

# Conditions of Participation Special Section

## 1. Organizer, event, venue and dates, visitor admission

### 1.1 Central Asia International Hardware Expo (CAIHE) 2026

The Central Asia International Hardware Expo (CAIHE) 2026 is being organised by Koelnmesse Ltd, Unit 9102, YF Life Tower, 33 Lockhart Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

The event will be held at Uzexpocentre, Tashkent, Uzbekistan from Tuesday, 24.11.2026 to Thursday, 26.11.2026.

### 1.2 Opening times

Details shall be subject to the Exhibitor Manual.

### 1.3 Stand construction, setup and dismantling

Stand construction may begin on November 20, 2026 (Friday).

Stand construction must be completed by November 23, 2026 (Monday).

The aisles must be completely clear by this time. The right to charge for cleaning the aisles in case of any soiling occurring after this time is reserved.

Dismantling of the exhibition stand and product displays may not begin before the end of the event on Thursday, 26.11.2026.

Dismantling of all stands and exhibits must be completed by Saturday, 28.11.2026.

The specific timetable for construction and dismantling shall be subject to the Exhibitor Manual issued by Koelnmesse for the exhibition of that year.

Exhibitors shall strictly comply with the stand construction and dismantling schedule as stipulated in the Exhibitor Manual. Exhibitors shall not dismantle their stand in advance, including but not limited to the unauthorized removal of exhibits or unauthorized dismantling of stand structures.

Exhibitors shall complete all dismantling work within the dismantling period specified in the Exhibitor Manual and shall bear full responsibility for any risks and expenses arising from delayed dismantling. Upon expiry of the dismantling deadline, the Organiser shall be entitled to immediately dispose of any items remaining in the exhibition halls without further notice. Such items shall be deemed abandoned property, for which the Organiser shall have no obligation of safekeeping. All costs incurred in connection with such disposal shall be borne by the Exhibitor. The Organiser reserves the right to claim additional compensation from the Exhibitor for any further losses thereby incurred.

### 1.4 Visitor admission

Admission to Central Asia International Hardware Expo (CAIHE) 2026 is normally reserved for trade visitors only.

## 2. Eligibility to participate

### 2.1 Exhibitors

Only producers that are legally registered, hold a valid business license, and whose business scope covers the exhibited products and services shall be admitted as Exhibitors. Exhibitors shall be required to display at the Central Asia International Hardware Expo (CAIHE) 2026 only such products or services that are directly related to the focus of the event. The specific scope shall be subject to the Products List of the Exhibition

Exhibitors participating as agents, sales companies, or import/export companies shall ensure that they have lawfully obtained all rights necessary for the display and sale of the relevant products during the Exhibition.

Koelnmesse may also require that proof of the nature of the manufacturer's business or of the activities as the manufacturers' sales company or exporter/importer be submitted in an appropriate form on demand.

Decisions on company acceptance, eligible products and the location of exhibitor stand will be made by Koelnmesse. In the event of a rejection, you will receive a separate letter.

Participation as exhibitors by interest groups, associations, corporate bodies, institutions and foundations under public law can be permitted when their presentation and presence correspond to the focus of the event.

## **2.2 Group participation**

The participation of group participants in the Central Asia International Hardware Expo (CAIHE) 2026 is possible. Group exhibitors shall be required to specially register and obtain the prior approval of the Organiser for the use of the stand area (see Item V of the General Section of the Conditions of Participation). The registration has to be completely filled in and the main Exhibitor has to sign it with a legally binding signature and submit it to Koelnmesse no later than 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2026.

## **3. Participation fee and other costs**

### **3.1 Participation fee**

The stand fee includes the use of the Exhibition space for the entire duration of the event including the build up and dismantling periods. Such fees include the designated build-up and dismantling times, the specified number of exhibitors passes, and access to technical and service facilities within the Exhibition halls (e.g. lighting, ventilation, air conditioning, general surveillance of the halls and cleaning of the aisles).

Space only stands provide only the floor space, hall lighting, and cleaning services in public areas. Exhibitors and their appointed contractors must carry out stand construction in accordance with the provisions of the Exhibitor Manual. Stand fees do not include space management fees, electricity charges, construction costs, or plan approval fees.

Specific configurations in qualified stands shall be subject to the Exhibitor Manual.

### **3.2 Payment terms**

Upon receipt of the application form, Koelnmesse shall issue a payment notice to the Exhibitor. The Exhibitor shall pay the full participation fee within 14 days of receiving the payment notice, and all payments must be remitted to the designated account specified therein. All bank charges, exchange rate differences, and any other related fees shall be borne by the Exhibitor.

Full payment of the participation fee is a prerequisite for using the allocated stand and accessing exhibitor passes. If payment is not received by the specified deadline, the payment default provisions shall automatically apply. Koelnmesse shall be entitled to cancel the reserved stand without prior notice and to retain any payments already made as liquidated damages.

### **3.3 Value-added tax**

All prices given are inclusive of VAT.

### **3.4 Costs in the event of non-participation**

If the stand is canceled or this contract is terminated due to the Exhibitor's fault, the Exhibitor shall pay liquidated damages (cancellation fees) as follows, notwithstanding Koelnmesse's best efforts to mitigate any adverse effects:

Time before the Exhibition Cancellation Fee

- |   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| a. More than 3 months                     | 50% of participation fee  |
| b. More than 2 months, less than 3 months | 80% of participation fee  |
| c. Less than 2 months                     | 100% of participation fee |

## 4. Stand sizes and construction

### 4.1 Stand size

The minimum stand size for shell scheme is 9 m<sup>2</sup> and for raw space is 18 m<sup>2</sup>.

