

GENERAL DELIVERY AND PAYMENT CONDITIONS

Of the private limited company Van Beek EPDM B.V.

I. DEFINITIONS

Third Party: any person or legal person who is not the Buyer or Van Beek EPDM.

Van Beek EPDM: the Seller, the private limited company Van Beek EPDM B.V. (Ch. of Comm.: 14097516), the user of these general terms and conditions.

Creditworthiness: assessment by an independent credit rating agency. Creditworthiness is sufficient if the creditworthiness is equivalent to or in excess of the average in the industry.

Buyer: the natural or legal person which concludes an agreement with Van Beek EPDM for the purchase of Products.

Delivery Details: the information concerning the delivery such as the date of delivery, the manner of delivery.

Offer: an offer from Van Beek EPDM for the conclusion of an agreement.

Parties: The Buyer and Van Beek EPDM.

Personal Data: all information that identifies a natural person or makes a person identifiable.

Product: the movable property with accessories such as the statement of the specifications or separate components that are sold and delivered to the Buyer by Van Beek EPDM.

Working Day: a calendar day, unless it is a day of rest or public holiday, a day of leave or any other non-individual day off recognised generally or at the location of the Work or which is prescribed by the Dutch government or by a (Dutch) collective labour agreement.

II. APPLICABILITY

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The applicability of any conditions applied by Buyers, customers and other parties (hereinafter referred to as 'the Buyer') with whom Van Beek EPDM contracts are expressly excluded, unless this is agreed expressly in writing and not in general terms prior to or on the occasion of the conclusion of an agreement. The same applies to any deviation from these general terms and conditions. The invalidity and/or dissolution and/or voidability of one or more provisions of these general terms and conditions does not affect the legal validity of the other general terms and conditions.

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The Buyer accepts Van Beek EPDM's proposal including these general terms and conditions to the exclusion of all other general terms and conditions. These general terms and conditions form an inextricable part of Van Beek EPDM's proposal.

Neither party has the right to transfer the purchase agreement to a third party unless it has obtained the express and written consent of the counterparty.

V. PRICES AND DELIVERY

Prices are exclusive of VAT and exclusive of the costs of transport and insurance. The Buyer bears the costs of transport as well as the risk as from the delivery. Additional costs not included in the agreement and that become known after conclusion of the agreement are charged on to the Buyer. Additional costs may include costs such as additional import and other duties, excise duty and additional insurance premiums.

Loading and unloading will be carried out by a carrier to be designated by the Buyer.

Transport takes place for the Buyer's risk as from the moment the transport has left Van Beek EPDM's branch. The Buyer is therefore required to take out adequate insurance in this connection. If delivery at the agreed time and place proves impossible, Van Beek EPDM will have the right to take back the goods concerned, unless alternative arrangements are made at that moment. The related additional costs of any further transport and the additional storage costs may be charged on to the Buyer by Van Beek EPDM.

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The Buyer will ensure that he is familiar with the characteristics and specifications of the product. The Buyer is aware of the risks of the use of the product and the minimum safety requirements related to the use of the product. The Buyer will use the product in accordance with the statutory requirements to which the Buyer is subject.

Insofar as further guarantees are provided with respect to the goods delivered, these will only apply if they are expressly agreed in writing and if the conditions of this guarantee are provided upon delivery. Any right under a guarantee lapses if the defect was not reported to Van Beek EPDM within 2 months after discovery of this defect.

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XI. RETENTION OF TITLE

All goods delivered and to be delivered remain the exclusive property of Van Beek EPDM until all claims it has or will acquire against the Buyer on any basis whatsoever have been paid in full. After the Buyer has acquired full ownership, this agreement creates an undisclosed right of pledge in respect of the goods delivered by Van Beek EPDM for the benefit of Van Beek EPDM in respect of all claims Van Beek EPDM has and/or will acquire against the Buyer at any time, on any basis whatsoever.

Van Beek EPDM has the right to take back the goods delivered without any demand, notice of default or judicial intervention, and enter the Buyer's premises if necessary, on the basis of the fact that the Buyer has failed to comply properly with his obligations. The value of the goods taken back will be deducted from Van Beek EPDM's claims against the Buyer on the basis of the assessed value of the goods at that time. The costs of taking back the goods will be for the Buyer's account.

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Articles 7:404, 7:407 paragraph 2 and 7:409 of the Dutch Civil Code (DCC) do not apply if Van Beek EPDM provides specific advice in connection with a project. Employees of Van Beek EPDM who work or used to work for it are not personally bound and/or liable. In deviation from Article 7:408 paragraph 2 DCC, Van Beek EPDM has the right to terminate the consultancy agreement with a Buyer.

Van Beek EPDM expressly rejects all liability/accountability concerning possible damage of any kind or any extent that is the result in whole or in part of performance by the Buyer or third parties. The Buyer always remains responsible for the manner in which the activities are carried out.

In those cases in which Van Beek EPDM provides advice, its liability in case of an attributable failure will be limited to at most the amount of the invoice value relating to this assignment, with the exception of intent or gross negligence. Van Beek EPDM is never liable for consequential damage. The client will be obliged to indemnify Van Beek EPDM against all claims from third parties, including possible claims from any parties with an interest in the assignment.

