

# GENERAL REGULATIONS 2018

## GENERAL PROVISIONS

### Article 1 - Generalities

#### 1.1 Definitions

The **"Tradeshow Practical Arrangements"**, mean the opening date of the Trade show, its duration, the location, its opening and closing hours and entrance fees, manpower, transport and services and the reduction of the exhibition space.

The **"Tradeshow Organisation Arrangements"** mean, in a non-exhaustive way, the price of the materials, labour, transport and services and the reduction of the exhibition space.

#### 1.2 Purpose

The Tradeshow Organisation Arrangements as well as the Tradeshow Practical Arrangements are determined by the organiser and may be freely modified at its initiative.

In the event of an extension of the duration or the opening hours of the Tradeshow, the exhibitors who request it may be authorised by the organiser to close their exhibition space on the date initially fixed, without being able to remove the exhibited products or modify the appearance of the exhibition space before the date or hour decided on by the Tradeshow organiser. The exhibitor undertakes to respect and to enforce the stipulations of the technical file given to it by the organiser or shall be available for consultation on its website or on the exhibitor's extranet site put at his disposal by the organiser.

The responsibility of the organiser is not incurred when it applies the stipulations of these general regulations.

## PARTICIPATION

### Article 2 - Admission conditions

The organiser determines the categories of exhibitors and draws up the nomenclature of the products and/or services presented. An exhibitor can only present materials, products, procedures or services of his manufacture or design or of which he is agent or distributor; in the latter case, he encloses with its omission request the list of brands the products of which he proposes to exhibit or the services he proposes to present. The organiser can, after examination, exclude the products and/or services that in its opinion do not correspond to the purpose of the Tradeshow or accept the presentation of products and/or services not being part of its nomenclature but of interest for the Tradeshow. Sales including immediate delivery onsite to the buyer are prohibited.

In accordance with the provisions relating to the authorised demonstrations, an exhibitor cannot present products or materials that do not comply with French regulations, unless concerning products or materials intended to be exclusively implemented outside of French soil, or proceed with any advertising likely to mistakenly lead to or constitute unfair competition. The exhibitor acknowledges having obtained or undertakes to obtain and hold, at any time until the end of the Tradeshow, any authorisation necessary for fulfilling his obligations pursuant to these general regulations and technical file.

Consequently, the exhibitor undertakes to defend and compensate the organiser for any consequences that the latter may bear from any legal proceedings, request or claim brought against it by third parties, and resulting from the non-compliance of the products, materials or services presented by the exhibitor during the Tradeshow or from an act of unfair competition of the exhibitor. The offer presented by the exhibitors must be consistent with public order and laws in force. In this respect, it is formally prohibited for the exhibitors to exhibit unlawful products or those coming from unlawful activities. It is also prohibited for any persons not authorised by law to offer services or products falling under regulated activities in the meaning of the law. The exhibitors who contravene these provisions may be the subject of legal action without prejudice to the measures that the organiser may take to stop the problem.

### Article 3 - Application for admission

Any person wishing to exhibit sends the organiser an application for admission. Unless the organiser refuses the requested participation, the sending of this application for admission constitutes a firm and irrevocable commitment to pay the full price of the organisation service and related costs.

### Article 4 - Admission control

The organiser is not bound to justify its decisions as to the applications for admission for the Tradeshow. In the event an application for admission is rejected, the sums paid by the person having presented the application for admission are reimbursed to him, excluding administrative costs kept by the organiser. The same applies for the person having presented an application for admission and who finds himself on a waiting list, when an exhibition space cannot be allocated to him for lack of available space on the opening of the Tradeshow.

The admission of an exhibitor to the Tradeshow is recorded by the written reply of the organiser to the exhibitor. This reply may be limited to an invoice sent to the exhibitor by the organiser. Despite his admission and even after the operations to distribute exhibition spaces by the organiser, the application for admission coming from an exhibitor whose business is managed, for any reason whatsoever, by a receiver or with his assistance, may lead to the organiser using the option reserved for it not to maintain the participation of the exhibitor in the Tradeshow, if the said receiver has not pronounced in favour of continuing this agreement.

### Article 5 - Layout of the exhibition space - joint participation

Unless written prior authorisation of the organiser, an exhibitor, in the framework of the organisation service he acquired, cannot transfer, sublet or share, for a fee or for free, all or part of the exhibition space he disposes of within the Tradeshow.