Please note that hall pillars and other fixed construction elements may be present in the rented stand area.

Minor deviations from the requested stand size do not entitle an objection to be made under Item II of the General Section of the Conditions of Participation.

Trade fair partition walls for separating the stand area are not automatically provided for Space Only stands. Koelnmesse will erect partition walls only if this is necessary for safety reasons due to the installation of water pipes or electrical systems.

### 4.2 Responsibility

Stand construction, design and operation must comply with all the regulations that are valid in Uzbekistan (including the special construction regulation, the industrial safety law and regulations and the accident prevention regulations). All of these provisions apply equally to the Exhibitor itself and to independent stand designers, decorators, and sign makers, as well as to all person performing activities commissioned by or carried out on behalf of the Exhibitor in connection with the construction, design, operation, or dismantling of the stand.

The Exhibitor is responsible for ensuring that all regulations are complied with. The exhibitor must supervise construction and dismantling personnel and other people working on their behalf, in order to ensure that they adhere to the regulations.

The stipulations of the General Section of the Conditions of Participation, the Exhibitor Manual and the Technical Guidelines of the venue are not affected.

### 4.3 Insurance

Exhibitors shall be liable for any property damage or personal injury occurring within their stand. Accordingly, Exhibitors must obtain exhibition liability insurance and also insure their exhibits and goods during transport, installation, dismantling, and display. Exhibitors must ensure their insurance policy covers all exhibits. The Organiser shall not be liable for any loss or damage to exhibits or personal property. Exhibitors are advised to determine insurance coverage based on the size of their stand.

The Organiser strongly recommends that Exhibitors include all stand construction workers and employed personnel in the insurance coverage.

For detailed information, please refer to the Exhibitor Manual for Central Asia International Hardware Expo (CAIHE) 2026.

The stipulations of the General Section of the Conditions of Participation, the Exhibitor Manual and the Technical Guidelines of the venue are not affected.

### 4.4 Overall height

The maximum permissible stand height is set at the height stated in the Exhibitor Manual, insofar as this is permitted by the hall ceiling and any fixed structures that may be present.

## **4.5 Notice of approval**

Unless otherwise stipulated, Exhibitors shall submit stand plans for approval in accordance with the Exhibitor Manual and provide all required documents to the approval authority designated therein.

Such documents shall include floor plans, elevations, sectional drawings, and all relevant measurements. Exhibitors must comply with all requirements set forth in the Exhibitor Manual throughout the design and construction of their stands.

Stand construction may not commence until the Exhibitor has received written confirmation from the designated main contractor of the Exhibition. Such approval does not exempt the Exhibitor from compliance with applicable regulations.

There is no obligation on the part of Koelnmesse to ensure that Exhibitors comply with any other provisions.

## **4.6 Construction and design of the stands**

The stands must be constructed in compliance with the stand form that has been approved.

The arrangement of the stands is left to the exhibitor but must be appropriate for the event in question.

The exhibitor has to obtain information about the load capacity of the hall floor and the hall headroom. Only the on-site measurements apply to the stand area.

Banners and company signs are not permitted to extend into the aisles. In special cases, approval may be granted to place an advertisement above the stand. A fee is charged for such advertisements.

# **5. Exhibitor passes and passes for assembly and dismantling**

## **5.1 Exhibitor passes**

Each exhibitor receives free passes that are valid for the period from the first day on which construction work begins to the final day of dismantling. The number of exhibitor passes shall be subject to the Exhibitor Manual.

Exhibitors may order and pay for additional exhibitor passes using the appropriate order form provided in the Exhibitor Manual.

## **5.2 Transfer of exhibitor passes forbidden**

Exhibitor passes are issued solely for the personal use of the Exhibitor and must not be transferred, lent, exchanged, or shared with any third party in any form, whether or not any consideration is involved. Any violation of this provision shall constitute a material breach of the Conditions of Participation.

# **6. Prohibition on selling**

In view of the commercial nature of the event, direct sales of exhibits or samples from the trade fair stands are not permitted. Furthermore, exhibits may not carry a price tag.

Koelnmesse has the right to carry out checks and, in the event of violations of these conditions, to take suitable measures.

Koelnmesse also has the right to immediately close the stands of any Exhibitors who commit such violations. Claims on the part of the Exhibitor for damages or refunds are excluded in the event of such measures.

# **7. Intellectual property rights**

Koelnmesse requires that any Exhibitors who in the process of producing, disseminating, selling, owning or advertising their products shall not violate laws regarding the protection of intellectual property in the broadest sense. If a final court decision has determined *res judicata* that an Exhibitor in connection with one of Koelnmesse's events has violated laws of the kind mentioned, Koelnmesse is entitled to bar that Exhibitor from the next event of this kind after the *res judicata* court decision if there is sufficient suspicion that the Exhibitor will again and repeatedly violate laws for the protection of intellectual property.

Exhibitors shall ensure that all exhibits and related intellectual property used for promotion, display, or sale at the Exhibition are fully owned by the Exhibitor or legally licensed by the respective rights holders. Exhibitors must not infringe upon the intellectual property or proprietary rights of any third party, must respect the rights of other Exhibitors and visitors, and shall fully cooperate with investigations conducted by the Organiser, intellectual property authorities, or judicial bodies.

