

## General Terms and Conditions of Sale and Delivery for the benefit of Exhibition Services Companies

### Article 1: Definitions

1.1 In the General Terms and Conditions of Sale and Delivery for the benefit of Exhibition Services Companies, the following terms have the following meanings:

- **'Agreement'**: agreement between the Exhibition Services Company and the Client on the basis of which the Exhibition Services Company carries out an Assignment on the instruction of the Client;
- **'Assignment'**: assignment the Exhibition Services Company is to carry out for the Client pursuant to the Agreement, which includes providing services and supplying goods for sale and/or rent;
- **'CLC-VECTA'**: the association with full legal capacity 'CLC-VECTA Centre for Live Communication', having its registered office in Maarssen;
- **'CLC-VECTA member'**: any legal entity or natural person acting in the course of its/his business or profession that/who uses these conditions;
- **'Client'**: every natural person who or legal entity that contacts the Exhibition Services Company in connection with possible entering into an Agreement, or has entered into an Agreement with the Exhibition Services Company;
- **'Design'**: work the Exhibition Services Company has performed in the carrying out of an Assignment, such as making drawings, sketches, models and scale models;
- **'Event'**: a fair, exhibition, congress, event or other form of Live Communication;
- **'Exhibition Services Company'**: any legal entity or natural person acting in the course of its/his business or profession that/who is involved in the realisation of an Event and is a CLC-VECTA Member;
- **'General Terms and Conditions'**: these General Terms and Conditions for the benefit of Exhibition Services Company;
- **'IP Rights'**: rights to intellectual creations, such as copyrights, trademark rights, design rights, trade name rights, database rights and patent rights;
- **'Live Communication'**: 'business to business' and 'business to consumer' events where individuals or groups (physically) come together, organised for the purpose of providing information, obtaining or imparting knowledge or preparing and/or conducting transactions;
- **'Party'**: the Exhibition Services Company or the Client individually;
- **'Parties'**: the Exhibition Services Company and the Client jointly;
- **'Quotation'**: any non-binding Written offer made by an Exhibition Services Company for the provision of services;
- **'Written/In Writing'**: written/in writing or by email.

### Article 2: Applicability

- 2.1 The General Terms and Conditions apply to all Quotations and Agreements, as well as to all other legal relationships between the Parties in this connection.
- 2.2 The Exhibition Services Company is authorised to make unilateral changes to these General Terms and Conditions. In the eventuality of such a change, the Exhibition Services Company will inform the Client In Writing at least one month prior to the change being made. If the Client is a natural person who is not pursuing professional or commercial activities and the change has the effect of a performance being rendered to the Client that is fundamentally different from the agreed performance, the Client is authorised to terminate the Agreement as

- from the date that the changed General Terms and Conditions enter into effect.
- 2.3 In the event that a provision of the General Terms and Conditions is void or voided, or the Parties are unable to rely on it on other grounds, the Exhibition Services Company will have the right to replace this provision with a valid and enforceable provision, taking as much account as possible of the objective and purport of the original provision. In such case, the other provisions will continue to apply in full.
- 2.4 In the event of a discrepancy between the various language versions of these General Terms and Conditions, the text of the Dutch version will prevail over the translated versions.

