

SPECIAL REGULATION No. 2

CONCERNING THE CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION IN THE EXHIBITION

CHAPTER I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1. Purpose

The purpose of this Special Regulation, in accordance with Section III and IV, and Article 38 of the General Regulations of the International Horticultural Exhibition Expo 2023 Doha, Qatar (hereinafter referred to as “Expo 2023 Doha”, or “Exhibition”), is to lay down the conditions of participation in the Exhibition.

Article 2. Compliance with the Laws and Regulations

2.1. All Participants shall comply with the Paris Convention relating to International Exhibitions signed on November 22nd, 1928 as amended and supplemented, the General Regulations, the Special Regulations of the Exhibition, the relevant laws and regulations in Qatar and the additional instructions and directives issued by the Organizer, which shall be in conformity with the General Regulations and the Special Regulations of the Exhibition (hereinafter jointly referred to as “the Laws and Regulations”).

2.2. The additional instructions and directives are issued by the Organizer to provide more information on related subjects and further specify the rights and obligations of the Participants and the Organizer.

Article 3. Official Participants and Non- Official Participants

3.1. Official Participants are those foreign governments and international organizations that have accepted the official invitation from the State of Qatar to participate in Expo 2023 Doha, in accordance with Article 8.1 of the General Regulations.

3.2. Aforementioned international organizations are those intergovernmental organizations that aim for strengthening international cooperation in environmental, scientific, economic, cultural and other fields, or whose aims are consistent with the theme of the Expo.

3.3. Non-Official Participants are those exhibitors that are not officially invited by the State of Qatar but whose participation is approved by the Organizer. They include exhibitors as legal entities, institutions and other organizations displaying outside the national sections of Official Participants.

3.4. Official Participants as defined in Article 3.1. shall be represented by a Commissioner General of Section. Non-Official Participants shall be represented by Garden Directors. Commissioners General of Section and Garden Directors shall be responsible for the preparation and operation of the participation and shall supervise all personnel under his/her authority to ensure compliance with the laws and regulations set forth in Article 2 of this Special Regulation.

3.5. Participants shall provide appointment documents for Commissioners General of Section and Garden Directors to the Organizer. Pursuant to Article 6 Paragraph 1 of the General Regulations, the Organizer shall forward a copy of the documents pertaining to the appointment of Commissioners General of Section to the BIE.

CHAPTER II. PARTICIPATION OF OFFICIAL PARTICIPANTS

Article 4. Exhibitions

4.1. The exhibitions of Official Participants shall be in line with the provisions of Special Regulation No.1 concerning the Definition of the Theme of the Exhibition and the Guidelines for Theme Development by the Organiser and the Participants and must be approved by the Organizer.

4.2. The items and materials used in the exhibitions of Official Participants must be approved by the Organizer and shall be in line with the provisions of Special Regulation No.1 concerning the Definition of the Theme of the Exhibition and the Guidelines for Theme Development by the Organiser and the Participants; Special Regulation No.4 concerning Construction, Installation, Workplace Safety, Fire Prevention, and Environmental Protection; Special Regulation No. 5 concerning the Installation and Operation of Machinery and Equipment; and Special Regulation No. 7 concerning Customs Clearance, Transportation and Handling of Goods.

Article 5. Participation Contract

5.1. Official Participants who wish to take part in Expo 2023 Doha shall conclude a Participation Contract with the Organizer. The Participation Contract shall be signed by the Commissioner General of Section and the Organizer and countersigned by the Commissioner General of Expo 2023 Doha. The Organizer shall forward a copy of the Participation Contract to the BIE shortly upon its signature.

5.2. The Participation Contract shall be supplemented by the plans and documents stated in Special Regulation No.4 concerning Construction, Installation, Workplace Safety, Fire Prevention, and Environmental Protection.

5.3. In cases where Official Participants wish to carry out commercial activities, they shall comply with the Special Regulation No. 9 concerning Commercial Activities by Official Participants. Further details shall be stipulated in Annex 5 of the Participation Contract.

