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Terms & Conditions – Met Smart Life Unit Linked Life Insurance Plan (Non Par)

1. Basic Definitions

The words or terms below that appear in this Policy in Initial Capitals and **bold** type will have the specific meaning given to them below. These defined words or terms will, where appropriate to the context, be read so that the singular includes the plural, and the masculine includes the feminine.

- 1.1.1. Age means age of the Insured as of his last birthday and is as shown in Section 1 of the Schedule.
- 1.1.2. Annualised Premium means one full year's Regular Premium(s).
- 1.1.3. **Application means** the proposal form and any other **information given** to **Us** to decide whether and on what terms to issue this **Policy**.
- 1.1.4. **Appointee** means the person **You** have named to receive payment under this **Policy** if the **Nominee** is a minor at the time payment becomes due under this **Policy**.
- 1.1.5. Base Premium means the Regular Premium You must pay for the Base Sum Assured and is as shown in the Section 1 of the Schedule.
- 1.1.6. Base Premium Fund Value means the total number of Units in the Base Premium Unit Account of this Policy multiplied by the Net Asset Value as at the Relevant Date or Valuation date.
- 1.1.7. Base Premium Unit Account or Top-Up Premium Unit Account means Your Unit Account pertaining to the Base Premium or the Top Up Premium respectively
- 1.1.8. Base Sum Assured means the amount of life insurance cover as chosen by You and is shown in Section 1 of the Schedule.
- 1.1.9. Business Day means a working day of Our Registered office.
- 1.1.10. Date of Commencement means the date on which this Policy takes effect and is as shown in Section 1 of the Schedule
- 1.1.11. Date of Issue means the date on which this Policy is issued after We have accepted the risk under the Application. The Date of Issue is shown in Section 1 of the Schedule.
- 1.1.12. Date of Maturity means the expiry date of this Policy as shown in Section 1 of the Schedule.
- 1.1.13. **Death Benefit** means the amount payable under this **Policy** in accordance with clause 2.1 in case of the death of the **Insured**.
- 1.1.14. **Insured** means the person insured as named in Section 1 of the **Schedule.**
- 1.1.15. Maturity Benefit means the amount payable under this Policy in accordance with clause 2.2 on the Date of Maturity.
- 1.1.16. Mortality Charge means the cost of life insurance as shown in Section 3 of the Schedule.
- 1.1.17. Net Asset Value ("NAV") of a Unit Linked Fund means the price of a unit in a Unit Linked Fund at which We would allocate or cancel Units in that Unit Linked Fund at each Valuation Date.
- 1.1.18. Nominee is the person nominated by You as per the Application (or as may be subsequently intimated to Us from time to time), to receive the benefits under this Policy in the event of death of the Insured, before the Date of Maturity.
- 1.1.19. Partial Withdrawal means any part of the Unit Account that You encash in accordance with clause 2.4.
- 1.1.20. Policy means this document, any endorsements issued by Us, the Schedule and the Application.

- 1.1.21. **Policy Charges** means the charges shown in Section 3 of the **Schedule**. **Policy Charges** are applicable and will be determined in the manner shown in Section 3 of the **Schedule** subject to the terms and conditions of the **Policy**.
- 1.1.22. **Policy Month** means the one month period between the **Date of Commencement** and every subsequent month thereafter until the **Date of Maturity.**
- 1.1.23. Policy Term means the period between the Date of Commencement and the Date of Maturity.
- 1.1.24. **Policy Year** refers to the one year period between the **Date of Commencement** and every subsequent year thereafter until the **Date of Maturity.**
- 1.1.25. **Premium Payment Term** means the period for which the premiums are payable and is as shown in the Section 1 of the Schedule
- 1.1.26. **Regular Premium** refers to the amount which **You** must pay either yearly, half yearly, quarterly, or monthly for the **Base Sum Assured** during the **Premium Payment Term** and is as shown in the **Schedule.**

1.1.27. Relevant Date means :

- 1.1.27.1. **Our** date of receipt of **Your** written notice for switches, **Partial Withdrawal**, **Surrender** or free-look cancellation.
- 1.1.27.2. **Our** date of receipt of notice of the death of the **Insured** in the case of a **Death Benefit** claim.
- 1.1.27.3. The **Date of Maturity** in the case of a **Maturity Benefit** claim.