Nonetheless, several exhibitors may be authorised to realise a collective presentation, provided the exhibitor has sent a prior approval request to the organiser and subscribed a joint participation application for each company present on his reserved exhibition space.

The organiser reserves the right to accept or refuse without having to justify its decision the accommodation by the exhibitor of a joint participant. If the accommodation application is granted, the exhibitor is, and remains the sole contracting party and the sole contact of the organiser. The admission of the joint participant in the Tradeshow in no way releases the exhibitor from his contractual obligations and responsibilities. The exhibitor alone assumes financial expenses and liability.

The exhibitor guarantees the organiser against any recourse formulated by the joint participant against it.

### Article 6 - Withdrawal - Reduction of surface area

In the event of withdrawal or in the event of non-occupancy of the reserved exhibition space for any reason, the sums paid and/or remaining due partially or in full, pursuant to the exhibition space and associated services, are acquired by the organiser even in the event another exhibitor benefits from it, and this according to the rule below:

- In the event of an application for admission valid until 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and only for the latter, the exhibitor can terminate without cost his participation until the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017, by highlighting his decision by registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt. After the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017, the application for admission becomes firm and definitive.
- For applications for admission received after the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017:
  - In the event of cancellation by the exhibitor from the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017 until the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017, the entirety of the deposit requested under the payment conditions, i.e. 50% of the total amount inclusive of tax of the exhibitor's participation is due to the organiser.
  - In the event of cancellation by the exhibitor between the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 and the 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018, the whole amount of the participation inclusive of tax is due to the organiser.
  - In the event of cancellation by the exhibitor after the 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018, an increase of 10% of the total amount of the participation inclusive of tax must be paid to the organiser in addition to the full amount of the participation inclusive of tax.
  - In the event an exhibitor, for any reason whatsoever, does not occupy his exhibition space 24 hours before the opening of the Tradeshow, he would be considered as defaulting. The organiser may freely dispose of the exhibition space of the defaulting exhibitor without the latter being able to claim either refund or compensation and remove any visual relating to the products or services of the defaulting exhibitor.
  - In the event an exhibitor wishes to reduce the surface area of his stand, he may do so without penalties and this until the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017.
  - In the event of a surface area reduction request occurring between the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 and the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018, the exhibitor shall be invoiced 50% of the surface area deducted.
  - In the event of a surface area reduction request occurring after the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018, the whole surface area initially ordered by the exhibitor shall be invoiced.

## FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION

### Article 7 - Price of the organisation service

The price of the organisation service is fixed by the organiser and may be revised by the organiser in the event of modification of the Tradeshow Organisation Arrangements as well as the tax and social provisions.

The modification of the Tradeshow Practical Arrangements by the organiser does not lead to a revision of the service price.

### Article 8 - Payment conditions

The payment of the organisation service and associated services and costs is made on the due dates and according to the terms determined by the organiser and communicated to the exhibitor during the application for admission to the Tradeshow. Each due date shall give rise to the issuing of an invoice by the organiser that the exhibitor undertakes to pay unless specific provisions in the 30 days following its issuing.

The payment of orders and reservations shall be made as follows:

- For any order or reservation that occurred between the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017 and the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 included, a deposit of 50% of the total cost shall be invoiced to the exhibitor with a payment due immediately.
  - The payment of the balance of the service must occur before the opening of the Tradeshow, in the 20 days following the issuing of the corresponding invoice by the organiser.
- For any order or reservation from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018, 100% of the total cost shall be invoiced to the exhibitor.

Any payment on any grounds whatsoever must occur before the opening of the Tradeshow. For any application for admission occurring late, the first payment is equal to the sums due before the considered date.

The same for exhibitors on the waiting list who benefit from the allocation of an exhibition space owing to a withdrawal.

Any payment received from an exhibitor not having settled one or several invoices due by the organiser on any grounds whatsoever, shall be allocated as a priority to the payment of these invoices.

### Article 9 - Lack of payment

The fact of an exhibitor not respecting the due dates and the payment terms referred to in the previous article, authorises the organiser to apply the stipulations of article 6 "Withdrawal".