Any litigation arising from the Exhibitor's actions against the Organiser and/or the Exhibition, and any losses or costs incurred by the Organiser and/or the Exhibition (including litigation costs and reasonable attorney's fees), shall be borne by the Exhibitor. The Exhibitor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Organiser and/or the Exhibition in connection with such claims.

## **10. Requirement regarding a written document**

All declarations must be specified in writing.

## **11. Severability clause**

Should individual or several provisions of these conditions be or become invalid in whole or in part, the validity of the remaining provisions and of the contract as a whole shall not be affected. The parties will conduct negotiations in good faith to replace the invalid provisions with valid provisions that come as close as possible to fulfilling the business purpose of the invalid provisions.

Should the invalidity of a provision have arisen from a specific figure given therein with regard to performance or time (deadline or date), the closest legally permissible figure shall replace the invalid one in the provision.

## **10. Conditions of Participation, Exhibitor Manual, and Other Regulations**

The Conditions of Participation, the Exhibitor Manual, and the regulations of the venue remain unaffected.

The Exhibitor Application Form, the General Section, and the Special Section of the Conditions of Participation together constitute the agreement between Koelnmesse and the Exhibitor and are governed by the laws of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China. In case of any conflict or inconsistency between the General Section and Special Section, the Special Section shall prevail.

The parties agree that this contract consists of the Exhibitor Application Form and the Conditions of Participation (including General and Special Section) and shall be deemed concluded at the registered office of Koelnmesse Ltd. Any disputes arising out of or in connection with this contract shall be submitted to the courts of the registered office of Koelnmesse Ltd.

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# Data Protection Notice

## 1. Controller/Contact

The Controller as defined under the data protection laws is:

Koelnmesse Ltd.  
Unit 9102  
YF Life Tower  
33 Lockhart Road  
Wanchai  
Hong Kong

For trade fairs outside Germany, our Data Protection Officer can be contacted as follows:  
[dataprivacy@koelnmesse.de](mailto:dataprivacy@koelnmesse.de)

## 2. Your rights as data subject

If your personal data are processed, you are a data subject as defined in the GDPR and you have the following rights with respect to the Controller:

### Right of objection:

You have the right to file an objection at any time against processing of your personal data, carried out on the basis of Art. 6 (1) sentence 1 lit. e) or f) GDPR, for reasons resulting from your particular situation. This also applies to any Profiling based on these provisions.

The Controller will then no longer process your personal data, unless he/she can demonstrate compelling reasons for the processing warranting protection, and these prevail over your interests, rights and liberties, or if the processing is for the purpose of asserting, exercising or defence of legal entitlements.

If your personal data are processed in order to carry out direct advertising, you have a right to file an objection at any time against the processing of your personal data for the purpose of such advertising. This also applies to Profiling insofar as it is connected with such direct advertising.

If you object to processing for the purpose of direct advertising, your personal data will no longer be processed for these purposes.

In connection with the use of services of the information society and notwithstanding Directive 2002/58/EC, you have the possibility of exercising your right of objection via automated procedures that use technical specifications.

You can demand **information** on whether we process personal data concerning you. If such processing is carried out, you can demand further information on this processing, in particular the purposes, categories of personal data, recipients or the categories of recipients, planned storage duration etc.

You have a right to **correction** and/or completion of your data.

You can demand the **restriction of the processing** of your personal data under certain circumstances. If the processing of your personal data has been restricted, these data – with the exception of their storage – can only be processed with your consent, or for the assertion, exercise or defence of legal entitlements, or to protect the rights of another natural or legal person, or for reasons of an important public interest on the part of the EU.

Under certain circumstances, you can demand the **erasure** of the personal data concerning you. If the Controller has made your personal data public and is obliged to erase them, he/she shall, with consideration for the available technology and implementation costs, take appropriate measures, including of a technical nature, to inform Controllers, responsible for the data processing and processing the personal data, that you, as data subject, have demanded that they delete all links to these personal data, or have demanded the deletion of copies or replications of these personal data.

If you have asserted the right of rectification, erasure or restriction of processing with respect to the Controller, the latter is obliged to inform all recipients, to whom your personal data have been disclosed, of this rectification or erasure of the data or of the restriction of processing, unless this proves to be impossible or involves disproportionate expense. You have a right with respect to the Controller to be **informed** of these recipients.

You have a right to **receive your personal data**, provided by you, in a structured, commonly-used and machine-readable format. You also have a right to insist that these data be transferred directly to another controller, insofar as this is technically possible. Liberties and rights of other persons must not be impaired as a result.

You have the right to **revoke** your data protection **declaration of consent** at any time. Revocation of the consent shall not affect the legality of the processing, carried out on the basis of the consent, up until the revocation.

Within certain limits, you have the right not to be subjected to a decision, based exclusively on **automated processing** – including **Profiling** – that is legally effective against you or that significantly impairs you in a similar manner.

### 3. Right to complain to a supervisory body

Notwithstanding any other administrative-law or judicial remedy, you have a right to complain to the supervisory authority responsible, in particular in the place of your residence, your place of work or the place of the suspected violation, if you are of the opinion that the processing of your personal data violates the GDPR

The supervisory body with which the complaint has been filed, will inform the complainant of the status and the results of the complaint, including the possibility of a judicial remedy.

