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FM clauses generally include common elements, and can be broken into parts

- A list of events or circumstances
- A description of the impact required in order to trigger the excuse
- A description of the excuse
- Some additional obligations/process elements (notice/mitigation)

In the event either party is unable to perform its obligations under the terms of this Agreement because of acts beyond its reasonable control including, without limitation, acts of God, acts of war or terrorism, shortage of supply, breakdowns or malfunctions, interruptions or malfunction of computer facilities, or loss of data due to power failures or mechanical difficulties with information storage or retrieval systems, labor difficulties or civil unrest, such party shall not be liable for damages to the other for any damages resulting from such failure to perform or otherwise from such causes. The affected party will provide notice of any such event within five (5) business days. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event of such an occurrence, each party agrees to make a good faith effort to perform its obligations hereunder.

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