CAR RENTAL LOSS AND DAMAGE INSURANCE PLAN

DESCRIPTION OF COVERAGE

Car Rental Loss and Damage Insurance provides the Cardmember, if the Cardmember is the primary renter, (as defined below) with insurance coverage for damage to or theft of most Rental Autos when the Cardmember uses the Card (as described below) to reserve and pay for an auto rental from any Commercial Car Rental Company (“Rental Company”) other than those located in Australia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, and New Zealand.1 This coverage is always excess insurance.

“Rental Auto” means a four-wheeled, two-axle passenger type motor vehicle, designed for and sold to accommodate private passenger transport on public roads.

Who is Eligible for Coverage

You are eligible for coverage if:

1. You are a Basic or Additional Cardmember and an American Express® Card or Optima® Card in association with that Card (the “Card”) has been issued to you in your name;
2. You are of an account status and class that is provided Car Rental Loss and Damage Insurance as a benefit of Cardmembership (“Cardmember”);
3. Your Card account is billed from a U.S. operating center in U.S. dollars; and
4. You maintain your Permanent Residence within the 50 United States of America, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands.

“Permanent Residence” means the Covered Person’s one primary dwelling place where the Covered Person permanently resides and intends to return.

A PERSONAL, GOLD, Rewards Plus Gold Cardmember who is enrolled at an accredited four-year college, university or graduate school in the United States and is receiving student benefits provided as a benefit of Cardmembership is not eligible for benefits under this Policy.

"Commercial Car Rental Company" or "Car Rental Company" means any commercial car rental agency which rents Rental Autos.2 For the purposes of this Description of Coverage, Commercial Car Rental company means "Rental Company."

How To Activate Coverage

Coverage for theft of or damage to a Rental Auto is activated when the Cardmember:3

1. presents his or her eligible Card to the Rental Company to reserve the Rental Auto, by making a reservation; or by placing a hold or deposit at the time the Rental Auto is checked out;
2. declines the full Collision Damage Waiver or similar option (CDW), or pays for a partial collision damage waiver, offered by the Rental Company;
3. is the primary renter, which is defined as the Cardmember, who is named on the written agreement with the Rental Company as the person renting and taking control and possession of the Rental Auto (“Primary Renter”); and
4. uses the Card to pay for the entire auto rental from the Rental Company at the time of vehicle return.

Coverage continues in effect while the Cardmember remains in control and possession of the Rental Auto. A Cardmember, who is physically challenged and unable to operate the Rental Auto, may be the Primary Renter if he/she is the Cardmember entering into the rental transaction.

When Coverage Terminates

Coverage for theft of or damage to the Rental Auto terminates when:

1. the Rental Company resumes control of the Rental Auto, or 30 consecutive days after the Rental Auto was checked out, whichever is earlier; or
2. the Policy is cancelled.

Length of Coverage

Car Rental Loss and Damage Insurance covers eligible Rental Autos when rented under a written rental agreement from a Rental Company for no more than 30 consecutive days.
Note: In no event shall coverage be provided when the Cardmember rents a Rental Auto beyond 30 consecutive days from the same Rental Company, regardless of whether the original agreement is extended, or a new written agreement is entered into, or a new vehicle is rented.

Additionally, no coverage will be provided when the Primary Renter rents a Rental Auto for more than 30 consecutive days out of a 45 day period within the same geographic market/location (75 mile radius).

**What is Covered**

Car Rental Loss and Damage Insurance reimburses a Cardmember for payments for damage to or theft of a Rental Auto that the Cardmember is required to make, up to the lesser of: 1) the actual cost to repair the Rental Auto, 2) the wholesale Book value minus salvage and depreciation costs, or 3) the purchase invoice price of the Rental Auto minus salvage and depreciation costs. The coverage also reimburses the Cardmember for reasonable charges (those charges incurred at the closest facility that are usual and customary in the vicinity in which the loss or disablement took place) imposed by the Rental Company, such as towing or storage and Loss of Use.

