

PEOPIL PRESIDENT WELCOMES ESTABLISHMENT OF THE THOMAS COOK COMPENSATION SCHEME

Dutch Personal Injury lawyer John Beer, PEOPIL President, has welcomed the announcement by the UK Government that it intends to set up an exceptional compensation scheme for holidaymakers who have outstanding loss-of-life or serious personal injury claims against UK companies in the Thomas Cook Group.

Thomas Cook entered into insolvency proceedings on the 23rd of September 2019. Thomas Cook only took out insurance cover for the very largest personal injury claims and self-insured for compensation claims below this figure. Thomas Cook entered into liquidation without ensuring any protection for pending claims which meant the vast majority of injury victims were not covered by insurance. This included holidaymakers who suffered very serious injuries and loss of life.

Mr Beer said today “PEOPIL has welcomed the quick action by the UK government to protect individuals and families with serious claims and those who have suffered life-changing injuries. They look forward to receiving details of the statutory compensation scheme that will be established to provide compensation for such victims”.

Mr Beer added, “the collapse of the Thomas Cook Group has again highlighted the importance of European countries having in place legislation to force travel companies to have full personal injury cover for all its customers in the event of the company’s collapse”.