The rules in this regard are as follows:

- If the request is received before 15.00 hours on a Business/Working Day, the corresponding Valuation Date is the same business/working day.
- If the request is received after 15.00 hours on a Business/Working Day, the corresponding Valuation Date is the next Business/working day.
- 1.1.28. Schedule means the Schedule We issue along with any annexure, unit statement, tables or endorsements attached to it from time to time
- 1.1.29. Surrender means Your termination of the Policy before the Date of Maturity
- 1.1.30. Surrender Value means the amount payable in accordance with clause 2.3, and is the Total Fund Value less the Surrender Charge shown in the Section 3 of the Schedule.
- 1.1.31. **Top-up Premium** means the single sum amount **You** may optionally pay in addition to the **Base Premium** which is subject to **Our** rules and limits which may be revised at **Our** sole discretion from time to time.
- 1.1.32. **Top-Up Premium Fund Value** means the number of **Units** in the **Top-Up Premium Unit Account** of this **Policy** multiplied by the **Net Asset Value** as on the **Relevant Date or Valuation Date.**
- 1.1.33. Total Fund Value means the sum of the Base Premium Fund Value and the Top-Up Premium Fund Value under this Policy as on the Relevant Date or Valuation Date.
- 1.1.34. **Unit Linked Fund** means a separately identifiable investment-linked fund set up and managed by **Us** for the purpose of achieving the objectives of the fund. The **Unit Linked Funds** available under this **Policy** are mentioned in Section 2 of the **Schedule**
- 1.1.35. Unit means a notional and proportionate part of the Base Premium Unit Account or Top-Up Premium Unit Account created upon the allocation of Base Premium or Top-up Premium.
- 1.1.36. Unit Account means the notional accounts that We administer in which Your Units pertaining to Base Premium or Top-Up Premium are allocated or redeemed.
- 1.1.37. Valuation Date means the date on which the assets to which a Unit Linked Fund (s) is/are referenced, are valued and the date on which NAV (s) is/ are determined.
- 1.1.38. We, Us or Our means MetLife India Insurance Company Limited.
- 1.1.39. You or Your means the Policyholder, as named in Section 1 of the Schedule

2. Policy Benefits

Met Smart Life is the name of the product offered by us under this **Policy**. It is a non-participating unit linked life insurance plan, which matures on the **Date of Maturity**, **Your Policy** provides the following benefits:

2.1. Death Benefit

- 2.1.1. If the Insured dies before attaining the age of 60 during the Policy Term, then We will
 - pay You or Your Nominee the higher of:
 - (a) The Base Premium Fund Value as on the Relevant date; or
 - (b) The Base Sum Assured, less any Partial Withdrawals made from the Base Premium Unit Account in the 24 months preceding the Insured's death.
- 2.1.2. If the **Insured** dies during the **Policy Term** having attained the age 60, then. **We** will pay **You**

or Your Nominee the higher of:

- (a) The Base Premium Fund value as on the Relevant date; or
- (b) The Base Sum Assured less the higher of:
 - (i) any Partial Withdrawals made from the Base Premium Unit Account in the 24 months preceding the Insured's death; or
 - (ii) any Partial Withdrawals made from the Base Premium Unit Account after the Insured having attained the age of 60.
- 2.1.3. If the Insured dies during the Policy Term before the age of 7 years, then We will pay You or Your Nominee the Base Premium Fund Value. If the Age at entry of the Insured is less than seven years, then risk cover will commence from the beginning of the Policy Year coinciding with or immediately following the attainment of Age seven of the Insured. The mortality charge deduction will also commence from the corresponding risk commencement date as mentioned above.
- 2.1.4. In addition to whichever of the payments is due as **Death Benefit** under 2.1.1, 2.1.2 or 2.1.3 above, **We** will pay **You** or **Your Nominee** the **Top–Up Premium Fund Value**, in the event applicable.

Any Policy Charges that accrued during the grace period will be deducted from any payment to be made.

2.2. Maturity Benefit

The **Policy** matures on the Date of Maturity as shown in Section 1 of the Schedule, upon the **Insured** attaining 99 years of age. If the **Insured** is alive on the **Date of Maturity**, then **We** will pay **You** the **Total Fund Value** of this **Policy** as on the **Relevant Date**.

2.3. Surrender Value

- 2.3.1. A Surrender Value is only payable after the first three (3) Policy Years. The Surrender Value will be the Total Fund Value less the Surrender Charge shown in Section 3 of the Schedule.
- 2.3.2. Upon **Surrender** of **Policy** during the first 3 years, the **Total Fund Value** reduced by applicable surrender charges will be frozen to be settled at the end of three years from the **Date of Commencement** of the **Policy**
- 2.3.3. For the purpose of computing the **Surrender Value**, the **Total Fund Value** in the **Unit Account** will be determined using the **Net Asset Value** as on the **Relevant Date**.
- 2.3.4. In circumstances that **We** may determine as being exceptional, **We** may defer the **Surrender** of the **Policy** for a period not exceeding thirty days (30) from the date of request for **Surrender**. Examples of such circumstances are:
 - (i) When one or more stock exchanges which provide a basis for valuation for a substantial portion of the assets of the fund are closed other than for ordinary holidays.
 - (ii) When, as a result of political, economic, monetary or any circumstances that are out of **Our** control, the disposal of the assets of the **Unit-Linked Fund(s)** are not reasonable or would not in **Our** view be reasonably practicable without being detrimental to the interests of the remaining policyholders invested in the **Unit-Linked Fund(s)**.
 - (iii) During periods of extreme market volatility during which surrenders would, in **Our** opinion, be detrimental to the interests of the existing policyholders invested in the **Unit-Linked Fund(s)**.
 - (iv) In case of natural calamities, strikes, war, civil unrest, riots and bandhs;