Article 6. Exhibition Areas

6.1. Indoor and outdoor exhibition areas are allocated free of charge to Official Participants by the Organizer.

6.2. Official Participants shall submit to the Organizer a Participation Form for the allocation of an exhibition area. The Participation Form shall include a Theme Statement as described in Article 3 of the Special Regulation No. 1 concerning the Development of the Theme of the Exhibition and the Guidelines for Theme Development by the Organizer and the Participants.

6.3. The Organizer shall reply to this request in writing within 60 days after receiving it. If the Organizer deems that the presentation does not include the necessary features to develop the theme of the Exhibition, or considers it unacceptable, the Organizer will inform the Official Participant of the reasons for its non-acceptance and will propose ways to rectify it. The Organizer shall agree on the necessary modifications with the relevant Commissioner General of Section.

6.4. The Organizer will consider the application to participate set forth in Paragraph 2 of this article as well as the date of acceptance of the invitation to participate in the Expo when allocating an exhibition area. Exhibition area allocation will be reflected in the Participation Contract and will have a provisional status until the Participation Contract is signed by both parties.

6.5. Before the signing of the Participation Contract, the Organizer shall, without any liability, have the right to change the layout of the exhibition and allocation of exhibition areas in order to ensure the success of the Exhibition and the harmony within the Expo site.

Article 7. Construction, Installation and Dismantling of Exhibition Areas

7.1. Pursuant to Article 20 Paragraph 1 of the General Regulations, Article 3 Paragraph 4 of Special Regulation No. 4 concerning Construction, Installation, Workplace Safety, Fire Prevention and Environmental Protection and Article 4 Paragraph 4 of Special Regulation No. 5 concerning the Installation and Operation of Machinery and Equipment, all construction and installation works in indoor and outdoor exhibition areas shall be completed by Participants no later than 24/09/2023. Vehicles heavier than 7500 kg shall not be allowed to enter the site after 04/09/2023.

7.2. Outdoor and Indoor exhibition areas shall be handed over to Participants on 01/02/2023 and 15/04/2023 respectively by the Organizer.

7.3. Pursuant to Article 20 Paragraph 2 of the General Regulations, Article 8 Paragraph 1 of Special Regulation No. 4 concerning Construction, Installation, Workplace Safety, Fire Prevention and Environmental Protection, Participants shall remove all exhibition materials and restore the outdoor and indoor exhibition areas allocated to them into their original conditions no later than 30/06/2024 and 01/05/2024 respectively.

Article 8. Provision of Services

8.1. The Organizer shall ensure the supply of General services in accordance with Article 17 of the General Regulations of the Exhibition. Official Participants shall be responsible for organizing the equipment installation of telecommunications, water inlet and outlets, as well as garbage collection and disposal, pavilion security and other services considered appropriate by the Organizer within their exhibition area and bear the costs.

8.2. The Organizer shall provide a list of accredited companies to Official Participants that can carry out the services set out in Paragraph 1 of this article and other services that may be requested by Official Participants and deemed appropriate by the Organizer. Official Participants may also request these services to be provided from the Organizer. In either instance, rates charged for such services shall conform to local rates.

8.3. The Official Participants shall be responsible for the electricity installation within their exhibition area and shall be responsible for the installation costs. The electricity utilization costs shall be borne by the Organizer.

8.4. Official Participants shall conform to Special Regulation No. 4 concerning Construction, Installation, Workplace Safety, Fire Prevention and Environmental Protection, Special Regulation No. 10 concerning General Services, and the relevant laws and regulations of the State of Qatar, for the installation of equipment and the utilization of the services specified in paragraph 1 of this article.