#### 9.1 Late penalties

In the event of non-compliance with the payment deadline fixed by the organiser and without prejudice to all its other rights, notably suspension or cancellation, the organiser may demand according to the signature date of the application for admission:

- An increase on the unit price excluded VAT of the booked space (Intermediary price vs Early booking price).
- From the 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017, the payment of daily late payment interest. This interest shall be due ipso jure from the due date of the invoice until the day included when all sums due will have been paid. This late payment interest shall be calculated at an annual rate equal to four times the legal interest rate, the latter corresponding to the interest rate practiced by the Central European Bank during its last refinancing transaction, increased by 10 percentage points. This interest will continue to be in effect on all sums due, notwithstanding the expiry or cancellation of this agreement, and this for any reason whatsoever. It is expressly agreed that the payability of late payment interest shall not impede that of all other costs that the organiser would be forced to incur to claim the payment of invoices through the courts. The lack of payment of a single invoice shall immediately make due, beside the payment of late payment interest mentioned above, all ongoing invoices even those still not expired. If the organiser considers that the solvency of the exhibitor is insufficient or in the event of a first admission or reservation of a significant exhibition space, the organiser may ask for the constitution of a bank guarantee.

## 9.2 Fixed indemnification for recovery fees

Any late payment shall lead ipso jure beside late penalties to an obligation for the debtor to pay a fixed indemnification of €40 for recovery costs.

An additional indemnity may be claimed, on written proof, when the recovery costs incurred are greater than the fixed indemnification.

## EXHIBITION SPACES

### Article 10 - Distribution of exhibition spaces

The organiser establishes the floor plan of the Tradeshaw and distributes the locations freely, taking into account as much as possible the desires expressed by the exhibitor, of the kind of products and/or services he presents, the layout of the exhibition space he proposes to set up as well as, if necessary, the registration date of the participation application. The organiser may modify the size and disposition of the surface areas requested by the exhibitor. This modification does not authorise the exhibitor to unilaterally cancel his participation commitment.

The location of the exhibition space allocated to an exhibitor is communicated to him by means of a floor plan. This floor plan gives dimensions of the exhibition space that are as accurate as possible. When possible, it is up to the exhibitor to ensure compliance of the floor plan before setting up his exhibition space.

The number of sq.m accepted on signature of the floor plan by the exhibitor and potentially exceeding the surface area initially requested shall be invoiced in addition, at the price of the unit m<sup>2</sup> for the use retained.

The responsibility of the organiser is not incurred if it seems that there is a difference between the dimensions given and the real dimensions of the exhibition space. The floor plan indicates the general division of the blocks surrounding the allocated location. These indications, valid on the floor plan establishment date, are given for information only and are likely to change; such changes may not be brought to the exhibitor's attention. Any claim concerning the location defined by the floor plan must be presented within eight days. Past this deadline, the location proposed is considered as accepted by the exhibitor. The organiser can on no account reserve a location or guarantee this from one Tradeshaw to another.

Furthermore, the participation in prior events does not create in favour of the exhibitor entitlement to a determined location and gives him no priority in the allocation of locations.

### Article 11 - Installation and decoration of exhibition spaces

The installation of exhibition spaces is designed according to the floor plan established by the organiser. On prior written authorisation of the organiser and in accordance with the conditions indicated on the technical file, the exhibitors may conceive exhibition spaces over several floors. Regulations concerning their construction are available at request from the organiser. The special decoration of exhibition spaces is carried out by the exhibitors under their responsibility. It must comply with safety regulations drawn up by the public authorities as well as the general decoration and signage plan decided on by the organiser. The organiser determines the display terms, the conditions of use of all sound, light or audiovisual procedures, as well as the conditions under which any show, attraction, promotional campaign, animation, survey or opinion poll may be organised within the Tradeshaw. The organiser determines in the same way the conditions under which shots or sound recordings are authorised within the Tradeshaw.

The organiser reserves the right to have removed or modified those installations that harm the general appearance of the Tradeshaw or disturb the neighbouring exhibitors or public, or do not comply with the floor plan and model submitted for its approval beforehand.

The organiser may reverse the authorisation granted in the event of discomfort to the neighbouring exhibitors, the circulation or holding of the Tradeshaw.

### Article 12 - Restoration

The organiser declines all responsibility concerning constructions or installations erected by the exhibitors. The exhibitors take the locations in the state they find them and must leave them in the same state. Any damage, notably to the premises or installations in which the Tradeshaw is held, caused by an exhibitor or his installations, material or goods is the responsibility of this exhibitor.