- (v)
- In the event of any circumstance of force majeure or disaster that affects **Our** normal functioning.

2.4. Partial Withdrawals

- 2.4.1. **Partial Withdrawals** can be requested from the **Total Fund Value** if (a) the **Policy** has been is in force for at least five (5) years & five (5) years have elapsed from the **Date of Commencement**, (b) all due Regular Premiums have been paid for at least five (5) years, and (c) the Insured is at least 18 years of age.
- 2.4.2. Requests for any **Partial Withdrawals** must be given to **Us** in writing and must specify the amount or **percentage of the Total Fund Value** to be partially withdrawn. No **Partial Withdrawal** will be processed if (a) the amount of **Partial Withdrawal** is less than Rupees Five Thousand (Rs. 5,000/-), or (b) the amount of **Partial Withdrawal** exceeds 25% of the **Total Fund Value** (this condition is not applicable if all due premiums have been paid for atleast **10 Policy Years)** or (c) the **Total Fund Value** after any **Partial Withdrawal** would be less than the sum of 120% of the **Annualised Premium** and surrender charges requests will be processed subject to **Our** approval which will be based on the applicable **Unit Linked Fund** rules as on the Relevant Date.
- 2.4.3. Two (2) **Partial Withdrawals** in each **Policy Year** will be processed free of charge. For every **Partial Withdrawal** thereafter, the Partial Withdrawal Charge mentioned in Section 3 of the **Schedule** shall be applicable.
- 2.4.4. Partial Withdrawals will be effected by first canceling any **Units** in the **Top-Up Premium Unit Account** if the **Top-Up Premium** has been invested for at least three (3) years from the date of its receipt. This condition shall not apply if the **Top-Up Premium** is credited to the **Policy** in the three (3) **Policy Years** immediately before the **Date of Maturity.**

2.5. Loans

No loans are available under this Policy.

3. Premium Provisions

You are required to pay Regular Premiums on the due dates during the Premium Payment Term. The **Premium Payment** Term chosen by you is shown in Section 1 of the Schedule.

3.1 Regular Premium

- 3.2.4 You must pay the amount of **Regular Premium** as shown in section 1 of the **Schedule** on or before its due date. Regular Premiums received before the due date shall be credited to your **Policy** only on the due date.
- 3.2.4 You may only change the frequency of premium payment with Our prior written approval, and such approval if given will only be effective from the following Policy Year
- 3.2.4 All amounts payable to Us or by Us shall be paid in Indian Rupees and will be payable or paid at Our Corporate Office, Registered Office, Regional Office or any other office.

3.2 Top – Up Premium

- 3.1.1 You may pay **Top-up Premium** if **You** have paid **Your Regular Premium** as required. **You** must clearly inform **Us** when **You** are paying **Top-up Premium**, otherwise:
 - 3.1.1.1 If the amount paid is equal to the **Regular Premium** due, then it will be accepted as the **Regular Premium** payable on the next due date.
 - 3.1.1.2 If the amount paid is less than the **Regular Premium** due, then it will be held in an interest free deposit account for up to 45 days and, when the next installment of **Regular**

Premium is due, it will be taken as part payment of the **Regular Premium** then due, provided the balance **Regular Premium** is paid by **You** on that date, else the same shall be returned to **You**. If 45 days pass without the next installment of **Regular Premium** becoming due, then **We** will refund the amount to **You** without interest.

3.1.2 The **Top-Up Premium** can be paid at any time. Each **Top-Up Premium** shall not be less than the then prevailing minimum amount (currently set as Rupees Five thousand (Rs 5,000)) and not more than 25% of the total **Annualized Premiums** paid as on the date **You** wish to pay **Top-Up Premium**.

- 3.1.3 Allocation of the **Top-Up Premiums** shall be subject to the rules, if any, of the applicable **Unit Linked Fund**.
- 3.1.4 Top-Up Premium paid is subject to a lock-in period of 3 years from the date of payment for effecting Partial Withdrawals. However such lock-in period shall not be applicable to **Top-Up Premiums** paid during the last 3 years of the **Policy Term**.

