Cookies Policy

Our Use of Cookies

We set and access cookies and similar technology on your device to obtain information about how you access and use our website. This helps us to provide you with a good experience and allows us to improve the website. Unless you have adjusted your browser settings so that it will refuse cookies, the website will set cookies when you load and navigate it.

Explanation of Cookies

Cookies are text files containing small amounts of information which are downloaded to your device when you visit a website. Cookies are then sent back to the originating website during your browsing session or on each subsequent visit, or to another website that recognises that cookie. The cookies we set do lots of different jobs, like help us to improve the website and deliver a better and more personalised service, remember your preferences, and generally improve the user experience. You can find more information about cookies at www.allaboutcookies.org.

Categories of Cookies

Cookies can be categorised in accordance with the ICC UK cookie guide as set out below:

- Strictly necessary cookies these cookies are essential to enable you to move around a website and use its features and enable services you have specifically asked for. Consent is not generally required for these cookies, and these are always active.
- **Performance cookies** these cookies collect information about how visitors use a website (for example, by recording which pages or features visitors use most often (usually on an anonymous basis)). These can be switched on or off.
- Functionality cookies these cookies allow a website to remember the choices a
 user makes, such as a username or language preference. These can be switched on
 or off.
- **Social media cookies -** these cookies are set by social media services. These can be switched on or off.
- Targeting or advertising cookies these cookies collect information about a user's browsing habits and are usually placed by advertising networks with the website operator's permission. These can be switched on or off.

Cookies can also be categorised in accordance with how long they are saved on your device: "session cookies" are short-term cookies that are only saved on the device's memory for the duration of a user's visit to the website, whereas "persistent cookies" remain saved in the device's memory for a set period of time, even after the browser session has ended.

Refusing or Restricting Cookies

You may refuse to accept cookies by activating the setting on your browser which allows you to refuse the setting of cookies. The "Help" or "Internet Settings" functions within your browser should tell you how. Alternatively, you may wish to visit www.allaboutcookies.org which contains detailed information on cookies and how to delete, restrict or block them on a wide

variety of browsers. For information on how to do this on the browser of your mobile phone you will need to refer to your handset manual.

Please be aware that if you select to refuse or restrict cookies you may be unable to access certain parts of the website.