sales receipt for the plane ticket(s), a written statement from the airline confirming and detailing the delay and itemized original receipts with respect to the necessary and reasonable expenses incurred for hotel accommodations, restaurant meals, refreshments, Essential Items and sundry items.

This coverage is in excess of all other applicable valid insurance, indemnity, reimbursement or protection available to You in respect of the claim. The Insurer will be liable only for the amount of loss or damage over the amount covered under such other insurance, indemnity, reimbursement or protection and for the amount of any applicable deductible, only if all such other coverage has been claimed under and exhausted and subject to the terms, exclusions and limits of liability set out in this Certificate of Insurance. This coverage will not apply as contributing insurance, notwithstanding any provision in any other insurance, indemnity or protection policies or contracts.

Limitations and Exclusions

The Insurer does not cover loss caused by or resulting from:

(i) criminal or fraudulent acts of the Insured Person;
(ii) war, whether declared or undeclared, civil war, insurrection, rebellion or revolution; or
(iii) any warlike act by any government or military force.

How to Claim
In the event of a claim, contact Scotia Assist at 1 877 391-7507 from Canada and the United States, or 416-572-3636 locally or collect from elsewhere in the world.

3. GENERAL PROVISIONS AND STATUTORY CONDITIONS
Unless otherwise expressly provided herein or in the Policy, the following general provisions apply to the benefits described in this Certificate of Insurance.

Due Diligence
The Insured Person shall use diligence and do all things reasonable to avoid or diminish any loss or damage under the Policy.

Notice and Proof of Claim
Immediately after learning of a loss or an occurrence which may lead to a loss under any of these insurance benefits, You must notify Scotia Assist. You will then be sent a claim form.

Written notice of claim must be given to Scotia Assist as soon as reasonably possible after the occurrence or commencement of any loss covered by the Policy, but in all events, provided within 90 days from the date of such loss. Written notice given by or on behalf of the claimant or the beneficiary, with information sufficient to identify the Cardmember, shall be deemed notice of claim.

Failure to provide notice or furnish proof of claim within the time prescribed herein does not invalidate the claim if the notice or proof is given or furnished as soon as reasonably possible, and in no event later than 1 year from the date a claim arises hereunder, if it is shown that it was not reasonably possible to give notice or furnish proof within the time so prescribed. If the notice or proof is given or furnished after 1 year, Your claim will not be paid.

Payment of Claim
Benefits payable under the Policy will be paid upon receipt of full written proof, as determined by Scotia Assist.

Subrogation
Following payment of an Insured Person's claim for loss, the Insurer shall be subrogated to the extent of the amount of such payment, to all of the rights and remedies of the Insured Person against any party in respect of such loss, and shall be entitled, at its own expense, to sue in the Insured Person's name. The Insured Person shall give the Insurer all such assistance as is reasonably required to secure its rights and remedies, including the execution of all documents necessary to enable the Insurer to bring suit in the name of the Insured Person.

Termination of Insurance
Coverage ends on the earliest of:
(i) the date the Account is cancelled, closed or ceases to be in Good Standing;
(ii) the date the Insured Person ceases to be eligible for coverage; and
(iii) the date the Policy terminates.

No losses incurred after the Policy termination date will be paid, unless otherwise specified or agreed.

False Claim
If You make any claim knowing it to be false or fraudulent in any respect, You shall no longer be entitled to the benefits of this insurance nor to the payment of any claim under the Policy.

Legal Action
Every action or proceeding against an insurer for the recovery of insurance money payable under the contract is absolutely barred unless commenced within the time set out in the Insurance Act or other applicable legislation.

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