3.2 Premium Discontinuance

- 3.2.1 If **You** fail to pay **Regular Premium** due on the due date, then **We** will allow a grace period of 30 days (15 days if Regular Premium is due monthly).
- 3.2.2 If the **Regular Premium** due is not paid within the grace period and this occurs in the first 3 **Policy Years**, then upon the expiry of the grace period, the life cover will immediately cease to exist and the **Policy** will lapse with effect from the due date of first unpaid **Regular Premium**. We will cease deducting **Mortality Charges**, however Policy Administration Charges and Fund Management Charges will continue to be levied as shown in Section 3 of the **Schedule**. The **Units** in **Your Unit Account** shall be subject to the performance of the underlying **Unit Linked Funds** and the applicable Fund Management Charges will be deducted from the **Unit Account**. **You** may apply to reinstate the **Policy** within 2 years from the due date of the first unpaid **Regular Premium** subject to the reinstatement conditions set out in 3.3.4 below. If the **Policy** is not reinstated within 2 years then it will automatically terminate at the earliest of the following:
 - 3.2.2.1 The later of the end of the 2 year period (as mentioned above) or the commencement of the fourth **Policy Year**, in which case **We** will pay **You** the **Surrender Value** as on the **Relevant Date**; or
 - 3.2.2.2 The death of the Insured, in which case We will pay You the Total Fund Value as on the Relevant Date
 - 3.2.2.3 The **Total Fund Value** becoming insufficient to meet the **Policy Charges** as they fall due;
- 3.2.3 If the **Regular Premium** due is not paid within the grace period and this occurs after the first 3 **Policy Years** during which time all **Regular Premium** due has been paid, then the **Policy** will remain in full force for 2 years from the due date of the first unpaid **Regular Premium** and the **Policy Charges** shown in Section 3 of the **Schedule** will continue to be deducted.

Policy may automatically terminate earlier within the 2 year period if the **Fund Value** becomes equal to the sum of 120% of **Annualised Premium** and applicable surrender charges, at which time the **Surrender Value** will become payable, subject to 3.3.4 & 3.3.5 below, **You** may:

- 3.2.3.1 Apply to reinstate the **Policy** within 2 years from the due date of the first unpaid **Regular Premium** subject to the reinstatement conditions at 3.3.4 below; or
- 3.2.3.2 Surrender the policy in which case We will pay You the Surrender Value as on the Relevant Date; or
- 3.2.3.3 If **You** do not exercise any of these option within the 2 year period then the **Policy** shall automatically terminate at the end of the 2 year period **We** will pay **You** the **Surrender Value** per 2.3 above.
- 3.2.4 The reinstatement of the **Policy** and the terms on which it is reinstated will be in **Our** sole and absolute discretion. **We** shall not reinstate the **Policy**, unless:
 - 3.2.4.1 You have given written notice to Us of Your intention to reinstate at least 7 days before the end of the 2 year period from the due date of the first unpaid Regular Premium; and
 - 3.2.4.2 You meet Our underwriting requirements, at the time of reinstatement and
 - 3.2.4.3 You provide Us with all the information and documentation that We may seek for the purposes of reinstatement; and
 - 3.2.4.4 You have agreed to such terms that We may seek or impose as a condition of reinstatement; and
 - 3.2.4.5 You have paid all unpaid Regular Premium due between the date of default to the proposed date of reinstatement and
 - 3.2.4.6 You agree to the deduction of applicable Policy Charges; and
 - 3.2.4.7 You agree that any reinstatement to which We consent shall only be effective from the date of Our written endorsement of reinstatement.

3.2.5 Premium Holiday : You may choose to continue Your Policy without paying future Premiums, provided the due Premiums have been paid for atleast first Five (5) years and Five (5) years have elapsed from the Date of Commencement of Your Policy. We will continue to keep the Policy in force by deducting all applicable charges until the Total Fund Value does not fall below an amount equivalent to 120% of Annualised First Year Premium and applicable Surrender Charge, at which time the Surrender Value will become payable. During Premium Holiday period Fund switches and Partial Withdrawals are allowed subject to the criteria for the same.

3.3 Premium Redirection

All premiums (including **Top –up Premium**) will be allocated to the funds specified in **Your** application and allocated in the proportion also specified in **Your** application. **You** may change the premium allocation proportion once every **Policy Year** free of charge. The second and subsequent changes in a **Policy Year** will attract the Miscellaneous Charge specified in Section 3 of the Schedule. Any change **You** make must comply with the applicable rules of the **Unit Linked Funds**, if any, and will only be processed if (a) the sum of the proportionate allocations is equal to one hundred percent (100%); and (b) the allocation proportion for any one fund is at least twenty percent (20%) of the premium.