### **Article 3: Formation of Agreements**

- 3.1 All offers, including those taking the form of Quotations, are submitted In Writing and are non-binding. As long as no Agreement has been formed (see Article 3.3 hereafter), the Exhibition Services Company may revoke the offer or Quotation or decide not to enter into an Agreement at any time.
- 3.2 Unless the quotation states otherwise, all quotations are valid for 30 (thirty) days.
- 3.3 The Agreement is only formed:
- a) after the Client and the Exhibition Services Company have both signed the Agreement, or
  - b) after the Client has returned a signed copy of the Written confirmation of the Assignment to the Exhibition Services Company, or
  - c) in case the Exhibition Services Company has started the execution of the Assignment, after verbal agreement with the Client, based on what has been offered in the Agreement, but the signing as referred to in sub a and b of this article by the Client has not yet taken place.
- 3.4 If the acceptance by the Client contains reservations in respect of and/or changes to the original Quotation submitted by the Exhibition Services Company, the Agreement will – in derogation from the provisions of paragraph 3 of this article – only be formed when the Exhibition Services Company has informed the Client, In Writing, that it agrees to these reservations and/or derogations.
- 3.5 Any arrangements or changes that are made at a later stage, as well as (oral) commitments made by and/or arrangements made with subordinates and/or employees of the Exhibition Services Company only bind the Exhibition Services Company after and insofar as the Exhibition Services Company has confirmed these In Writing.
- 3.6 The Client will see to it that the Exhibition Services Company is provided with any useful and essential information, documents and data that the Exhibition Services Company requires in the carrying out of the Assignment in due time. The Client is liable for any loss suffered by the Exhibition Services Company and any additional costs the Exhibition Services Company incurs and/or has incurred as a result of not having the abovementioned information available in due time. Unless the Parties agree otherwise In Writing, the Exhibition Services Company is not obliged to verify the correctness of the Assignment and/or notices, drawings, calculations, estimates etc. of the Client and – insofar as this is applicable – the functional suitability of the materials prescribed by or on behalf of the Client. The Client guarantees that the information it has provided to the Exhibition Services Company is correct and complete. The Client will always mark drawings, calculations and estimates with the date on which the Client issued them.
- 3.7 The Exhibition Services Company will under no circumstances be liable for shortcomings in the services that are due to incorrect or incomplete information

- received from the Client. The Client is liable for any loss arising from the fact that the information the Client has provided the Exhibition Services Company is incorrect or incomplete. The Client indemnifies the Exhibition Services Company against any third-party claims with regard to the use of drawings, calculations, estimates and other data provided by or on behalf of the Client.
- 3.8 The Exhibition Services Company will confirm the agreed additional work in Writing before performing it. Any objections against the contents of the Written confirmation must be submitted as soon as possible, and in any case before the additional work is performed, to the Exhibition Services Company In Writing. If the Client does not object within the stated term, the Client will be deemed to have accepted (the correctness of the) Written confirmation of the additional work.
- 3.9 Unless the Parties have agreed otherwise In Writing, additional work will be performed at the prices that apply upon entry into the Agreement, with due observance of Article 5 of the General Terms and Conditions.

#### **Article 4: Prices and fees**

- 4.1 The prices for the Assignment are the prices indicated in the Quotation, unless agreed otherwise.
- 4.2 Any Assignment-related costs that third parties incur after commencement of the Assignment and charge to the Exhibition Services Company within the framework of the Assignment will be at the Client's expense, insofar as they have not been factored into the agreed price.
- 4.3 In the event of a change in circumstances or increase in one or more cost-determining factor after submission of the Quotation, the Exhibition Services Company is authorised to charge this change on to the Client. The Exhibition Services Company is only authorised to do so insofar as the Exhibition Services Company could not reasonably have been aware of the increase at the time of submission of the Quotation. The Exhibition Services Company will announce a change in the agreed price In Writing, with a statement of the additional expenses.
- 4.4 In the event that the Exhibition Services Company increases the agreed prices as referred to in paragraph 3 of this article, the Client is authorised to terminate the Agreement, in full or in part, within 8 (eight) days of the Exhibition Services Company announcing this In Writing, by registered letter, and therefore without judicial intervention. If the Exhibition Services Company has already complied with some of its obligations under the Agreement, it is authorised to invoice the part that has already been delivered or can be delivered to the Client separately, and the Client is obliged to pay such invoice.
- 4.5 In the case of combined Quotations, there is no obligation to deliver part of the total performance for the amount stated in the quotation for the relevant part or a proportionate amount of the full price quoted after the Client has terminated the Agreement in part.
- 4.6 If no Agreement is formed, but the Client wishes to make full or partial use of the Design, whether in-house or through third parties, it is only allowed to do so if the Exhibition Services Company has given its Written permission for that and the Client has paid the compensation to be determined by the Exhibition Services Company.