## SITE DEADLINES

### Article 13 - Assembly and dismantling of the exhibition space

The organiser determines the assembly and installation schedule of exhibition spaces before the opening of the Tradeshaw. It also determines the dismantling schedule of exhibition spaces, removal of equipment, material and products as well as tidying up at the end of the Tradeshaw. Involving the particular point of dismantling, removing and tidying up, the organiser can arrange, at the costs and risks of the exhibitor, operations that have not been realised by the exhibitor in the deadlines fixed by the organiser.

Non-compliance by an exhibitor with the occupancy deadline of locations authorises the organiser to claim the payment of late penalties and interest.

### Article 14 - Special authorisations

Any moving, installation of machines or appliances that can only be put in place or assembled by borrowing the exhibition space from other exhibitors is carried out on authorisation of the organiser and on the date fixed by it.

### Article 15 - Goods

Each exhibitor provides his own transport and acceptance of goods intended for himself. He is bound to comply with the organiser's instructions relating to the regulations of incoming and outgoing goods, notably concerning the circulation of vehicles within the Tradeshaw.

The products and materials brought to the Tradeshaw cannot under any pretext leave while it is on.

## CLEANING

### Article 16 - Cleaning

The cleaning of each exhibition space is carried out under the conditions and deadlines indicated by the organiser to the exhibitors.

## INSURANCE

### Article 17 - Civil liability insurance of the organiser

#### 17.1. Civil liability insurance of the organiser

Insurance is taken out by the organiser against financial consequences of its civil liability as organiser.

The exhibitors may ask the organiser to give them an insurance certificate specifying the risks covered, the warranty limits as well as the coverage period.

#### 17.2. Civil liability insurance of the exhibitor

The exhibitor is obliged to take out an insurance policy covering the financial consequences of his civil liability as an exhibitor while the Tradeshaw is on (assembly and dismantling included).

This insurance must be taken out with a reputable solvent company and cover the exhibitor for sufficient amounts. The exhibitor undertakes to communicate a certificate to the organiser at first request of the latter.

### Article 18 - Exhibitor comprehensive insurance

A compulsory warranty is subscribed by the organiser on behalf of the exhibitor. It is limited knowing that the exhibitor must insure all of the goods that enter the Tradeshaw. The exhibitors can ask the organiser to consult a copy of the policy that alone validates the risks covered and the terms of the insurance.

The sum due pursuant to this insurance is mentioned in the participation application. Once he is aware of a claim, the exhibitor must declare it to the organiser subject to the forfeiture provided for in L.113-2 of the Insurance code, and give notice to the insurer within 5 working days. In the event of the theft, the period for filing a complaint with the competent police authorities is 24 hours.

In performance of the commitments made vis-à-vis management companies and owners of the premises in which the Tradeshaw takes place, the exhibitor and his insurers undertake to renounce all recourse against these and their insurers owing to any physical, material and/or immaterial damage, direct and/or indirect, resulting from fire, explosion or water damage as well as for any operating loss.

The exhibitor and his insurers also undertake to renounce any recourse against the organiser or any other exhibitor, their respective insurers and against any contributor on their behalf owing to any physical, material and/or immaterial damage, direct and/or indirect, resulting from fire, explosion or water damage as well as for any operating loss.

### Article 19 - Operating of the guarantee

Any claim must be declared in writing to the organiser, at the risk of the insured party losing the right to benefit from the insurance and must be declared to the insurance company with the help of standard forms kept at the disposal of the exhibitor at the General Tradeshaw Commission.

This declaration must be made in forty eight hours if it involves a theft or in five days in other cases, indicating the circumstances of the claim and the approximate amount of the damage.

Any theft must be the subject of a complaint filed by the exhibitor with the police authorities of the jurisdiction of where the Tradeshaw is organised. A copy of the deposit receipt of the complaint is enclosed with the insurance claim. To receive compensation for the claim, the exhibitor is bound to produce detailed inventories of the exhibited equipment and the material of the exhibition space (decoration fittings, lighting etc.).

## SERVICES

### Article 20 - Fluids

As indicated in the technical file, connections of exhibition spaces to the electricity grids, telephone, water distribution or compressed air networks are made at the costs of the exhibitors who request it within the deadlines required and depending on the technical possibilities in the exhibition premises.

