

SPECIAL REGULATION No. 13

CONCERNING ADMISSIONS TO THE EXHIBITION SITE

Article 1. Purpose

The purpose of this Special Regulation is, in accordance with Articles 30, 31 and 43 of the General Regulations of the International Horticultural Exhibition Expo 2023 Doha, Qatar (hereinafter referred to as “Expo 2023 Doha”, or the “Exhibition”), is to specify the requirements for admission of individuals and vehicles to the Exhibition site.

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 and the Special Regulations of Expo 2023 Doha, the relevant laws and regulations in Qatar and the additional instructions and directives issued by the Organizer, which shall be in compliance with the General Regulations and Special Regulations of the Exhibition (hereinafter jointly referred to as “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 Participants and the Organizer.

Article 3. Opening Hours

3.1. The Exhibition Site and the exhibition areas of Official Participants will be open to visitors between 02 October 2023 and 28 March 2024.

3.2. The Exhibition Site will be open from Sunday until Thursday between 10.00 – 23.00 o’clock (13 hours) and on Fridays and Saturdays between 10.00– 00.00 o’clock (14 hours). The Organizer may extend the opening hours on special event days on the Exhibition Site until 02.00 o’clock.

3.3. Indoor Garden and Outdoor Garden exhibition areas will be open from Sunday until Thursday between 10.00 – 22.00 o’clock (12 hours) and Fridays and Saturdays between 10.00– 23.00 o’clock (13 hours). Official Participants may extend the opening hours of their exhibition and commercial activity areas on special event days on the Exhibition Site until 23:00 o’clock from Sunday until Thursday and until 00:00 o’clock on Friday and Saturday.

3.4. The opening and closing hours of the commercial activity areas of Official Participants shall be the same as the opening and closing hours of their exhibition areas. Official Participants may choose to open their restaurants later and close them earlier within the time period of the operation hours of their commercial activities.

3.5. Commercial facilities of public areas within the Exhibition Site shall continue their operations during the opening hours of Exhibition Site.

3.6. If deemed as appropriate for operational needs, the Organizer reserves the right to modify the opening hours of the Exhibition Site and commercial facilities with the approval of the Commissioner General of Expo 2023 Doha, the Steering Committee of Commissioners General of Section and the BIE; and after notifying the Official Participants.

3.7. In exceptional circumstances the Organizer may limit admission to the Exhibition Site on a temporary basis to ensure the smooth running of the Exhibition.

Article 4. Admission to the Exhibition Site

4.1. No admission fees shall be charged to visitors for entering the Exhibition Site. Visitors shall enter the Exhibition Site by use of free entrance tickets.

4.2. No admission fees shall be charged within the Exhibition Site, unless otherwise approved by the BIE.

4.3. The Organizer reserves the right to deny access to the Exhibition Site and to require anyone who has breached the Laws and Regulations to leave the Exhibition Site.

4.4. Accreditation passes issued to Participants and Personnel in accordance with Article 7 of this Special Regulation shall be required to enter the Exhibition site.

4.5. Materials that are prohibited under Laws and Regulations shall not be brought into the Exhibition Site. Official Participants shall obtain prior approval of the Organizer to bring materials into the Exhibition Site.

Article 5. Entrance Gates

5.1. Visitor access to the Exhibition Site shall only be granted through official points of entry. The Organizer shall provide more specific details in due course. The gates shall be opened and closed according to the operating hours set forth in Article 3 of this Special Regulation.

5.2. Personnel of Official Participants and the personnel affiliated with the Organizer to the Exhibition Site shall enter the Exhibition Site through the accredited entrances. Designated gate(s) will be provided to grant 24-hour access to the Exhibition Site.

5.3. The Organizer may establish separate gates for VIP guests.

5.4. The Organizer shall offer easy access at entry gates to disabled people.

Article 6. Admission of Vehicles

6.1. During the construction and dismantling periods, only vehicles in possession of vehicle accreditation passes issued by the Organizer shall enter the Exhibition Site. Such vehicles shall be provided access from the dedicated vehicle access point.

6.2. Official Participants will be allocated to a free parking space to one accredited car of each Official Participant.

6.3. Official Participants who wish to use additional parking spaces shall apply to the Organizer. The Organizer may allocate a maximum of 4 free additional parking spaces during the construction and Exhibition period, depending on availability.

6.4. The terms and guidelines related to the admission of vehicles into the Expo 2023 Doha Site will be prepared and issued by the Organizer.

Article 7. Accreditation Passes

7.1. Types of accreditation passes for admission of Participants, personnel, vehicles and the conditions for their use shall be established by the Organizer.

7.2. Persons and vehicles in possession of a valid accreditation pass may enter the Exhibition Site during the construction, duration of exhibition and dismantling period of Expo 2023 Doha.

7.3. Accreditation passes should be clearly displayed on the Exhibition Site at all times.

Article 8. Issuance and Use of Accreditation Passes

8.1. Participants may apply to the Organizer for the issuance of accreditation passes on behalf of the following personnel:

- Commissioner General of Section, Deputy Commissioner General of Section and their staff,
- Garden Directors of Non-Official Participants and their staff,
- VIP guests of Official Participants,
- Staff appointed by Official Participants to be responsible for the construction, exhibition, operation and dismantling,
- Artists and other staff appointed by Official Participants engaged in the events within the Exhibition Site,
- Contractors and persons affiliated with them,
- Members of the media appointed by Official Participants.

8.2. The Organizer shall establish an accreditation center that will conduct operations related to applications, issuance and management of accreditation passes.

8.3. Accreditation passes shall not be used after their expiration or be transferable to others.

8.4. In the event of damage, loss, or theft of an accreditation pass, the Organizer shall be informed immediately in order to cancel and reissue.

Article 9. Entrances and Exits

9.1. The Organizer shall set up entries and exits of the Exhibition Site for the staff of Official Participants, visitors, VIP guests and vehicles in the construction, Exhibition and dismantling periods.

9.2. The Organizer shall be entitled to inspect accreditation passes and conduct security inspections at the entrances.

9.3. In case of one or more visiting days being organized prior to the official opening date of the Exhibition, the dates for specific guests such as media representatives shall be determined by the consensus of the Steering Committee of the College of Commissioners General.