#### **Article 5: Invoicing and payment**

- 5.1 Unless otherwise agreed In Writing, invoices must be paid within 30 (thirty) days of the invoice date.
- 5.2 The Exhibition Services Company is

- authorised to require the Client to pay the agreed price in advance, in full or in part. This advance payment must be made within the payment term stated in the invoice. As long as the requested advance payment has not been made, the Exhibition Services Company will not be obliged to perform (or continue with the performance of) the Agreement.
- 5.3 If the payment obligation as referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this article is not complied with, the Client will be in default by operation of law.
- 5.4 The claim from the Exhibition Services Company for payment by the Client becomes immediately due and payable as soon as:
- the payment term is exceeded;
  - the Client has been declared bankrupt or put into liquidation or a petition to that end is submitted,
  - or a moratorium is applied for;
  - the Client, being a company, is dissolved or liquidated;
  - the Client, being a natural person, applies for a granting of statutory debt adjustment, is placed under guardianship or passes away.
- 5.5 All legal and extrajudicial expenses the Exhibition Services Company incurs as a result of the Client's failure to comply with its (payment) obligations will be at the Client's expense.
- 5.6 In the case of an Agreement with multiple Clients, each of the Clients is jointly and severally liable to pay all the monies owed within the framework of and resulting from the Agreement.
- 5.7 The Client may not suspend its payment obligations or offset them against its claims against the Exhibition Services Company.
- 5.8 The Exhibition Services Company is authorised at all times – even after having performed the Agreement in part or in full – to require the Client to pay the agreed price in advance, in full or in part.

Furthermore, the Client must provide the Exhibition Services Company with security for the payment of its obligations (and any further payment obligations) at the first time of asking, the adequacy of which is at the discretion of the Exhibition Services Company. If the Client fails to comply with this obligation within the period stipulated by the Exhibition Services Company, it will be declared in default immediately. The Exhibition Services Company is under no obligation to perform (or continue to perform) the Agreement as long as the required advance payment has not been made or the required payment security has not been provided. In this eventuality, the Client will remain liable to pay the agreed quotation price to the Exhibition Services Company in full.

#### **Article 6: Cancellation or amendment**

- 6.1 Cancellation or amendment of the Agreement by the Client must be submitted to the Exhibition Company in Writing.
- 6.2 If the Client, after formation of the Agreement but before the Assignment is carried out, wishes to make changes to the Agreement with regard to (the execution of) the Assignment, he must notify the Exhibition Services Company of these changes in Writing. These changes will only take effect after acceptance In Writing by the Exhibition Services Company. Any costs associated with these changes will be charged to the Client.
- 6.3 In the event that the Client cancels the Agreement, in full or in part, up to 6 (six) weeks before the delivery date indicated by the Exhibition Services Company, the Exhibition Services Company will be authorised to charge 30% of:
- the total agreed Quotation price in the event of full cancellation; or
  - the portion of the Quotation price that pertains to the cancelled part of the

- Agreement;  
to the Client, plus any costs that have already been incurred within the framework of the carrying out of (the cancelled part of) the Agreement.
- 6.4 If the Client cancels the Agreement, in full or in part, less than 6 (six) weeks before the delivery date indicated by the Exhibition Services Company, the Client will be obliged to pay the entire quotation price.
- 6.5 In the event that an Agreement is amended in mutual consultation at the Client's request, the Exhibition Services Company will be authorised to charge the additional expenses incurred as a result of this change to the Client. In the event of changes, the originally agreed delivery time will no longer apply.
- 6.6 The Exhibition Services Company can cancel or amend an Agreement if it communicates the intended cancellation to the Client, In Writing, no later than within 30 (thirty) calendar days of the Agreement being formed. In the case of an amendment that amounts to a fundamental deviation from the agreed performance, the Client is authorised to terminate the Agreement.
- 6.7 In the event of partial cancellation, the rest of the quotation or Agreement will remain intact.