Any request concerning them must be sent to the appointed agent on special forms at the disposal of the exhibitors.

### Article 21 - Customs

It is up to each exhibitor to fulfil the customs formalities for materials and products coming from overseas. The organiser cannot be held responsible for problems that may occur during these formalities.

### Article 22 - Intellectual property

The exhibitor guarantees the organiser that he is the holder of all intellectual property rights on the elements, subject of the exhibition, the brands that he exhibits and all rights and/or authorisations necessary to present them within the Tradeshaw. The organiser accepts no responsibility in this field.

The organiser shall be in a position to exclude exhibitors sentenced regarding intellectual property, notably for acts of infringement. The exhibitor authorises the organiser to reproduce and represent, for the life of the rights concerned, for free and throughout the territory, the goods/products and their distinctive signs (logos, brands, commercial name...) that he exhibits, in communication tools of the Tradeshow (Internet, exhibition catalogue, invitation cards, visitors map, promotional video..) as more generally on all media intended to promote the Tradeshow (photos of the Tradeshow to be published in the traditional press or on the Internet, television programmes made on/during the Tradeshow...).

The exhibitor guarantees the organiser that he has obtained from holders of the intellectual property rights on the goods/creations/brand he exhibits all of the rights and/or authorisations necessary for the aforementioned uses. Consequently, the exhibitor undertakes to defend and compensate the organiser for all consequences that the latter may bear, for any legal action, petition or claim initiated by third parties against it, and resulting from the infringement by the exhibitor of an intellectual or industrial property right.

The exhibitor expressly authorises for the needs of the Tradeshow, the free and non-paying use directly or indirectly of his name, the name of his joint participants, his (their) image and his (their) brands, subject to the possible rights of third parties, all for as long as the organiser exploits the Tradeshow.

#### Article 23 - Collective management company

In the absence of an agreement between the performing rights and distribution of rights companies (SACEM...)- and the organiser, the exhibitor deals directly with these companies if he uses music in any way whatsoever within the Tradeshow, the organiser declining all responsibility in this respect. The organiser may, at anytime, ask the exhibitor to produce the corresponding written documents.

### CATALOGUES

#### Article 24 - Catalogues

The organiser is the sole holder of publication and sale rights of the exhibitors' catalogue, as well as rights relating to advertising contained in this catalogue. It may grant all or part of these rights. The information necessary for producing the catalogue is supplied by the exhibitors under their responsibility.

The organiser cannot be held responsible for omissions or errors of reproduction, composition or other, which may occur. The organiser reserves the right to modify, delete or group together registrations every time it considers it useful, as well as refuse or modify the paying announcement texts that would be of a kind to harm the other exhibitors and/or the organiser.

### ENTRY CARDS

#### Article 25 - "Exhibitor badges"

"Exhibitor badges" entitling access to the Tradeshow shall be given to the exhibitors. "Exhibitor badges" not used are neither taken back nor reimbursed when the organiser has issued them for a fee.

#### Article 26 - Invitation cards

A limited number of invitation cards intended for visitors that the exhibitors wish to invite shall be given to the exhibitors by the organiser.

Any abusive request and/or other use shall be likely to lead to legal action. Cards not used are neither taken back nor reimbursed when the organiser has issued them for a fee. Only passes, invitation cards and entry tickets issued by the organiser can give access to the Tradeshow.

### SECURITY

#### Article 27 - Security

The exhibitor is bound to respect the security measures imposed by the administrative or legal authorities, as well as security measures potentially taken by the organiser. The organiser reserves the right to check the compliance with these measures. Surveillance is ensured under the control of the organiser. Its decisions concerning the application of security rules are to be immediately executed.

### APPLICATIONS OF REGULATIONS - DISPUTES

#### Article 28 - Application of regulations

Any breach of the provisions of these general regulations and the rules and regulations drawn up by the organiser, may lead to the exclusion of the infringing exhibitor and this even without notice. This is notably the same for non-compliance with the layout, non-respect for the security rules and non-occupancy of the exhibition space, the presentation of products non-compliant with those listed in the participation application, the sale including immediately delivery onsite to the buyer.