“Loss of Use” means the unavailability of a Rental Auto and consequent loss of revenue by the Rental Company due to damage or theft. Unless otherwise required by law, the Rental Company must submit a fleet utilization log indicating that during such time:

1. no other Rental Auto was available; and
2. there was a demand for a Rental Auto.

Car Rental Loss and Damage Insurance covers no other type of loss. For example, in the event of a collision involving the Cardmember's Rental Auto, damage to any other driver's car or the injury of anyone or anything is not covered.

Note: This policy does not provide liability or any other coverage such as Uninsured Motorists, benefits under any Worker's Compensation law, Disability benefits law or other mandated Government Plans.

**What Excess Coverage Means**

Car Rental Loss and Damage Insurance is an excess insurance plan. This means that this excess coverage will reimburse the Cardmember only for losses/expenses not covered by plans, such as a partial collision damage waiver, any personal auto insurance, employer’s auto insurance or reimbursement plan or other sources of insurance. When these other plans apply, a Cardmember must first seek payment or reimbursement and receive a determination based on the stated terms of such other Plans, that any such Plans do not provide coverage before this excess coverage will reimburse the Cardmember.

**Vehicles Not Covered**

Car Rental Loss and Damage Insurance does not cover rentals of:

1. expensive cars, which means cars with an original manufacturer's suggested retail price of $50,000 or more when new;
2. exotic cars regardless of year or value, including but not limited to Chevrolet Corvette, Toyota Supra, Mazda RX-7, Dodge Viper and Stealth, Plymouth Prowler, Mitsubishi 3000 GT, Nissan 300 ZX, Jaguar XJS, Acura NSX, Mercedes SL, SLK, S Coupe and E320 Coupe and Convertible, BMW M3, Z3 and 8 Series, Cadillac Allante and all Porsche, Ferrari, Lamborghini, Maserati, Aston Martin, Lotus, Bugatti, Vector, Shelby Cobra, Bentley, Rolls Royce;
3. trucks, pick-ups, cargo vans, custom vans;
4. full-sized vans, including but not limited to, Ford Econoline or Club Wagon, Chevy Van or Sportvan, GMC Vandura and Rally, Dodge Ram Vans and Ram Wagon;
5. vehicles which have been customized or modified from the manufacturer's factory specifications except for driver's assistance equipment for the physically challenged;
6. vehicles used for hire or commercial purposes;
7. mini-vans used for commercial hire;
   Note: Passenger Mini-Vans (not Cargo Mini-Vans) with factory specified seating capacity of 8 passengers or less, including but not limited to, Dodge Caravan, Plymouth Voyager, Ford Windstar and Nissan Quest, are covered when rented for personal or business use only.
8. antique cars, which means cars that are 20 years old or have not been manufactured for 10 or more years;
9. limousines;
10. full sized sport utility vehicles, including but not limited to, Chevrolet/GMC Suburban, Tahoe and Yukon, Ford Expedition, Lincoln Navigator, Toyota Land Cruiser, Lexus LX450, Range Rover or full-sized Ford Bronco;
11. sport/utility vehicles when driven "off-road"; and
   Note: Compact sport/utility vehicles, including but not limited to Ford Explorer, Jeep Grand Cherokee, Nissan Pathfinder, Toyota Four Runner, Chevrolet Blazer and Isuzu Trooper and Rodeo are covered when driven on paved roads.
12. off-road vehicles, motorcycles, mopeds, recreational vehicles, golf or motorized carts, campers, trailers and any other vehicle which is not a Rental Auto.