#### **Article 7: Termination and suspension**

- 7.1 The Exhibition Services Company is authorised to terminate the Agreement in part or in full, or to suspend the further performance of the Agreement, at its discretion, without further notice of default or judicial intervention being required, if:
- a. the Client is in default with respect to compliance with any of its obligations resulting from the Agreement and/or these General Terms and Conditions (including, but not limited to, the obligation to provide correct and

- complete information pursuant to Article 3.6 and the payment obligation pursuant to Article 5); or
  - b. information has reached the Exhibition Services Company after the formation of the Agreement that gives the Exhibition Services Company good reason to believe that the Client is or will be unable to comply with its obligations; or
  - c. the Client is declared bankrupt and/or files a bankruptcy petition; or
  - d. the Client applies for a suspension of payments; or
  - e. the Client is placed under curatorship or dies; or
  - f. the Client's legal entity is dissolved or the Client's business is wound up.
- 7.2 In case of termination for one of the reasons mentioned above, the Client will pay the agreed quotation price to the Exhibition Services Company on demand, without prejudice to the Exhibition Services Company's right to seek full compensation of damages.

#### **Article 8: Delivery**

- 8.1 The provision or delivery of the agreed services and goods starts at the time stated in the Quotation or the Written confirmation as referred to in Article 3.4 of these General Terms and Conditions.
- 8.2 The delivery times indicated by the Exhibition Services Company are not final deadlines. The delivery times indicated by the Exhibition Services Company are based on the working conditions that apply at the time of submission of the Quotation, or at the time of the confirmation as referred to in Article 3.4 of these General Terms and Conditions. If, for reasons beyond the Exhibition Services Company's control, there is a delay, the delivery times will be extended insofar as this is required. The delivery times will also be extended if the delay that arose on the Exhibition Services Company's side

is due to the Client's failure to comply with any obligation under the Agreement or render the cooperation that may be expected of the Client.

- 8.3 If delivery cannot take place in the agreed manner due to causes that can be attributed to the Client, the Exhibition Services Company will be authorised to charge the associated costs to the Client.

### **Article 9: Inspection and completion of the Assignment**

- 9.1 The Client is obliged to inspect whether the Assignment has been carried out in accordance with the description of the Assignment. The Exhibition Services Company will inform the Client orally and In Writing when it expects the Assignment to be completed and when the inspection will take place.
- 9.2 During the inspection, any complaints must be communicated to the Exhibition Services Company without delay. If the complaint is considered justified, the Exhibition Services Company will remedy it within a reasonable term. After that, there will be another inspection in accordance with the conditions of Article 9.1.
- 9.3 The Assignment will be considered to have been completed and the Client will be deemed to have accepted it if the Client fails to attend the announced inspection or does not communicate complaints during the inspection.

### **Article 10: Ownership**

- 10.1 Unless otherwise agreed In Writing, the goods delivered and/or made available within the framework of the carrying out of the Assignment will continue to be the property of the Exhibition Services Company after completion of the Assignment.
- 10.2 Unless otherwise agreed In Writing, the Client is obliged to return the goods referred to in paragraph 1 of this article to

the Exhibition Services Company at its own expense, no later than within 24 (twentyfour) hours of the end of the Event. The goods must be in the condition these were in at the time of the Exhibition Services Company's delivery thereof.

- 10.3 In the event that Parties have agreed that the ownership of the goods supplied within the framework of the Assignment will be transferred to the Client, the transfer of the ownership will take place when the Client has met its (payment) obligations under the Agreement and has satisfied any claims that arise from a failure to comply with this Agreement, including any loss, interest and costs that arise from that, in full. This provision has effect under property law within the meaning of Section 92 of Book 3 of the Dutch Civil Code.
- 10.4 If the Client fails to comply with its obligations as referred to in paragraph 3 of this article, the Exhibition Services Company is authorised to immediately retrieve the goods supplied (or have these retrieved) from the location at which these are located. The Client will cooperate in this and irrevocably authorises the Exhibition Services Company to enter any locations at which the property of the Exhibition Services Company is kept. Any costs associated with the retrieval of those goods will be at the Client's expense. The Exhibition Services Company is also authorised to recover any damage to goods from the Client or charge any depreciation of the goods to the Client. Furthermore, the Client is obliged to compensate the Exhibition Services Company for any damage to goods.