An indemnity is thus due by the exhibitor as damages for compensation for the moral or material damage endured by the event. This indemnity is at least equal to the amount of the participation that remains to the organiser, without prejudice of the additional damages that may be requested. The organiser has in this respect a lien on articles exhibited and personal property or decorative elements belonging to the exhibitor.

#### Article 29 - Termination

The organiser is authorised to terminate ipso jure without legal formalities an application for admission that it has accepted:

- In the event of force majeure, if the effects of this lead to the suspension of the performance of essential conditions by one of the parties during more than three (3) consecutive months, without indemnity by either one, or
- In the event of non-performance by the exhibitor of his obligations which he has not remedied after notice sent by registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt asking him to remedy the causes of nonperformance, remained without effect two (2) days after its notification, or
- With immediate effect in the event of lack of total or partial payment of the sums due to the organiser by the exhibitor which the latter has not remedied in the eight (8) days following the notice sent by the organiser, or
- With immediate effect for the case where the exhibitor does not occupy his exhibition space 24 hours before the opening of the Tradeshow, without prior express agreement from the organiser, or
- In the event the exhibitor is the subject of bankruptcy proceedings such as safeguard procedures or receivership and that the official receiver has not pronounced in favour of the continuation of this agreement, or liquidation the subject of a seizure of his goods, or legal action for fraudulent bankruptcy or a prohibition or any other measure having a similar effect.

The termination of an application for admission does not release the exhibitor from his obligation to pay all sums due pursuant to his application. The rights and obligations of the parties that, by their nature, must be fulfilled after the termination or at the end of this agreement, shall keep their full effect after such a termination or stopping.

#### Article 30 - Responsibility of Force Majeure

For all contractual relations between the exhibitor and the organiser, with the exception of personal injury and cases of deliberate act, and within the limit allowed by law, the organiser shall assume the financial consequences of direct and predictable damage only caused to the exhibitor by a proven fault of the organiser, under the conditions and within the limit defined below.

The organiser shall in no way be responsible for the financial consequences resulting from indirect or unpredictable damage, in the meaning of articles 1150 and 1151 of the Civil Code, as well as, without this list being exhaustive, any lost profit, commercial prejudice, loss of turnover or profit, loss of clientele, loss of opportunity, loss of data, cost of obtaining a product, damage caused to goods that are not used by the victim (exhibitor or third party), mainly for his use or private consumption in the meaning of article 1386-15 of the Civil Code.

The Parties agree that the modification of the Tradeshow Practical Arrangements cannot give rise to any compensation for potential prejudice endured by the exhibitor, subject to having been informed of it 15 days before the opening of the Tradeshow at the latest, unless the said modification results from an independent decision of the organiser.

In any case, the modification of the Tradeshow Organisation Arrangements cannot give rise to any compensation for potential prejudice endured by the exhibitor.

The full responsibility of the organiser cannot exceed the total sum of the amount of the exhibitor's application to join the Tradeshow subject of the organiser's responsibility and which therefore constitutes the upper limit of the organiser's responsibility. Finally, the exhibitor cannot put the organiser's responsibility at stake due to a breach pursuant hereto during a period of one (1) year from the occurrence of the breach in question. The limitations and exclusions of responsibility specified in this Article 30 are determined by the balance the parties have agreed on, and which together constitute the scope of the obligations of the organiser pursuant hereto.

Furthermore, the exhibitor is exclusively and entirely responsible for supplying products and services vis-à-vis his clients and visitors and resolves with the latter any disputes that may occur on the occasion of supplying the said products or services.

Besides the events usually retained by case law of the courts as cases of force majeure, the obligations of the organiser shall be automatically suspended should there be occurrence of events independent of its will and preventing the normal performance hereof, such as notably: earthquakes, fires, storms, floods, bombings, the blocking of means of transport for any reason whatsoever, total or partial strikes, lock-out (internal or external to one of the parties), a significant modification of the organiser's costs or the legislation or regulations applicable impacting the organisation of the Tradeshow (an event of "Force Majeure").

The parties agree that the organiser's responsibility can on no account be incurred in the event of a breach to its obligations caused by an event of Force Majeure, no compensation or penalty being due in this case to the exhibitor.

The exhibitor entrusts to the organiser the job of assessing whether the tradeshow must be interrupted or evacuated for major, unpredictable or economic reasons or in the event of a threat to the public's safety and undertakes not to give it grief for it.