### 4. Information in the event of data collection via third parties

If we collect your personal data via third parties, this can involve the following categories of personal data: name, contact data as well as further information, for example concerning your responsibilities. If we do not receive these contact data directly from you, we receive them from the company for which you work and/or with which we are in contact. This can involve in particular an exhibitor or another cooperation partner with which we exchange services.

The possibility also exists of us receiving your contact data from commercial agents working for us.

### 5. Purposes and legal basis of the processing

- a) If you conclude a contract with us, we process your data for contract initiation, execution and settlement. This concerns the purchase of tickets as well as the contractual relationship as exhibitor, if you are acting as a natural person, for example businessman, in this respect. This also includes the creation of user accounts on the platforms offered by us, unless a separate data protection notice on the handling of your data is provided there. The data processing can also be for the purpose of administering your participation in an event or competition.

The legal basis for the handling of your data is Art. 6 (1) sentence 1 lit. b) GDPR, if this handling concerns the contractual exchange of services with you.

- b) We may possibly also process data on you even if you yourself are not a customer, but rather a contact person of a business or cooperation partner.

In this respect, the legal basis for the handling of your data is Art. 6 (1) sentence 1 lit. f) GDPR.

- c) We process your data in order to provide you with the accreditation for this event. If you have given your consent during accreditation, your data will be used to send you press information. To do so, your data will be stored in our database even after the event is over.

The legal basis for the handling of your data is Art. 6 (1) sentence 1 lit. b) GDPR, if this handling concerns the contractual exchange of services with you. Insofar as you have given your consent to the sending of press information, Art. 6 (1) sentence 1 lit. a) GDPR is the legal basis for the handling of your data. You can revoke such consent at any time with effect for the future.

- d) We also process data for other purposes that are in our interests, specifically in order to:
- provide you with product information concerning relevant products and services.
  - carry out measures aimed at improving and developing services and products, so as to be able to approach you individually with customised offers and products.
  - carry out market and opinion research, or have this carried out by market and opinion research institutes. This enables us to obtain an overview of the transparency and quality of our products, services and communication, and to align or design these in the interests of our customers.
  - The legal basis for this handling of your data is Art. 6 (1) sentence 1 lit. f) GDPR, § 7 (3) UWG (as

applicable) as well as Art. 6 (1) sentence 1 lit. a) GDPR, provided you have issued consent. You can revoke any such consent at any time with effect for the future.

## **6. Justified interests**

If we use data within the framework of the above weighing-up of interests, our justified interest lies in enabling direct advertising (see Recital 47 GDPR), provided your privacy-law interests do not outweigh our advertising interests in each individual case.

If we use data in the context of contract initiation or fulfilment with a business or cooperation partner, our interest when handling your data lies in enabling and maintaining a dialogue with the respective business or cooperation partner, typically within the framework of a contractual or other relationship. If you act as contact person in this respect – typically in your function as employee of these companies – you typically have no opposing interest if this interaction with us is part of your work duties.

## **7. Recipients of your data**

If and insofar as you have issued us with corresponding consent, we shall forward your data within the limits of this consent.

We shall also forward your data to service providers who are bound by instructions and whose work supports the provision of our services for you, on our behalf and in accordance with our instructions. These can be IT service providers, print service providers, call centres if you call in, and similar service providers. In addition, we pass on your data to third parties if and insofar as this is necessary to fulfil the contract concluded with you and order processing is out of the question.

In individual cases we also forward your data to third parties who use the data on their own responsibility: finance and tax authorities, police and investigation authorities (given the existence of a legal basis), official registration bodies (if forwarding is prescribed by law), insurance companies, banks and lending institutions (payment processing), market partners, commercial agents, auditors, lawyers, accountants or similar third parties.

## **8. Transfer of data to a third country**

The transfer of data to third countries is planned if this is necessary for fulfilment of a contract, or if you issue us with express consent to forward the data to third parties.

If we transfer your data to service providers or group companies outside the European Economic Area (EEA), the transfer will only be made if the third country has been certified by the EU Commission as having an adequate level of data protection (Art. 45 (1) GDPR), or given the existence of other adequate data protection guarantees as defined in Art. 47 GDPR.

## **9. Duration of the storage of your data**

If we have received your data for the processing of the contractual relationship with you as ticket purchaser or as natural person, as exhibitor, or for the purpose of an advertising approach or for the processing of your participation in an event or competition, we shall store your data and shall erase these after the event or when the contractual relationship with you has ended, when all reciprocal claims have been fulfilled and if no other statutory retention obligations or statutory justifying reasons for the storage exist. If you have a user account, your user data will be stored until this user account is deleted.

If you have given us your consent (e.g. to receive information on products and services or press releases), we will store your data until you revoke your consent.

Retention obligations exist in particular under the relevant commercial and tax laws. If such obligations apply and concern documents with your data, we shall erase your data upon expiry of the statutory retention obligations.

If we use your data in the context of the contract initiation or fulfilment with a business or cooperation partner, we shall store your data and shall erase them as soon as these are no longer required, for example if our relationship with the business or cooperation partner ends, if you yourself no longer act as contact person or similar.