### **Article 11: Risk**

- 11.1 Following completion of the Assignment, that which has been delivered will be completely at the Client's expense and risk. The risk will revert back to the

- Exhibition Services Company upon delivery by the Client to the Exhibition Services Company in accordance with the provisions of Article 10.2 of these General Terms and Conditions.
- 11.2 The Client is obliged to report any disappearance, theft or loss of or damage to the goods of the Exhibition Services Company that were supplied within the framework of the Agreement to the Exhibition Services Company without delay, and is obliged to compensate any damage to those items in full, regardless of its cause.
- 11.3 Unless expressly otherwise agreed In Writing, the transport for the benefit of delivery to the Exhibition Services Company as referred to in Article 10.2 of these General Terms and Conditions will be at the Client's expense and risk.
- 11.4 The Client must make goods of the Client that are intended to be used in the carrying out of the Assignment available to the Exhibition Services Company at the Exhibition Services Company's address or the location at which the Exhibition Services Company is to carry out the Assignment in due time. The Client is liable for any loss the Exhibition Services Company suffers as a result of a failure to make the relevant goods available or making these available in time, regardless of the cause thereof.
- 11.5 The Exhibition Services Company will only transport goods of the Client or – in the event of rental – a third party that are intended to be used in the carrying out of the Assignment, as well as any goods of the Client or a third party that are intended to be displayed in, on or with the delivery, to the location of the Event if this has been agreed upon In Writing. Unless otherwise agreed In Writing, the costs of this transport will be at the Client's expense.
- 11.6 The transport of the goods referred to in Article 11.5 of these General Terms and Conditions, which includes loading and unloading these, will be completely at the Client's expense and risk.
- 11.7 In the event that the Exhibition Services Company transports goods of the Client at the same time as goods of the Exhibition Services Company, the Client is liable for any damage to the Exhibition Services Company's goods or means of transport, or any loss suffered by those in the Exhibition Services Company's employment as a result of any defect in the goods of the Client.
- 11.8 The stay of the goods referred to in paragraph 4 and 5 of this article in the room in which the Event takes place is completely at the Client's expense and risk.
- 11.9 The costs of packing and unpacking, assembly and disassembly of the goods referred to in paragraph 4 of this article are at the Client's expense.
- 11.10 If storage with the Exhibition Services Company of the goods of which the Client has acquired the ownership in accordance with Article 10.3 of these General Terms and Conditions is part of the Agreement, the storage of the goods will be completely at the Client's expense and risk.

### **Article 12: Liability**

- 12.1 The Exhibition Services Company is only liable for direct loss of the Client that arises during or on the occasion of the performance of the Agreement. The Exhibition Services Company's maximum total liability is limited to compensation of the amount stipulated for the Agreement (excl. VAT).
- 12.2 The Exhibition Services Company is not liable for any loss or damage as a result of cancellation or amendment of the Agreement by Client or Exhibition Services Company as stated in paragraph 6.3 of these General Terms and Conditions. The Exhibition Services Company will under no

circumstances be liable for indirect loss suffered by the Client. 'Indirect loss' must be understood to include – among others, though not exclusively – consequential loss, lost profits, decreased goodwill, loss suffered and costs incurred, as well as lost assignments and lost savings, and loss due to interruptions in production and operations and business stagnation.

- 12.3 The Exhibition Services Company is not liable for loss caused by its subordinates and/or third parties it has engaged in the performance of the Agreement for whom it is liable under the law.
- 12.4 The limitations of liability as contained in this article do not apply if and insofar as the Exhibition Services Company's liability for the relevant loss is insured and a payment is made under the relevant insurance. In the event that an excess applies, the excess will be deducted from the amount for which the Exhibition Services Company is liable. However, the Exhibition Services Company is not obliged to exercise rights under that insurance if it is held liable by the Client.
- 12.5 The Client's claim for compensation is only payable after the Client has complied with all its payment obligations towards the Exhibition Services Company.
- 12.6 The Client indemnifies the Exhibition Services Company against all third-party claims with regard to the goods supplied by the Exhibition Services Company, regardless of the cause of the loss or the time at which it is suffered.
- 12.7 If, without prejudice to the stipulations in the provisions above, the Exhibition Services Company is indeed liable, it will only be liable up to the amount paid out by its liability insurer under the applicable circumstances, less the excess.