3.4 Switches between Unit Linked Funds

- 3.4.1 In addition to requesting a change in premium allocation between Unit Linked Fund/(s) (subject to the applicable rules, if any, of the Unit Linked Fund/(s), You may also request a switch between existing investments in Unit Linked Funds. (subject to their applicable rules). Your request to switch between Unit Linked Funds must be made to us in writing..
- 3.4.2 The first twenty four (24) switches are free of charge in a **Policy Year**. Any subsequent switch in the same **Policy Year** will be charged as shown in section 3 of the **Schedule**.
- 3.4.3 The minimum amount of any switch must be at least Rupees five thousand (Rs. 5000/-).

3.5 Change in Base Sum Assured & Regular premium

- 3.5.1 You may choose to increase the Base Sum Assured, keeping the same Annualised Premium, subject to the Insured satisfying the underwriting requirements as called for by Us.
- 3.5.2 Decrease in **Base Sum Assured** is allowed, keeping the same **Annualised premium**, provided the decreased **Base Sum Assured** is at least equal to minimum **Base Sum Assured** applicable at the time of commencement of **Policy**. The **Base Sum** Assured once decreased will not be allowed to be increased in future.
- 3.5.3 Increase in **Regular Premium** is not allowed in this **Policy.**
- 3.5.4 Decrease in **Regular Premium** is allowed after completion of 5 **Policy Years**, provided the reduced **Annualised Premium** is at least Rupees Thirty Six Thousand (Rs.36,000) for annual and half-yearly modes and Rupees Forty Eight Thousand (Rs.48,000) for other modes. **You** will be allowed to revert to the original **Regular Premium** chosen at inception only once during the **Policy Term**. The increase or decrease in **Regular Premium** will lead to proportionate increase/decrease in **Base Sum Assured**.
- 3.5.5 Simultaneous increase or decrease in **Base Sum Assured** or **Regular Premium** is not allowed.
- 3.5.6 Change in **Base Sum Assured** or **Regular Premium** will be allowed only after completion of **5 Policy Years** from the **Date of Commencement** of **Policy. You** should intimate **Us Your** intent to change **Regular Premium** and /or **Base Sum Assured at least** 60 days prior to the commencement of the next **Policy Year.**
- 3.5.7 Change in **Base Sum Assured** or **Regular Premium** is allowed provided **Policy** is in force and all due **Regular Premiums** have been paid.
- 3.5.8 Change in **Base Sum Assured** or **Regular Premium** will be subject to **Our** discretion and Miscellaneous Charges as mentioned in section 3 of the **Schedule.**

4 Fund Provisions

4.1 Unit Allocation

The Base Premium/Top-up premium (if any) net of allocation charges will be allocated to the Unit Linked Funds You had chosen in the Application, subject to a minimum allocation proportion of each fund being 20% and further subject to applicable rules, if any, of the said Unit Linked Fund.

The **Base Premium/ Top-up premium** (if any) net of allocation charges will be used to buy **Unit**s in the chosen **Fund**s using the **Net Asset Value** as determined in Section 4.4 subject to the following:

- 4.1.1 If the premium is received by Local Cheque/DD (payable at par where the premiums are received) before 1500 hours on a **Business Day**, the **Valuation Date** will be the same **Business Day**.
- 4.1.2 If the premium is received by Local Cheque/DD (payable at par where the premiums are received) after 1500 hours on a **Business Day**, the **Valuation Date** will be the next **Business Day**.
- 4.1.3 If the premium is received by any other authorized mode, the **Valuation Date** will be the **Business Day** on which the payment is realised.
- 4.1.4 If no valuation is undertaken on a **Business Day**, then the **Valuation Date** will be the date when the next valuation is done. **Regular Premium** received prior to the due date will be allocated to the chosen **Unit Linked Funds** only on the due date.

4.2 Unit Allocations & Nominal Value

Unit allocations will be rounded up to four decimal places. The nominal value of Units is Rs.10 each