In case of a contract for services, all liability lapses as a result of the passage of one year as from the moment the assignment has been completed.

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Van Beek EPDM will never be liable in case incorrect performance of the agreement is the result of force majeure.

Use of cleaning products, chemical agents, disease control and other additions, combined with the products delivered is for the Buyer's own risk. These agents could have a negative impact on the product characteristics. Damage resulting from their use is not covered by the guarantee. A resistance list is available upon request. The Buyer indemnifies Van Beek EPDM against claims from third parties and in particular against product liability as referred to in EU Directive 85/374 and subsequent legislation based on it.

In case of liability or damage in the broadest sense of the word, liability on the part of Van Beek EPDM will be limited in any event and always to the amount paid out in the case concerned pursuant to the liability insurance taken out by Van Beek EPDM. Van Beek EPDM's entire liability for all of the damage will be limited to the purchase price of the product agreed in this agreement.

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XVII. TRADE SECRETS

All information the Buyer and Van Beek EPDM hold from and concerning each other constitutes a trade secret within the meaning of EU Directive 2016/943, unless the parties agree otherwise.

The use of trade secrets owned by the counterparty is prohibited unless the parties have expressly agreed otherwise. Each party is liable for damage sustained by the counterparty as a result of the use or abuse of trade secrets by its employees, subcontractors or third parties that are affiliated with it contractually or otherwise. If this prohibition is breached, the Buyer will owe Van Beek EPDM a penalty of €10,000.00 per breach in addition to the damage actually sustained.

XVIII. AVOIDANCE

Full or partial avoidance of the agreement is excluded. The reason for this article is that the consequences of a declaration of avoidance of a purchase agreement whereby the product delivered has been processed or modified, is considered too complex and disproportionately costly by both parties.

XIX. BANKRUPTCY, SUSPENSION OF PAYMENT AND ATTACHMENT

In case of bankruptcy or a suspension of payment on the part of the Buyer or in the event an attachment is levied against or at the expense of the Buyer or it becomes clear in a different manner that the Buyer is no longer able to comply in full with his obligations arising from the agreement with Van Beek EPDM, Van Beek EPDM will have the right to terminate the agreement with immediate effect and in any event to suspend its obligations under the agreement until the Buyer is able to pay in full.

XX. General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

Van Beek EPDM processes personal data such as names, e-mail addresses, telephone numbers of the Buyer's employees for the purpose of the performance of and compliance with obligations under this agreement in the broadest sense of the word. These data are processed in accordance with the GDPR and are not shared with third parties by Van Beek EPDM.

Interested parties may contact Van Beek EPDM for the purpose of exercising rights under the GDPR.

XXI. DISPUTES

All agreements with Van Beek EPDM are governed by Dutch law to the exclusion of the Vienna Sales Convention. All disputes between Van Beek EPDM and the Buyer that cannot be settled amicably, including disputes that are only considered to be disputes by one of the parties, are submitted to the competent court in the jurisdiction of Maastricht to the exclusion of other courts, unless Van Beek EPDM and the Buyer agree after a dispute arises to submit the dispute to arbitration or to a different court.

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All information the Buyer and VBF International hold from and concerning each other constitutes a trade secret within the meaning of EU Directive 2016/943, unless the parties agree otherwise.

The use of trade secrets owned by the counterparty is prohibited unless the parties have expressly agreed otherwise. Each party is liable for damage sustained by the counterparty as a result of the use or abuse of trade secrets by its employees, subcontractors or third parties that are affiliated with it contractually or otherwise. If this prohibition is breached, the Buyer will owe VBF International a penalty of €10,000.00 per breach in addition to the damage actually sustained.

XXXIX. AVOIDANCE

Full or partial avoidance of the agreement is excluded. The reason for this article is that the consequences of a declaration of avoidance of a purchase agreement whereby the product delivered has been processed or modified, is considered too complex and disproportionately costly by both parties.

XL. BANKRUPTCY, SUSPENSION OF PAYMENT AND ATTACHMENT

In case of bankruptcy or a suspension of payment on the part of the Buyer or in the event an attachment is levied against or at the expense of the Buyer or it becomes clear in a different manner that the Buyer is no longer able to comply in full with his obligations arising from the agreement with VBF International, VBF International will have the right to terminate the agreement with immediate effect and in any event to suspend its obligations under the agreement until the Buyer is able to pay in full.

XLI. General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

VBF International processes personal data such as names, e-mail addresses, telephone numbers of the Buyer's employees for the purpose of the performance of and compliance with obligations under this agreement in the broadest sense of the word. These data are processed in accordance with the GDPR and are not shared with third parties by VBF International.

Interested parties may contact VBF International for the purpose of exercising rights under the GDPR.

XLII. DISPUTES

All agreements with VBF International are governed by Dutch law to the exclusion of the Vienna Sales Convention. All disputes between VBF International and the Buyer that cannot be settled amicably, including disputes that are only considered to be disputes by one of the parties, are submitted to the competent court in the jurisdiction of Maastricht to the exclusion of other courts, unless VBF International and the Buyer agree after a dispute arises to submit the dispute to arbitration or to a different court.

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