**Losses Not Covered**

Car Rental Loss and Damage Insurance does not cover losses caused by or contributed to by:
1. operation of the Rental Auto in violation of the terms and conditions of the Rental Company agreement (including but not limited to losses occurring when: a person not permitted to operate the vehicle pursuant to terms of the rental agreement was in possession or control of the vehicle; or, driving the vehicle outside of the authorized rental territory);
2. leased or mini-leased vehicles;
3. costs attributed to the Commercial Car Rental Company's normal course of doing business;
4. intentional damage;
5. illegal activity, such as losses where the Rental Auto was used for, or involved in illegal activity or felony;
6. pre-existing conditions, damage or defect;
7. alcohol intoxication on the part of the driver, as defined in the state where the Accident occurred;
8. voluntarily taking any drug or acting under the influence or effect of that drug (unless taken as prescribed or administered by a Doctor);
9. war or military activity;
10. radioactivity;
11. confiscation by authority;
12. wear and tear, including gradual deterioration;
13. damage which is due and confined to freezing, mechanical or electrical breakdown or failure unless such damage results from a theft covered by the Policy;
14. failure to return keys to the Rental Company when the vehicle is stolen;
15. theft or damage to unsecured vehicles;
16. theft of or damage to tires (flats or blowouts), unless damaged by fire, malicious mischief, vandalism, or stolen, unless the loss is coincident with and from the same cause as other loss covered by the Policy; and
17. off-road operation of the vehicle.

Car Rental Loss and Damage Insurance does not cover, and benefits will not be paid for:
1. sales tax related to repair of damages, unless reimbursement of such sales tax is required by law;
2. damage to any vehicle other than the Rental Auto;
3. damage to any property other than the Rental Auto, owner’s property, or items not permanently attached to the Rental Auto;
4. the injury of anyone or anything;
5. expenses assumed, waived or paid for by the Rental Company or its insurer;
6. expenses covered by the Cardmember's personal auto insurer, employer or employer's insurer, or authorized driver's insurer;
7. value added tax or similar tax, unless reimbursement of such tax is required by law;
8. diminishment of value;
9. any Rental Auto used for hire or commercial purposes; and
10. depreciation, unless reimbursement for depreciation is required by law.

**How to File a Claim**

Notification of damage, including vandalism, theft, or an accident must be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency as soon as reasonably possible. This requirement applies regardless of whether the Rental Auto is involved with other vehicles. Failure to notify may result in denial of benefits.

If a loss occurs, a Cardmember should promptly notify the Car Rental Loss and Damage Claims Unit toll free at (800) 338-1670 in the U.S. only or call (440) 914-2950 from other locations worldwide. If the failure of a Cardmember to promptly report a loss prejudices the rights of the Insurer, the claim may be denied.
A representative will answer any questions a Cardmember may have and will send the Cardmember a claim form with instructions. Complete and sign the claim form. Written proof of loss, which includes the claim form and all other requested documentation (listed below), must be received within 60 days following the date of the damage or theft by: American Express Car Rental Loss and Damage Claims Unit, PO Box, 94729, Cleveland, Ohio 44101-4729. If the proof of loss and other documentation is not received within 60 days of the date of loss, coverage may be denied.

Required documentation may consist of, but is not limited to:
1. our signed and completed claim form;
2. an itemized repair bill;
3. a copy of charge slip for the rental of the Rental Auto, Rental Auto contract or machine generated receipt to show rental was charged and paid for with an American Express Card;
4. a police report (if applicable);
5. photos of the damaged vehicle, if available;
6. a copy of the Cardmember's, authorized driver's or employer's auto insurance coverage, or a notarized letter stating no insurance;
7. a copy of all claim documents and correspondence, provided by the Car Rental Company;
8. a copy of the Rental Company's utilization log;
9. a copy of the driver's license of the Cardmember and/or authorized driver, unless the driver's license number shows on the rental agreement;
10. a copy of the written rental agreement, front and back, which documents when the Rental Auto was checked out and checked in; and
11. information pertaining to other available insurance coverage(s).

Cardmember cooperation with issues related to their benefits is required. If all required documentation is not received within 180 days of the date of loss (except for documentation which has not been furnished for reasons beyond the Cardmember's control), coverage may be denied.

**How Benefits are Paid**
All Car Rental Loss and Damage Insurance payments reimbursable under the policy are payable to the Cardmember; except that payment may be made, at the discretion of the Insurer, jointly to the Cardmember and the Commercial Car Rental Company when the Car Rental Company has not been reimbursed for the covered loss or damage, or the Cardmember has not validly assigned his/her payments to the Rental Company or any other party.

Note: Benefits will not be paid if, on the date of loss, on the date of claim filing, or on the date of potential claim payment, any amount due on Your Card account is past due or Your Card is cancelled.