#### **Article 13: IP Rights**

- 13.1 Unless otherwise agreed In Writing, the Exhibition Services Company will retain all IP Rights, regardless of whether the Client

has been charged for the creation thereof. These data and goods may not be multiplied, copied, used or shown to third parties without the Exhibition Services Company's express prior Written permission.

- 13.2 The Client will under no circumstances contest or challenge the Exhibition Services Company's IP Rights, nor make attempts to register one or more of these rights, or otherwise obtain protection of these rights for its own benefit.
- 13.3 The Client will inform the Exhibition Services Company without delay if it becomes aware of a third party infringing or possibly infringing the Exhibition Services Company's intellectual property rights.

#### **Article 14: Force majeure**

- 14.1 Force majeure on the side of the Exhibition Services Company must be understood to mean the Exhibition Services Company being prevented from complying with its obligations under the Agreement due to circumstances that have arisen through no fault or outside the control of the Exhibition Services Company, even if these could already be foreseen at the time of formation of the Agreement. Force majeure must in any case be understood to include – among other things; war/danger of war, terrorism or terrorist threats, civil war, uprisings, revolution, pandemics, epidemics, acts of war, fire, water damage, floods, government measures, import and export barriers, defects in machinery, strikes, factory occupations, lockouts, limitations in transport options as a result of weather conditions and traffic disruptions, the Exhibition Services Company's suppliers and/or subcontractors not complying (or not being able to comply) with their obligations, or not complying (or not being able to comply) with these in time,

- disruptions in the supply of energy, water and (tele)communications services to the Exhibition Services Company's business and any acts or failures on the part of the organiser of the Event or the proprietor of the intended location of the Event as a result of which the Exhibition Services Company is unable to comply with its obligations or unable to comply with these in time.
- 14.2 Force majeure also applies if the circumstances described in paragraph 1 of this article occur at a supplier or subcontractor of the Exhibition Services Company who has been engaged for the Assignment.
- 14.3 As soon as a circumstance as referred to in paragraph 1 or 2 of this article arises or threatens to arise, the Exhibition Services Company must inform the Client thereof without delay, stating the expected consequences of that circumstance for compliance with its obligations.
- 14.4 The Exhibition Services Company is authorised to suspend compliance with its obligations in the event of and for the duration of the force-majeure situation. If the force-majeure situation lasts longer than three months and the Exhibition Services Company continues to be unable to comply with its obligations under the Agreement after that period, the Parties are authorised to terminate the Agreement, without this resulting in an obligation to pay compensation.
- 14.5 In the event that, as a result of force majeure, completion of the Assignment is delayed to such an extent that the Assignment cannot be completed before the start of the Event, the Parties are authorised to terminate the Agreement. In such case, the Exhibition Services Company is entitled to compensation of the costs it has incurred.
- 14.6 If, at the time the force-majeure situation arises, the Exhibition Services Company has already complied with some of its

obligations under the Agreement or will only be able to comply with some of its obligations, it is authorised to invoice the part that has already been delivered or can be delivered to the Client separately, and the Client is obliged to pay such invoice.

#### **Article 15: Confidentiality**

- 15.1 Client is obliged to treat information provided in Quotations and Agreements and regarding the delivery of the Agreement, as well as any other correspondence that is deemed confidential, as confidential.

#### **Article 16: Applicable law and competent court**

- 16.1 These General Terms and Conditions, all the Agreements and all the legal relationships between the Parties that arise from that or are associated with that are subject to Dutch law.
- 16.2 In the event of disputes between the Parties, the competent court in the district in which the Exhibition Services Company is located has exclusive jurisdiction. Disputes between two Exhibition Services Companies are to be settled by the competent court in the district in which the claimant is located.

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