## **10. Necessity of providing your data**

The provision of the data by you and the collection of the data by us for the processing of the contractual relationship with you as ticket purchaser or as natural person or as exhibitor, is necessary for conclusion of the contract. Without the data we cannot conclude a contract with you or provide invoiceable services. This also

applies if you wish to create and use a user account or to be accredited as a media representative.

The same applies in cases in which you wish to be approached by us for advertising purposes, or wish to participate in events or competitions.

If we collect your data in the context of contract initiation or fulfilment with a business or cooperation partner, the provision of the data is typically necessary for the contractual relationship with the company for which you work; we would be typically unable to provide services without the data.

## **11. Automated decisions in individual cases or Profiling measures**

No automated decision making or profiling takes place, neither for the creation and execution of the contractual relationship with you, nor for advertising approaches, nor for the processing of your participation in events or competitions.

If you have a user account on one of our platforms and are logged in there, we evaluate your interests on the basis of the actions you have taken in order to send you information on products and services tailored to your interests. An automated decision making process does not take place.

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# General Section of the Conditions of Participation

## I Registration

Registration can be carried out electronically.

### 1. Electronic registration process

By completely filling in the registration forms and clicking on the button “Submit binding application” on the website you declare your intention to participate in the event (Registration).

Immediately after the dispatch of your binding registration you receive an automatic confirmation of receipt at the e-mail address you have supplied. This confirmation of receipt simply documents the fact that your registration has been received by the organiser and does not give rise to a contract between you and the organiser.

By dispatching the registration, you acknowledge the General and the Special Sections of the Conditions of Participation and the Exhibitor Service Manual as binding.

### 2. Online registration process

To indicate your intention to take part in the event, you must return to us a completely filled in and signed registration form (Registration). Alternatively, you can scan the completed and signed participation documents and upload via online portal. A digital signature can also be provided instead of the scanned signature.

By signing and returning the registration form, you acknowledge that the General and the Special Sections of the Conditions of Participation and the Exhibitor Service Manual as binding.

3. You can download the Conditions of Participation from the event homepage or from the Exhibitor Portal. You also have the option of requesting the Exhibitor Service Manual in printed form at any time.
4. The registration is binding on you as of its delivery to Koelnmesse. It cannot be subject to provisos or reservations; in particular requests for specific stand locations do not constitute a condition for participation.
5. The registration can only be revoked prior to your receipt of the acceptance / stand area confirmation when this is permitted by the Special Section of the Conditions of Participation. In this case, you have to pay a fee as stipulated in the Special Section of the Conditions of Participation.

## II Acceptance

1. The organiser decides on your participation on the basis of the stipulations valid for all of the participants in the event (acceptance/stand area confirmation).

There is no legal obligation on the organiser to admit your registration. In the event that the organiser receives more registrations corresponding to the admission requirements prior to the deadline for submission of registrations than there is available exhibition space, the organiser will decide which applications for registration are approved according to the organiser’s reasonable discretion.

If you have previously failed to fulfil your financial obligations to the organiser or have not fulfilled them punctually, your company can be excluded from acceptance.

2. The contract comes into force with the confirmation of acceptance/stand area confirmation, both of which are valid without signature.
3. Validity of the acceptance

The acceptance/stand area confirmation only applies to the respective event, the company registered and named in the acceptance and the products and services registered. Products and services that do not correspond to the Index of Goods may not be exhibited or offered.

The assignment of a stand area is carried out by the organiser in accordance with the exhibition topic area within the event to which the products you have registered belong.

Exhibitors do not have a right to have a stand area assigned to them of a particular shape, in a particular hall

or a specific area within a hall. The exhibitor can specify a minimum and a maximum stand area during registration. Any acceptance by the organizer that is within the specified size range is according to contract. Deviations from the average value of the specified desired sizes of up to 20% are also according to contract.

An agreement is necessary in the case of greater deviations outside the desired size. This agreement is granted at the latest with the payment of the participation price.

The organizer is entitled to revoke the acceptance if it was granted on the basis of incorrect statements or if the participant subsequently fails to meet the conditions for acceptance.

#### 4. Change after acceptance

The organizer is entitled to relocate or close entrances and exits, and to make structural changes to the trade fair halls for good cause (e.g. fire, fire protection, other hazard prevention) and taking into account your legitimate interests after acceptance without you deriving any rights from such changes.

In individual cases with good cause and taking into account your legitimate interests, the organizer is furthermore entitled to subsequently assign a different stand area to the one already allocated in the acceptance and to change the size and dimensions of the stand area. If the size of the stand area is reduced, the difference in the participation fee will be refunded to you.

In the event that the date or location of the event has to be changed due to good cause and this change can reasonably be demanded of you then the corresponding changes must be accepted; the acceptance/stand area confirmation is replaced by the organizer's corresponding notification of the changes. A change of location means a change to a location outside the exhibition centre.

You will immediately be notified should the stand area not be available for reasons beyond the organizer's control. In this case, you have the right to receive a refund of the participation fee.

In such cases, there is no entitlement to claim damages that go beyond this refund.

#### 5. Rights of withdrawal

The organizer may withdraw from the contract if there is good cause. Such good cause is particularly the case if an application has been submitted to initiate insolvency proceedings or if such an application has been rejected due to a lack of assets. You must notify the organizer immediately if this is the case.

It is no longer possible for the exhibitor to withdraw a registration after the acceptance/stand area confirmation has been received.