**Rights of Recovery**
In the event of a payment under this Policy, the Insurer is entitled to all the rights of recovery that the Cardmember, to whom payment was made, has against another. That Cardmember must sign and deliver to the Insurer any legal papers relating to that recovery, do whatever else is necessary to help the Insurer exercise those rights and do nothing after loss to harm the Insurer's rights.

When a Cardmember or Commercial Car Rental Company has been paid damages under Policy, No. AX0925, and also recovers from another, the amount recovered from the other shall be held by that Cardmember or Commercial Car Rental Company in trust for the Insurer and reimbursed to the extent of the Insurer's payment.

As a condition precedent to coverage, the Cardmember is required, and has a duty to fully cooperate with the Insurer in any investigations, subrogation matters or legal proceedings by providing copies of any and all legal notices and any and all statements, including sworn statements and contributing any other papers and documents to reasonably assist in the disposition of the legal matter.

**Notification of Legal Action**
When a Cardmember is served with suit and/or summons papers relating to a Car Rental Loss and Damage claim, the Cardmember must notify (see address and phone number under “Claims Notice” section) and provide copies of the suit or summons papers to the Car Rental Loss and Damage claims unit within 15 days of when the Cardmember is served. Failure to comply may result in denial of benefits.
Additional Information for You
This coverage is underwritten by AMEX Assurance Company ("Insurer") through insurance Policy AX0925 (the "Policy") issued to American Express Travel Related Services Company, Inc. and its participating subsidiaries affiliates and licensees. The Policy may be changed or terminated.

This Description of Coverage is an important document. Please keep it in a safe place. Although it describes the present form of insurance as it exists at the time of printing, this document is not the Policy or contract of insurance. The benefits described in this document are subject to all of the terms, conditions and exclusions of the Policy issued by the underwriter. This document replaces any prior Description of Coverage under the Policy which may have been furnished to the Cardmember.

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1 For those eligible and enrolled in Membership Rewards, if a Membership Rewards redemption certificate is used, coverage is provided only to Rental Autos rented in the United States.
2 When used in conjunction with a Membership Rewards redemption certificate, the participating Car Rental Companies are limited to Hertz, National and Budget.
3 If eligible and enrolled in Membership Rewards, coverage is also activated when the Cardmember (1) presents a Membership Rewards redemption certificate and (2) uses a Membership Rewards redemption certificate at a participating Commercial Car Rental Company. Important note for those enrolled in Membership Rewards: A Membership Rewards redemption certificate can only be redeemed by eligible Cardmembers. Benefits will not be paid when a Membership Rewards redemption certificate has been transferred to non-eligible Cardmembers and/or non-Cardmembers.
4 Does not apply to New York State residents.

AMEX ASSURANCE COMPANY
Administrative Office Phoenix, Arizona

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE ADDRESS CHANGE ENDORSEMENT
Effective May 1, 2010, your certificate or policy is amended to reflect that Amex Assurance Company’s Administrative Office is changed to

MC: 080120
20022 N. 31st Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85027

P.O. Box 53701
Phoenix, AZ 85072-9872

All other terms of your certificate or policy remain unchanged.

Joy A. Hanson       John M. Collins
President                 Secretary
AMEX Assurance Company

IMPORTANT: This endorsement becomes a part of your certificate or policy. It should be attached to and kept with your certificate or policy.
Additional Information for Residents of Arizona and Indiana


References to Description of Coverage and Master Policy throughout the above form have been changed to Policy.

The following definition is added.

“American Express® Card” means any credit or charge card bearing an American Express trademark or logo issued by American Express Travel Related Services Company, Inc. or its subsidiaries or affiliates or any of their licensees which can be used to purchase goods or services at merchants on the American Express Network and which American Express Travel Related Services Company, Inc. designates as eligible for coverage under the Policy.

In all other respects, the provisions and conditions of the Policy remain the same.

Additional Information for Residents of Indiana

Indiana Residents Only:

Questions regarding your policy should be directed to:

AMEX Assurance Company
800-338-1670

If you (a) need the assistance of the governmental agency that regulates insurance or (b) have a complaint you have been unable to resolve with your insurer you may contact the Department of Insurance by mail, telephone or email:

State of Indiana Department of insurance
Consumer Services Division
311 West Washington Street, Suite 300
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2787.