4.3 Valuation of Funds

- 4.3.1 The assets to which the Unit Linked Funds are referenced will be valued daily and will be based on whether overall Units are to be purchased (Appropriation price) or sold (Expropriation price) in the Unit Linked Funds in order to meet the day to day transactions in that Unit Linked Fund.
- 4.3.2 We will determine the Appropriation price using the following methodology: (Market value of the assets held by the Unit Linked Fund plus expenses incurred in the purchase of assets plus the value of any current assets plus any accrued income net of Fund Management Charges as shown in Section 3 of the Schedule less the value of any current liabilities less provisions, if any)/number of outstanding units in the relevant Unit Linked Fund.
- 4.3.3 We will determine the Expropriation price of a Unit Linked Fund using the following methodology: (Market Value of the assets held by the Unit Linked Fund less the expenses incurred in the sale of such assets plus the value of any current assets plus any accrued income net of Fund Management Charges as shown in Section 3 of the Schedule less the value of any current liabilities, less provisions, if any)/number of outstanding in the relevant Unit Linked Fund.
- 4.3.4 We shall make all decisions about the selection and valuation of the assets to which a Unit Linked Fund is referenced subject to regulatory guidelines in the regard.
- 4.3.5 The **Unit Linked Fund** value will be calculated using the **Net Asset Value** on the correspoding **Valuation Date** falling on or immediately after the **Relevant Date**. If a request/notice is received:
 - 4.3.5.1 Before 1500 hours on a **Business Day**, the **Valuation Date** will be the same **Business Day**;
 - 4.3.5.2 After 1500 hours on a **Business Day**, the **Valuation Date** will be the next **Business Day**.
- 4.3.6 If no valuation is undertaken on a **Business Day**, then the **Valuation Date** will be the date when the next valuation is done.
- 4.3.7 **We** reserve the right to change these rules by sending **You** 15 days prior written notice.

4.4 Calculation of Net Asset Values

We will calculate the Net Asset Value in accordance with the following formula:

(Market value of investments +/- Expenses incurred + Current Assets + Accrued Income - Current Liabilities and Provisions – Fund Management Charge) / (Number of outstanding **Units** under the relevant Unit Linked **Fund**)

The **Net Asset Value** will be rounded up to four decimal places but there will be no difference between the prices at which **Units** are bought or sold on a particular day.

4.5 Limitation of Interest

The allocation of units to the **Unit Account** shall operate solely for the purpose of determining the value of the benefits under the **Policy**. The assets to which the **Unit Linked Funds** are referenced, and any income arising from these assets, is and shall remain **Our** property at all times. Accordingly, the **Policy** does not confer any title to or any beneficial interest in any such assets or **Our** other assets, or to any income from these assets including, but not limited to, any assets to which any **Unit Linked Fund** is referenced or income from it.

4.6 Changes in existing Fund

- 4.6.1 We may at Our sole and absolute discretion establish a new Unit Linked Fund or close any of the existing Unit Linked Funds stated in Section 2 of The Schedule with the prior approval of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority
- 4.6.2 You will be given at least 4 weeks prior written notice of the Unit Linked Fund closure date. If You have not informed Us of another Unit Linked Fund to which the closing Fund Value is to be switched before the Unit Linked Fund closure date, then We will automatically switch the said Fund Value to the Unit Linked Fund which offers the highest proportion of investment in Government Securities. We will not charge any switching fee for any such Unit Linked Fund closure

4.7 Change to Term and conditions

- 4.7.1 We reserve the right to change these terms and conditions, the rules for the **Unit Linked Funds** and the benefits conferred by the **Policy** if there is a change in the law, legislation or taxation affecting **Us** or the **Unit Linked Funds** or the **Policy**, or if there is a change in circumstances which makes it impossible or impracticable for **Us** to follow these terms and conditions with prior approval from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority.
- 4.7.2 We will intimate You about any changes to the terms and conditions, rules for the Unit Linked Funds and benefits within four weeks from the date of effecting such changes. If You do not agree with the changes and do not so intimate Us within four weeks after We have sent intimation thereof, it will be deemed that You have accepted the change. If You give notice of Your objection within 4 weeks after the company has sent intimation thereof, You will be allowed to Surrender the Units in the Unit Account and terminate the Policy.

5 Ownership Provisions

5.1 The Policyholder

You are the Policyholder and beneficiary of this **Policy** as shown on Section 1 of the **Schedule** until changed. Only You can, during the **Insured's** lifetime, exercise all rights, privileges and options provided under this **Policy** subject to any assignee's rights.

5.2 Nomination & Assignment

- 5.2.1 If You are also the **Insured** under this **Policy**, then at any time before the **Date of Maturity You** may nominate an individual or change any existing nomination by giving **Us** prior written notice. No nomination or change in **Nominee** will be effective before it is registered in **Our** records and **We** have sent an endorsement confirming the identity of the **Nominee**.
- 5.2.2 If no nomination has been made or all **Nominee(s)** die before payment becomes due under the **Policy**, then **Our** payment to **You** or **Your** legal heirs or **Your** legal representatives will be a final and valid discharge of **Our** obligations under the **Policy**.
- 5.2.3 If the **Nominee** is a minor at the time payment becomes due under the **Policy**, then **We** shall make payment to the **Appointee**, **You** named in the **Application**.