As an exhibitor, you bear the sole risk for the following complications: products that are planned for the presentation cannot be imported as a result of the legal regulations valid in Uzbekistan or for other reasons; products arrive at the event location late, damaged or not at all (e.g. because they have become lost or are affected by transport or customs delays); you, your staff, your stand personnel or the personnel charged with the construction of your stand are delayed or prevented from arriving at the event location, e.g. due to the refusal of a visa. You remain obligated to pay any and all costs that have been agreed upon.

The organizer can consent to a request for release from the contract by way of exception if the stand area made available can be assigned to a third party in return for payment. Unless specified otherwise in the Special Section of the Conditions of Participation, the organizer is then authorized to demand a flat-rate amount of 50% of the participation fee for the costs incurred without further evidence. If the stand area cannot be transferred to a third party for a fee, the contract remains in force and the participation fee must be paid in full. The occupation of the stand area that is no longer reserved by another participant who has already been admitted to the event and assigned a stand area is not considered to be a rental to a third party against payment, as two areas were merely exchanged.

If the Special Section of the Conditions of Participation stipulate that you must purchase a Media Package, the specified price has to be paid in the event that you withdraw from the contract and the admission ticket vouchers have been provided. This does not affect your liability for stand construction fees or other costs, particularly if they involve services from third parties or have arisen due to services that have already been provided.

You shall be entitled to prove that no damages were incurred or that the costs were significantly less extensive than the fee charged.

### III Construction, design and operation of the stands

1. As an exhibitor, you are responsible for ensuring that your trade fair participation, and especially the

construction and design of your stand, comply with all the legal standards valid in Uzbekistan as well as the regulations of these conditions and the Special Section of the Conditions of Participation and the Technical Guidelines including any hygiene regulations. This also applies to the persons working on behalf of the exhibitor, who must be supervised to ensure that they adhere to the stipulations.

2. Additional regulations, especially those of an event-related nature, can be found in the Special Section of the Conditions of Participation and in the Technical Guidelines.
3. Any additional technical services that may be required, in particular the installation of electricity, water and safety measures, etc., can be ordered from the exhibitor service manual of the organizer and are invoiced separately. Orders placed by third parties (in particular by stand construction companies) in connection with the construction, furnishing and design of your stand area are considered to have been commissioned by the exhibitor and at the exhibitor's expense.
4. The registered and authorized products must be on display at the stands for the entire duration of the event. Stand personnel must also be in attendance throughout this entire time. Clearing the trade fair stand before the official end of the event represents a serious breach of these Conditions of Participation and entitles the organizer to pursue claims for damages and to exclude your company from future participation in events of the organizer.
5. Products and services may only be presented within the stand area listed in the acceptance/stand area confirmation. You may not distribute products, flyers and other advertising materials in other areas of the exhibition centre without first receiving the organizer's written permission.
6. Sharp and cutting equipment/goods must be on display in their original packaging or appropriate covers to avoid accidents or health hazards.
7. The legal stipulations of Uzbekistan need to be complied with during the presentation and sale of products and services. Products that are not intended to be offered or are not approved for sale worldwide must bear a corresponding note or a country-specific label.
8. The organizer can require that you remove products that do not correspond to the Index of Goods, the presentation of which would not comply with legal stipulations of Uzbekistan or that may cause a significant interference with the operation of the trade fair or give rise to a hazard to the safety of exhibitors and visitors due to smells, noises or any other emissions or due to their appearance.

#### **IV Participation fee and other costs/Terms of payment**

1. The participation fee for the standardized event services covers the rental of the stand area for the entire duration of the event and the construction and dismantling periods stipulated in the Special Section of the Conditions of Participation; a specific number of exhibitor and work passes; the use of technical and service facilities at the exhibition centre; general hall security; cleaning of the generally accessible hall areas; general hall lighting; and advice on organization, advertising and public relations work for your participation.

In addition, the participation fee includes services provided by the organizer as part of the general visitor marketing activities. At the organizer's discretion, these activities especially include a selection of the following services: Placing of advertisements, direct marketing measures (e.g. publication and dispatch of newsletters and other information to potential visitors by mail, fax, or other means of electronic transmission), and event-related Internet domains. The standardized event services also include the provision and supply of energy covered by the specified Electrical Connection fee; in this respect, please note the corresponding regulations of the Special Section of the Conditions of Participation.

The event services also encompass the inclusion in the list of exhibitors. This is obligatory for each exhibitor, co-exhibitor, group participant and additionally represented company. Please note the corresponding regulations of the Special Section of the Conditions of Participation.

2. The participation fee does not include the provision of stand partition walls or other special construction elements.
3. The amount of the participation fee and other costs will be calculated on the basis of the dimensions of the allocated stand area and according to the rates specified in the Special Section of the Conditions of Participation. Projections, pillars, installation connections and other fixed objects are not taken into account in the calculation of the allocated floor area, which is deemed to be in accordance with the contract.
4. After your acceptance you will receive an invoice for the participation fee and other costs; the invoice amount is due within 14 days after the invoice date. This also applies to all amounts that must be paid within the framework of the contractual relationship, and, in particular, to invoices, as stipulated by Item I, Paragraph 5

and Item II, Paragraph 5 of these conditions.