Complaints can be filed electronically at www.in.gov/idoi

Additional Information for Residents of Louisiana

The Rights of Recovery section is replaced with the following:

If the Company makes any payment under this Policy and the Cardmember has the right to recover damages from another, the Company shall be subrogated to that right. However, the Company’s right to recover is subordinate to the Cardmember’s right to be fully compensated.

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Additional Information for Residents of North Carolina
A portion of the fees associated with this Card are applied to the insurance benefit.

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Additional Information for Residents of Texas

Car Rental Loss and Damage Insurance Plan is governed by form numbers CRLDI-IND-CCSG-TX 11/05; CRLDI-IND-OSBN-TX 11/05; CRLDI-IND-PLAT-TX 11/05; CRLDI-IND-CEN-TX 11/05; CRLDI-IND-OSBN-PLAT-TX 11/05

The following definition is added.

“American Express® Card” means any credit or charge card bearing an American Express trademark or logo issued by American Express Travel Related Services Company, Inc. or its subsidiaries or affiliates or any of their licensees which can be used to purchase goods or services at merchants on the American Express Network and which American Express Travel Related Services Company, Inc. designates as eligible for coverage under the Policy.

The following statement is added.

This policy only provides coverage if you decline the full Collision Damage Waiver offered by the Rental Company.

This policy is not automobile liability insurance and does not comply with any financial responsibility law. Your personal automobile insurance policy may or may not provide coverage for your responsibility for the loss of or damage to a rented vehicle during the rental term. Before deciding whether to purchase a damage waiver, you may wish to determine whether your automobile insurance policy provides you coverage for rental vehicle damage or loss. If you file a claim under your personal automobile insurance policy, your insurance company may choose to not renew your policy at your renewal date, but may do so only if you are at fault for the claim.

The following paragraph has been revised under the How to File a Claim section.

A representative will answer any questions a Cardmember may have and will send the Cardmember a claim form with instructions. Complete and sign the claim form. Written proof of loss, which includes the claim form and all other requested documentation (listed below), must be received within 90 days following the date of the damage or theft by: American Express Car Rental Loss and Damage Claims Unit, P.O. Box 94729, Cleveland, Ohio 44101-4729. If the proof of loss and other documentation is not received within 90 days of the date of loss, coverage may be denied.

The following has been added to the end of the How to File a Claim section.

Within 15 days after our receipt of proof of loss documentation and all information requested, we will provide you notification in writing as to whether:
1. the claim or part of the claim will be paid; or
2. the claim or part of the claim has been denied, and inform you:
   a. of the reasons for denial;
   b. more information is necessary; or
   c. we need additional time to reach a decision. If additional time is needed, we will inform you of the reasons for such need.

If we have notified you that additional time is needed to reach a decision, we will either approve or deny the claim within 45 days of such notice.
We will pay for a covered loss within 5 days after we have notified you that payment of the claim or part of the claim will be made.

The following provision was added.

**Termination or Cancellation**
Coverage will cease on the earliest of the following:
1. the date you no longer maintain a Permanent Residence in the 50 United States of America, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands;
2. the date we determine that you or someone on your behalf intentionally misrepresented or fraud occurred;
3. the date we cancel the Policy;
4. the date you are no longer a Cardmember; or
5. the date the Policy is not available in the location where you maintain a Permanent Residence.

Termination or Cancellation of coverage will not prejudice any claim originating prior to termination or cancellation subject to all other terms of the Policy.

If the Policy is cancelled by the Company at any time, we will send you a written notice at least forty five (45) days in advance to you at your last known address. The notice will include the reason for cancellation.

We may not cancel or non-renew this Policy based solely on the fact that you are an elected official.

In all other respects, the provisions and conditions of the Policy remain the same.

