

SPECIAL REGULATION No. 5

CONCERNING INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT

Article 1. Purpose

The purpose of this Special Regulation of the International Horticultural Exposition, Expo 2023 Doha Qatar (hereinafter referred to as “Expo 2023 Doha”, or the “Exhibition”), is to specify the requirements for the installation and operation of machinery, apparatus and equipment which will be used in the Exhibition with the exception of machines and construction equipment to be used in the construction and installation of pavilions and exhibits, in accordance with Articles 19 and 43 of the General Regulations.

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, Qatar Construction Specifications (hereinafter referred to as “QCS 2014”), and other 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. Additional instructions and directives shall be 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. Waiver of liability

The Organizer shall assume no responsibility for any damage or loss relating to and arising from force majeure or from failure to comply with the Laws and Regulations applicable to the use of equipment and their operations by Participants

Article 4. Application for Equipment Installation

4.1. Participants shall submit the list of machinery, apparatus and equipment to be used during the Exhibition to the Organizer as laid down in Article 14.4 of the Special Regulation No. 4 concerning Construction, Installation, Work Safety, Fire Prevention and Environmental Protection, prior to the equipment being put into operation.

4.2. Participants shall submit the relevant documents containing complete technical information about the type, model, weight, brand of the equipment, the user manual and other related documents required by the Organizer.

4.3. Participants shall start the installation of machinery, apparatus and equipment stated in Paragraph 1 of this Article after gaining approval from the Organizer.

4.4. Pursuant to Article 3, Paragraph 4 of Special Regulation No. 4 concerning Construction, Installation, Workplace Safety, Fire Prevention and Environmental Protection, Participants shall complete the setup, installation, tests and all other relevant preparations by 24/09/2023.

Article 5. Operation of Equipment

5.1. Equipment shall be operated by Participants at previously agreed locations and conditions, in accordance with the Laws and Regulations.

5.2. Participants shall request permission from the Organizer if they intend to operate the machines during the opening hours of the Exhibition.

Article 6. Safety Measures

6.1. Participants shall ensure the safety of installation, manufacturing and operation of equipment to be used for the Exhibition.

6.2. Notwithstanding the installation and operation of equipment is entrusted to a third party, Participants shall remain responsible for the safety of the equipment and its operation.

6.3. In accordance with the Laws and Regulations, Participants shall ensure sufficient distance between the equipment in operation and the passages, thoroughfares and exhibits in their exhibition areas. Participants shall also install barriers and take any other protective measures deemed necessary to guarantee the unimpeded passages and the safety of visitors.

6.4. Participants shall take the necessary measures to prevent harm to visitors and staff caused by heat radiation, flashes, dust, sparks, vibrations, noise, offensive odors, electromagnetic waves, high harmonic waves as well as solid, water pollution and soil contamination, etc. arising from the use of equipment. The Organizer may make recommendations on environmental protection to Participants regarding the operation of equipment.

6.5. Participants shall ensure that operators of equipment and appointed supervisors have received the required technical training, appoint personnel who has professional qualifications to operate particular types of equipment and ensure safety at work in accordance with the Laws and Regulations. Appointed supervisors shall ensure the safety of operators and visitors and prevent the operation of equipment from causing any harm or damage to exhibits, gardens and the surrounding facilities. Participants shall also ensure that the equipment does not transmit any negative impact to the building structure and affect the welfare of other Participants.

6.6. Participants shall provide the Organizer with the relevant name lists, qualifications of operators and contact information of all responsible operators prior to the operation of equipment.

Article 7. Inspection of Equipment

7.1. The Organizer may request to run technical tests regarding equipment operation from the Participants and may inspect other related elements if deemed necessary. The concerned Participant shall comply with directives of the Organizer issued following equipment inspection. The Participant must submit the Factory Acceptance Test report indicating that the equipment is built and operating in accordance with design specifications to the Organizer.

7.2. The Organizer may adopt necessary measures in the event of proven patent infringement by Participants, in accordance with Special Regulation No. 11 concerning Intellectual Property Rights.

Article 8. Handling of Inflammable and Explosive Substances

Participants shall adopt proper safety measures to prevent any hazard or accident resulting from the use or production of gasoline, alcohol, petroleum, high-pressure gas, compressed air and other inflammable, combustible and explosive substances during equipment installation and operation.

Article 9. Fire Prevention

9.1. In order to deal with any possible explosion and/or fire, Participants shall;

- Designate an Emergency Coordinator in charge of fire prevention,
- Define necessary emergency control protocols,
- Arrange sufficient training on fire protection,
- Prepare emergency plans, in line with Articles 15 and 37 of Special Regulation No. 4,
- Inspect the correct installation of fire prevention equipment and other necessary anti-explosion equipment within their exhibition areas in accordance with the Laws and Regulations.

9.2. Participants shall inform and update the Organizer about the measures adopted in accordance with Article 9.1 of this Special Regulation, including the contact information of the Coordinator.

Article 10. Directives by the Organizer

10.1. The Organizer may, as deemed appropriate or upon detection of any potential accident of equipment or its operation, direct the Participant concerned to suspend or restrict its operations, remove the equipment or take preventive measures and precautions within the stated period of time. The expenses arising from such actions shall be borne by the Participants. The concerned Participant shall follow the directives of the Organizer.

10.2. The Organizer reserves the right to take necessary measures to lay out the issues by restricting or suspending the activity of Participants and instructing the concerned Participant to remove the said equipment in case of non-compliance with the instructions and/or directives of the Organizer.

Article 11. Emergency Plan for Operation of Equipment

11.1. Participants shall prepare an emergency plan for operation of equipment. In case of any accident or other emergencies, Participants shall implement the emergency plan and report to the Organizer.

11.2. In case of a major accident such as fire, explosion, damage to a person or property, Participants shall, in addition to implementing the emergency plan, inform the Organizer and follow the directives given by the Organizer.

11.3. Participants shall be responsible for the installation and maintenance of emergency equipment, as well as for their use in emergency situations.