5. The organizer shall have the right to increase the various prices to cover the higher costs in the event of an increase in its own production costs as a result of increased costs for manufacturing, procurement and labour as well as energy costs, fees, taxes and other public duties in Uzbekistan. The greatest amount that each individual price can rise is limited to 5% if more than 9 months have passed between the time the contract is concluded and the date the event is held, 7.5% if more than 18 months have passed and 10% if more than 24 months have passed.
6. All liabilities must be settled on time in order for you to occupy the reserved stand area.
7. Failure to execute payment on time will result in interest being charged at the rate of 10% per annum.

Should settlement of the invoice not be effected by the deadline or not be effected in full, the organizer is, in addition, entitled to terminate the contract with you and to otherwise dispose of the stand area.

8. A right of lien in the organizer's favour arising from the organizer's claim in regard to the provision of the stand area attaches to the objects brought to the exhibition centre by you.
9. The exhibitor agrees to an electronic invoicing process. The dispatch of the invoice is carried out electronically via e-mail to the e-mail address supplied by the exhibitor or by post as a paper invoice at the discretion of the organizer. The exhibitor must immediately notify the organizer of any changes to its e-mail address.
10. You are obligated to pay the amount shown on the invoice in the currency shown on the invoice ("billing currency"). If the organizer should be prepared, as a courtesy, to accept settlement of the invoice in a currency other than the billing currency in individual cases, without being under any obligation to do so, the exchange rate of such payment must be based on the buying rate of the billing currency published by the organizer's bank on the date the payment is received. Any exchange rate losses in relation to the billing currency after the invoice *becomes due for payment are, therefore, at your expense*.
11. Should the exhibitor have any complaints about the invoice, they must be submitted in writing or in the case of electronic invoicing also via e-mail immediately or at the latest within two weeks of receipt. Subsequent objections cannot be considered. A processing fee of 100 USD will be charged for every change to an invoice after your receipt of the invoice that is made exclusively at your request and without an error on the part of the organizer being present.
12. Any projections, pillars, installation connections and other fixed objects in the stand area provided do not entitle you to any reduction in the participation fee or other costs.
13. In the event of the organizer not being able to fulfil the contract in whole or in part, you have a claim to a proportional reimbursement of any payments you have made. Further claims are in accordance with the regulations in Items VII and VIII of these Conditions of Participation. This does not affect the regulation under Item XI of these Conditions of Participation.
14. You can only exercise a right of withholding or set-off against the receivables arising from the contractual relations insofar as your claims are undisputed or have been determined *res judicata*. Claims on the grounds of unjust enrichment remain unaffected.
15. In the event that an invoice is sent to a third party at the request of the exhibitor, this does not constitute any waiver of the right to claim the account receivable from the exhibitor. You remain obligated to pay until such time as the account receivable has been settled in full.

## **V Group participations**

1. Stand areas can only be rented in their entirety and only to one contracting party. You, as an exhibitor, may not relocate, exchange, share or otherwise make available the stand area that was reserved for you to another party in whole or in part without the organizer's prior permission.
2. When multiple companies wish to participate in the event together on one stand area – a group participation – the General Section and the Special Section of the Conditions of Participation and the Technical Guidelines are binding for every individual company. The registration is carried out by the group organizer, who is responsible for ensuring that the group participants adhere to the Conditions of Participation. After acceptance/stand area confirmation contractual relationships exist exclusively between the group organizer and the organizer. Exceptions exist in the case of individual orders by the group participants of services in their own name and on their own account; these are only permissible on site during the period from the first day of stand construction to the last day of the event in question.

## VI Right to supervise

1. The organizer exercises domiciliary rights throughout the exhibition centre.
2. The organizer is entitled to have exhibits removed from a stand if their display violates applicable laws of Uzbekistan, or is morally offensive or not in keeping with the exhibition programme. Advertising of an political or ideological nature is prohibited. In the event of serious offences against the Conditions of Participation, the Technical Guidelines or the legal stipulations, the organizer is entitled to close your stand or have it vacated.
3. The exhibition regulations and rules adopted by the exhibition centre hosting the event apply in their currently valid version.

## VII Liability/indemnity

1. The organiser is liable without limit for claims, irrespective of their legal grounds, of intent or gross negligence. The organiser is only liable for simple negligence insofar as essential contractual obligations have been breached, and any such liability is limited to foreseeable damage typical of the contract. Essential contractual obligations shall pertain only to those contractual obligations which are indispensable for the performance of the contract and on the fulfilment of which the exhibitor may rely. Otherwise the organiser's liability for damages is excluded.

The aforementioned limitations and/or exclusions of liability do not apply to a legally mandatory specified strict liability (e.g. arising from product liability) or in the case of loss of life, bodily injury or impaired health.

Insofar as the liability is limited or excluded by the aforementioned regulations, this also applies to the liability of the bodies, employees, legal representatives and vicarious agents and officers of the organiser (also with regard to their respective personal liabilities).

2. A strict guarantee liability on the grounds of initial defects of the area provided is excluded.
3. A reduction of the fee due to material defects shall only be considered if the organiser has been notified in writing during the term of the contract of the intention to reduce the fee. Claims to reduction and/or rights of retention of the exhibitor can only be asserted insofar as they are based on legally determined or uncontested claims.
4. If the organiser is compelled to temporarily vacate or permanently close the exhibition area or parts thereof, or to reschedule the event, shorten or extend it due to force majeure, or for other reasons beyond its control, then the exhibitor is not entitled to any rights, in particular, to claims for damages against the organiser.
5. Liability continues to be subject to the legal burden of proof rules, which are unaffected by this clause.
6. The organiser does not assume any obligation to exercise proper care of exhibits, stand fittings and objects which are the property of the stand personnel. Therefore the organiser does not assume any liability for the loss of objects, equipment, structures and other valuables brought in by exhibitors and third parties, unless Koelnmesse has assumed custody for a fee. The exhibitors are aware of the possibility of hiring hall and stand security personnel for a fee.