Article 9. Services Offered Free of Charge by the Organizer

9.1. Services stated below shall be offered free of charge to Official Participants by the Organizer:

- Provision of utilities (water, Wi-Fi) up to the interior of the indoor exhibition areas and up to the boundary of the outdoor exhibition areas
- Wastewater outlets, water line, drainage line services up to the interior of the indoor exhibition areas and up to the boundary of the outdoor exhibition areas except for the use in commercial activities
- Covering of the ground surfaces of outdoor exhibition areas with earth adequate for planting
- Electricity
- Tap water
- Irrigation water
- Creation of service areas
- Maintenance and cleaning of public areas
- Maintenance and cleaning of public green areas
- Disposal of waste from public and green areas
- Disposal of the construction waste
- Provision of general security for the Expo site
- First aid services (at the exhibition site)
- Provision of lost and found service
- Lost persons center
- Quarantine services
- Lighting of the Exhibition site
- Placement of signs and routing at the Expo site
- Information signs
- Storage allocation for the Official Participants (upon request)
- Allocation of a free parking space to one accredited car of each Official Participant
- Central visitors' information system
- Transportation cost of all objects related to the Exhibition from seaports and/or airports of entry or from the border of Qatar to the exhibition site "one 40 feet container and/or two 20 feet containers up to equivalent of 20 tonnes", and their return to border of entry after the closure of the Exhibition, if the Official Participant organises the transportation by the company accredited by the Organizer.

9.2. These services may be unilaterally interrupted for the following reasons:

- Compromised safety and security of the staff and property,
- Repair, replacement or improvement of the systems,
- Bottlenecks in supply,
- Reasons beyond the Organizer's control or Force Majeure.

Article 10. Assistance to Developing Countries

10.1. In accordance with Article 8.7 of the General Regulations of Expo 2023 Doha, the Organiser will provide financial support to the Least Developed Countries, according to the UN classification. The financial support shall mainly cover the following services;

- Consultancy expenditures for theme compatibility, design and decoration of their exhibition areas,
- Expenses for the design, decoration and dismantling of their exhibition areas,
- Maintenance expenses of Official Participants for their exhibition areas (fees for cleaning, security, electricity, water supply and renting costs of equipment),
- Allowance for customs clearance, exhibit transport, and insurance may be provided upon the approval of the Organizer.

10.2. Further details will be provided separately by the Organizer in the Participation Guide.

Article 11. Use of Exhibition Symbols

11.1. The Commissioners General of Section may make use of Expo 2023 Doha symbols, especially the logo, solely for non-commercial purposes and those directly linked to the Exhibition. This right is not transferable and may be used as soon as the Participation Contract has been signed with the permission of the Commissioner General of the Exhibition.

11.2. Expo 2023 Doha Brand Guidelines shall be provided by the Organizer separately in the Participation Guide.

CHAPTER III. PARTICIPATION OF NON-OFFICIAL PARTICIPANTS

Article 12. Participation Contract

12.1. Non-Official Participants may apply to participate in Expo 2023 Doha. The application must contain all necessary documents relating to the content, the chosen theme of the Exhibition and the requested surface of the exhibition area.

12.2. The Organizer shall inform the “the respective governments of the would-be intention” to participate in the Exhibition. The request for participation shall only be considered upon approval by the Commissioner General of Section concerned or otherwise by the respective Government.

12.3. Non-Official Participants shall be informed by the Organizer about the results of their application in writing within a reasonable time. If the Organizer deems that the presentation does not include the necessary features to develop the theme of the Exhibition, or considers it unacceptable, the Organizer will inform the Non-Official Participant of the reasons for its non-acceptance and will propose ways to rectify it. The modifications made by the Non-Official Participant will have to be approved by the Organizer.

12.4. After the application to participate in the Exhibition has been approved, a Participation Contract shall be signed between the Organiser and the Garden Director. The conditions of participation for Non-Official Participants shall be laid out in the Participation Contract. The rights and benefits offered to Non-Official Participants shall not, under any circumstances, be more favourable than those offered to Official Participants.

Article 13. Exhibition Area Allocation

A clear distinction shall be made by the Organiser between the exhibition areas allocated for Non-Official Participants and those allocated for Official Participants.