- 5.2.4 You may assign this **Policy** by giving **Us** written notice. An assignment will be effective against **Us** only once **We** have received written notice of the assignment, a copy of the **Policy** document and **We** have sent an endorsement confirming that the assignment has been recorded.
- 5.2.5 In registering an assignment or nomination, **We** do not accept any responsibility or express any opinion as to its validity or legality.
- 5.3 Automatic Vesting of ownership: If the Insured is a minor at the commencement of the Policy, the Policy will automatically vests on the life of the Insured on the date he/she attains 18 years of Age. In such cases, We will recognize the Insured to be the Policyholder from the vesting date.

6 Termination of Policy

The **Policy** will be terminated on the earliest of the following:

- a) The date of confirmation by **Us** of the **Surrender** of the **Policy**
- b) Date of Maturity of the Policy
- c) The date of receipt of the intimation of death of the **Insured**
- d) Automatic termination as described in Section 3.3

7 General Provisions

- 7.1 Free Look Period: You have a period of 15 days from the date of receipt of the Policy to review the terms and conditions of this Policy. If you have any objections to the terms and conditions, You have the right to cancel the Policy by giving written notice to Us stating the reasons for Your objection and You will receive an amount equal to non-allocated premiums plus charges levied through cancellation of units plus Fund Value at the date of cancellation subject to deduction of expenses towards medical examination, stamp duty and proportionate risk premium for the period of cover Such notice must be signed by You and received directly by Us within 15 days after You or Your designated agent receive the Policy
- 7.2 Grace period: A grace period of thirty (30) days (15 days for monthly mode) from the premium due date will be allowed for all modes of payments of each subsequent Regular Premium. The Policy will remain in force during the Grace Period. If any Regular Premium remains unpaid at the end of its grace period, the Policy shall lapse from the date of the first unpaid Regular Premium subject to the conditions as mentioned in section 3.3.
- **7.3** Taxes: Service tax is applicable as per governing laws and the same shall be borne by You. We reserve the right to recover from You, any levies or duties or taxes (including but not limited to service tax), as imposed by the government from time to time.
- 7.4 Suicide: If the Insured commits suicide whilst sane or insane within One (1) year from the Date of Issue or the date of the last reinstatement, whichever is later, Our liability to make any payment under this Policy shall be limited to the Total Fund Value as on the Relevant Date.
- 7.5 Currency & place of payment: All amounts payable either to or by Us will be paid in the currency shown in Section 1 of the Schedule. Such amounts will be paid by a negotiable bank draft or cheque drawn on a bank in the country in which the currency of this Policy is denominated
- 7.6 Disclosure: This Policy has been issued on Your representation that You have made full and accurate disclosures of all material facts and circumstances and that You have not misrepresented or suppressed any material facts or circumstances. In the event it comes to Our knowledge that You have misrepresented or suppressed any material facts and circumstances We

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shall reserve the right to take such action, as **We** deem appropriate including cancellation of the **Policy** and forfeiture of the

Regular Premium(s) received.

If **You** or anyone acting for **You** or at **Your** direction or with **Your** knowledge makes or advances any claim knowing it to be false, fraudulent or dishonest in any respect, then this **Policy** will be void and any payments due to **You** or made by **You** will be forfeited.

- 7.7 Proof of Age: Subject to Section 45 of the Insurance Act 1938, if the actual age of the Insured differs from the Age stated in the Application then:
 - 7.7.1 If the Insured's actual age is higher than Age stated in the Application, then the accumulated difference between the Mortality Charges applied and applicable to the actual age will be paid to Us from the Date of commencement with interest at such rate and in such manner as We charge for the late payment of Regular premium. The difference so paid will not be used to buy Units. If such difference and interest is not paid within of it being requested, We are hereby authorised to recover the same by the cancellation of Units.
 - 7.7.2 If the **Insured**'s actual age is lower than **Age** stated in the **Application**, the **Mortality Charges** shall be altered corresponding to the actual age from the **Date of commencement** and **We** may, at **Our** discretion, refund without interest the accumulated difference between the corrected **Mortality Charges** and the original **Mortality Charges**.
 - 7.7.3 If the **Insured**'s actual age is such that it would have made him ineligible for this **Policy**, then **We** may at **Our** option cancel the **Policy** and refund the surrender value as per section 2.3

