



GLOBAL UPDATE

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UK - Why Perfection is Impossible for Driverless Cars

The U.K. government intends to play a leading role in bringing the new autonomous vehicles technology to fruition, as exemplified by last year's passing of the Automated and Electric Vehicles Act. It will also shine a spotlight on driverless cars to a degree that has not been seen before on that side of the Atlantic. What is going to be critical about these trials is their impact on public perception. In the United States, 2018's Uber collision and resultant fatality in Arizona diminished America's confidence in driverless technology. A survey published by U.S. automobile body AAA just two months after the crash showed that 73% of American drivers would be 'too afraid' to ride in a self-driving vehicle, compared to 63% in late 2017. The state of Arizona immediately halted Uber's trials, dealing the company's plans a catastrophic blow. Yet, in the U.S., driverless vehicles have already accumulated more than 10 million road miles, around 14 times more than the distance the average American driver travels in his or her motoring lifetime, with few incidents. Despite popular belief, driverless cars have proven themselves to be safer than their human counterparts. Why does the public overreact when there are accidents happening every day? Autonomous vehicles are perceived to be flawless and as a result their technology and results are under the public's scrutiny. The fact of the matter is that they are not going to be flawless. However, autonomous vehicles are swathed in sensors that collect a treasure trove of information for use in collision analysis, and will prove extremely beneficial in improving technology. Just because perfection is unobtainable does not negate the tremendous safety improvements this technology will offer.



GDPR - Affecting Cyber Insurance Demand

The European Union's General Data Protection Regulation is starting to have an impact on the demand for cyber insurance – an impact that will likely accelerate as other jurisdictions adopt similar privacy regimes.

The United States is the largest market for cyber coverage and the U.S. property/casualty insurance

limited to;

- Insurers may insert sunset clauses in renewal policies
- Price increases or limited writing based on preferred locations
- Some insurers will have to purchase additional private reinsurance
- An influx of new buyers into the reinsurance market could affect pricing.
- Reinsurers are likely to be selective in providing additional capital, which could pose a capacity problem for some businesses in high profile cities, and employers with significant workers' compensation accumulations.

Although private terrorism reinsurance is currently available, future availability and affordability of reinsurance if the federal backstop is eliminated or changes significantly, will be a concern.

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