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**Additional Information for Residents of South Dakota**

Under **Losses Not Covered**, item number 5. is replaced with the following:

Car Rental Loss and Damage Insurance does not cover losses caused by or contributed to by:

5. violation of criminal law, or commission of a criminal act, whether cited or charged;

Under **Losses Not Covered**, item number 7. is replaced with the following:

Car Rental Loss and Damage Insurance does not cover losses caused by or contributed to by:

7. consumption of alcohol at or in excess of the legal blood alcohol level for a felony conviction in the state or locality in which the Accident occurred;

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**Additional Information for Residents of Vermont**

Under **Losses Not Covered**, the following item is hereby removed:

7. alcohol intoxication on the part of the driver, as defined in the state where the Accident occurred;

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**Additional Information for Residents of Wisconsin**

Under **Losses Not Covered**, the following items are hereby removed:


5. illegal activity, such as losses where the Rental Auto was used for, or involved in illegal activity or felony;

7. alcohol intoxication on the part of the driver, as defined in the state where the Accident occurred;

8. voluntarily taking any drug or acting under the influence or effect of that drug (unless taken as prescribed or administered by a Doctor);

Under **Losses Not Covered**, the following item is added:

18. the use of the Rental Auto for unlawful purposes, or for transportation of liquor in violation of law, or while the driver is under the influence of an intoxicant or a controlled substance or controlled substance analog, or a combination thereof, or under the influence of any other drug to a degree which renders him or her incapable of safely driving, or under the combined influence of an intoxicant and any other drug to a degree which renders him or her incapable of safely driving, or any use of the motor vehicle in a reckless manner.

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**Additional Information for Residents of West Virginia**

Under **How Benefits are Paid**, the Footnote, to the note that reads: Note: Benefits will not be paid if, on the date of loss, on the date of claim filing, or on the date of potential claim payment, any amount due on Your Card account is past due or Your Card is cancelled, is hereby revised to read as follows:

Does not apply to West Virginia and New York State residents.

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# IMPORTANT NOTICE

TO OBTAIN INFORMATION OR MAKE A COMPLAINT:

You may call AMEX Assurance’s toll-free telephone number for information or to make a complaint at:

**1-800-263-9669**

You may also write to AMEX Assurance Company at:

MC: 080120, 20022 N. 31st Avenue  
Phoenix, AZ 85027

You may contact the Texas Department of Insurance to obtain information on companies, coverages, rights or complaints at:

**1-800-252-3439**

You may write the Texas Department of Insurance at:

P.O. Box 149104  
Austin, TX  78714-9104  
Fax# (512) 475-1771  
Web: [http://www.tdi.state.tx.us](http://www.tdi.state.tx.us)  
E-mail: ConsumerProtection@tdi.state.tx.us

**PREMIUM OR CLAIM DISPUTES:**

Should you have a dispute concerning your claim you should contact the company first. If the dispute is not resolved, you may contact the Texas Department of Insurance.

**ATTACH THIS NOTICE TO YOUR POLICY:**

This notice is for information only and does not become a part or condition of the attached document.

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# AVISO IMPORTANTE

PARA OBTENER INFORMACION O PARA SOMETER UNA QUEJA:

Usted puede llamar al numero de telefono gratis de AMEX Assurance Company’s para informacion o para someter una queja al:

**1-800-263-9669**

Usted tambien puede escribir a AMEX Assurance Company:

MC: 080120, 20022 N. 31st Avenue  
Phoenix, AZ 85027

Puede comunicarse con el Departamento de Seguros de Texas para obtener informacion acerca de companies, coberturas, derechos o quejas al:

**1-800-252-3439**

Puede escribir al Departamento de Seguros de Texas:

P.O. Box 149104  
Austin, TX  78714-9104  
Fax# (512) 475-1771  
Web: [http://www.tdi.state.tx.us](http://www.tdi.state.tx.us)  
E-mail: ConsumerProtection@tdi.state.tx.us

**DISPUTAS SOBRE PRIMAS O RECLAMOS:**

Si tiene una disputa concerniente a un reclamo, debe comunicarse con la compania primero. Si no se resuelve la disputa, puede entonces comunicarse con el departamento (TDI)

**UNA ESTE AVISO A SU POLIZA:** Este aviso es solo para propuesto de informacion y no se convierte en parte o condicion del documento adjunto.