7.8 Claims Procedure

- 7.8.1 We will not be obliged to make any payment of **Death Benefit** unless and until We have received all of the information and documentation We request, including but not limited to
 - The Original **Policy** document.
 - The Claim forms as prescribed by Us.
 - The official death certificate issued by a competent governmental authority.
 - Written intimation of death by the Policyholder, Nominee, Appointee or legal heir.
 - First Information Report, Police inquest report and a post-mortem report where the death is due to an unnatural cause.
 - Proof of title to the **Policy** where applicable
 - Nominee/legal heir Identification and Address proof as per regulatory requirement.
- 7.8.2 We will not be obliged to make any payment of the Maturity Benefit unless and until We have received all of the information and documentation We request, including but not limited to
 - The **Policy** document
 - The claim forms as prescribed by Us
 - The discharge voucher as prescribed by Us
- 7.9 Loss of the Policy document: If the Policy is lost or destroyed, You may make a written request for a duplicate Policy which We will issue duly endorsed to show that it is in place of the original document, as long as You first pay Us the fee We prescribe for issuing the duplicate Policy. Upon the issue of a duplicate Policy, the original will cease to have any legal force or effect.
- 7.10 The Policyholder's Rights ; To exercise Your rights, under this Policy, You should follow the procedures stated in this Policy. If You want to request a change in payment mode, payment of Top-Up Premium, change in Nominee, change an address or any other action by Us, You should do so only on the forms prescribed for each purpose. These forms are available from the Your Financial Advisor or from Our local office.
- 7.11 Travel, Residence and Occupation: This Policy does not impose any restrictions as to travel, residence or occupation, except as otherwise provided in any special provisions to this Policy or notified by local governments for travel advisory risks.

- 7.12 Governing Law & Jurisdiction: The terms and conditions of the **Policy** shall be governed by and be subject to Indian law and be subject to the sole and exclusive jurisdiction of the courts situated in Bangalore.
- 7.13 Address for Communication: All notices and communications in respect of this Policy shall be addressed to Us at the following address:

MetLife India Insurance Company Limited Registered Office, 'Brigade Seshamahal' 5, Vani Vilas Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore – 560 004.

7.14 Grievance Redressal Mechanism

In case You have any query or complaint/grievance, You may approach Our office at the following address:

MetLife India Insurance Company Ltd., 'Brigade Seshamahal' 5 Vani Vilas Road Basvangudi Bangalore – 560 004 India.

Toll Free Help line: 1-800-425-6969 (8am –8pm) Phone: +91 80 2650 2244 Fax +91 80 41506969 Email: <u>indiaservice@metlife.com</u> Web: www.metlife.co.in

Please address **Your** queries or complaints to the Customer Services Department, and **Your** grievances to the Grievance Redressal Officer, who are authorized to review **Your** queries or complaints or grievances and address the same. Please note that only an officer duly authorized by **Us** has the authority to resolve **Your** complaints and grievances. **We** shall in no way be responsible, or liable, or bound by, any replies or communications or undertakings, given by or received from, any financial advisor or any employee who was involved in selling **You** this **Policy**.

7.15 In case You are not satisfied with the decision of the above office, or have not received any response within 10 days, You may contact the following official of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority for resolution:

Grievance cell (Complaint against Life insurer) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority Parishrama Bhawanam, 5-9-58/B, Basheerbagh, Hyderabad – 500 004. Phone: +91-40- 6682 0964/6678 9768 (Ext –251) E-mail: <u>lifecomplaints@irda.gov.in</u>

- 7.16 In case You are not satisfied with the decision/resolution of the Company, You may approach the Insurance Ombudsman at the address enclosed as Annexure A, if Your grievance pertains to:
 - Insurance claim that has been rejected or dispute of a claim on legal construction of the Policy
 - Delay in settlement of claim
 - Dispute with regard to premium
 - Non-receipt of Your Policy document

The complaint should be made in writing duly signed by the complainant, **Nominee** or by his legal heirs with full details of the complaint and the contact information of complainant

7.17 As per provision 13(3)of the Redress of Public Grievances Rules 1998, the complaint to the

Ombudsman can be made:

- Only if the grievance has been rejected by the Grievance Redress Machinery of the Insurer
- Within a period of one year from the date of rejection by the insurer
- If it is not simultaneously under any litigation.

7.18 Section 45 of the Insurance Act 1938

No policy of life insurance effected before the commencement of this Act shall after the expiry of two years from the date of commencement of this Act and no policy of life insurance effected after the coming into force of this Act shall after the expiry of two years from the date on which it was effected, be called in question by an insurer on the ground that a statement made in the proposal for insurance or in any report of a medical officer, or referee, or friend of the insured, or in any other document leading to the issue of the policy, was inaccurate or false, unless the insurer shows that the such statement was on material matter or suppressed facts which it was material to disclose and that it was fraudulently made by the policy owner and that the owner knew at the time of making it that the statement was false or that it suppressed facts which it was material to disclose. Provided that nothing in this section shall prevent the insurer from calling for proof of age at any time if he is entitled to do so, and no policy shall be deemed to be called in question merely because the terms of the policy are adjusted on subsequent proof that the age of the life insured was incorrectly stated in the proposal.