The organiser transfers the general surveillance of the trade fair halls and the outdoor areas, the oversight of the exterior grounds, and the checks at the entrances to security agencies and their uniformed guards and non-uniformed personnel.

Every visitor and exhibitor in the trade fair halls must be in possession of a valid admission ticket or exhibitor pass and show it to the aforementioned security personnel upon request. The exhibitor will notify those service providers it has commissioned that they will require an admission ticket (e. g. a constructor's ticket). The surveillance and security of individual stands or parts of stands is not included in this general oversight.

7. In the case of contracts that provide for the procurement of certain items, then, unless otherwise expressly agreed in individual cases, the organiser does not assume the risk of procurement.
8. The organiser does not conclude specific insurance for the stand and the items located at the stand. The organiser recommends that the exhibitor insure its participation risk against the normal insurable risks such as fire, burglary, simple theft, damage, water damage etc. including the risks of transport to and from the event itself and at its own expense and that it ensure adequate insurance cover for the construction, trade fair, and dismantling periods including the periods of transport to and from the event.

All cases of theft and damage must be immediately reported to the police, the organiser and the insurance

company.

Stand security personnel may only be hired from the security companies commissioned by the organiser.

9. The exhibitors are also responsible for compliance with all laws, guidelines and other regulations applicable in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Uzbekistan. If the content of the organiser's Conditions of Participation deviate from such regulations. They are obligated to inform themselves in good time and comprehensively about the relevant regulations at the event location and to obtain the necessary knowledge.

The organiser is not obligated to provide any notification or information in this regard.

10. As an exhibitor, you are liable to the organiser and third parties for any damage that you, your personnel, your employees or third parties commissioned by you or other third parties that you use to fulfil your obligations culpably inflict on the organiser or third parties. You shall indemnify the organiser in this respect from all claims of third parties. The Exhibitor Service Manual as well as the information contained in the organiser's circulars on questions concerning the preparation and implementation of the event must be strictly observed.
11. The exhibitor shall irrevocably indemnify the organizer from all claims by third parties insofar as these are based on the exhibitor's presentation, the design of the exhibitor's stand, the products presented at the exhibitor's stand, or the intellectual content of these products violating the rights of third parties (in particular, but without being limited to, copyrights, the rights to names and images, trademark rights, competition rights and personal rights) or other statutory provisions of Uzbekistan. This indemnity obligation encompasses all of the associated costs and expenses (in particular, but without being limited to, warning and legal costs as well as court fees).

## **VIII Assertion of claims/period of limitation**

1. Claims against the organizer that are discernible to the exhibitor – of whatever type – must be submitted to the organizer in writing immediately, normally during the course of the event. The date on which the organizer receives the claim will be the sole criterion for determining if it has been received by the deadline. Claims which are received at a later date cannot be considered. This also applies to claims that would have been discernible with due diligence.
2. Claims against the organizer arising from the contractual relationship as well as all other claims relating thereto, shall become statute-barred after 6 months. The limitation period shall commence at the end of the month, in which the closing date of the event falls.

## **IX Reservations / force majeure, cancellation of the event**

1. The organizer shall have the right to reschedule, shorten, extend or cancel the event, as well as to terminate the event temporarily or definitely, in part or in whole, insofar as such an action is required due to compelling reasons for which it is not responsible or unforeseen events such as force majeure, natural disasters, wars, strikes, terrorist attacks or the large-scale breakdown or obstruction of traffic, supply and/or communication links, epidemics or pandemics. The organizer shall immediately notify the exhibitor of such circumstances, provided it is not also prevented from doing so by force majeure. In such cases, the exhibitor has no claim to recompense for the resulting damages.
2. In case the event is cancelled as a result of one of the cases mentioned in Item XI Paragraph 1, the exhibitor is obligated to cover the costs of the services already provided to the exhibitor if the organizer requests it to do so.
3. Cases of force majeure that prevent the organizer or its service partners from fulfilling some or all of their obligations release the organizer from its obligations until the force majeure ceases. The organizer shall immediately notify the exhibitor of such circumstances, provided the organizer is not prevented from doing so by force majeure as well. Strikes, lockouts, regulatory intervention and the impossibility of providing auxiliary materials such as electricity in sufficient amount are considered to be the equivalent of force majeure, unless they are of short duration or caused by the organizer.

## **X Final provisions**

1. Only those stipulations in Item I Paragraph 1 respectively Paragraph 2 apply to the contractual relationship. Divergent or supplementary terms from the exhibitor do not become part of the contract even if the organizer does not specifically object to them. This applies especially to diverging conditions of payment.
2. Should some of the provisions be invalid or incomplete, the validity of the remaining provisions and the

contract shall not be affected. In this case, the parties to the contract undertake to replace the invalid provision or to fill the gap with a provision that comes closest to fulfilling the economic purpose being pursued by the parties to this contract.

3. Any amendments to the contract must be in text form. The same shall also apply to any amendment or cancellation of the text-form clause itself.

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