

A24 MODEL CLAUSE ON HOT WORK / HOT WORK FORM

In the event of hot work being carried out at third-party premises using open flame such as welding, cutting, grinding, brazing, hot-air paint stripping, roofing etc, the insured is obliged to take the following precautions:

- a) Flammable materials, other than the ones being directly worked on, must be at least 5 metres removed from the job site. If this is not possible, these materials must be covered by a fireproof blanket or similar fire protection;
- b) There must be a worker on site, standing by with a firehose and/or a fire-extinguisher with a content of at least 6 kg and/or another appropriate extinguisher with equal capacity, all ready to use;
- c) The job site must be monitored for 1 hour after the hot work has been completed;
- d) The insured and the policyholder must have completed, dated and signed a 'Hot Work Form' according to the Dutch Association of Insurers' model (or a similar document with the same intention) **prior to commencement** of the work.

If in the event of property damage caused by fire and/or explosion, it is found that hot work was carried out in the immediate vicinity of the probable location where the fire broke out or the explosion took place, the insured must demonstrate that the aforementioned precautions had been taken. If it turns out that the insured failed to take the aforementioned precautions, an increased deductible applies as stated on the policy and/or the policy endorsement.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Broker members on the VNAB Technical Committee Casualty reported the need for a less stringent Hot Work Clause, to be combined with the Hot Work Form. This need has been met by adding clause A24 to the model clauses. Therefore clause A24 does not replace the existing clause A14, but serves as an alternative option. Market parties are free to use or adjust it.

*The VNAB model policy conditions and clauses only serve as **model**. They may be adjusted by alterations, additional provisions and/or clauses. VNAB market parties are free to offer other policy conditions to their customers.*

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The official Dutch title of this clause is: 'Modelclausule A24 Brandgevaarlijke Werkzaamheden – Formulier Brandgevaarlijke Werkzaamheden'. The wording is available via de VNAB website, www.vnab.nl.