

General conditions of participation

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AND DESIGN!**




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1. Name/Title



ILM® International Leather Goods Fair Offenbach
 ILM February/March
 ILM August/September

2. Place of event



Messe Offenbach . Eingang Kaiserstraße
 Kaiserstraße 108–112 . 63065 Offenbach a.M.

3. Opening times

Opening hours Saturday to Monday:
 for exhibitors daily 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
 for visitors daily 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 During the assembly/disassembly phase see the technical
 guidelines available for download.

4. Organizer

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5. Exhibition program

The I.L.M.® – International Leather Goods Fair Offenbach (herein-
 after referred to as the Leather Goods Fair) is held for the

presentation of the complete spectrum of current offers in the
 area of leather goods and travel articles as well as umbrellas,
 leather clothes and other fashionable accessories.
 i.L.M.® takes place twice a year and counts as business basis of
 the branch of industry. It is a season appointment– in February/
 March: for Autumn/Winter; in August/September: for spring/
 summer. The organizer reserves the right to decide on type and
 number of additional products displayed.

6. Sales regulations

6.1 Exhibitors are permitted to accept orders from trade buyers
 connected with the trade concerned and to conclude sales
 contracts to be fulfilled after the closing of the fair.
 No delivery of goods to third parties is permitted during the fair.

6.2 No price display is permitted either at the stand or on
 products exhibited or on promotion material.

6.3 No direct sale to private individuals is permitted. **Non-
 observance of these sales regulations** entitles the organizer
 immediately to close the stand concerned and to exclude the
 exhibitor from participation in future fairs. In this case, the
 exhibitor concerned is not entitled to any claim for damages.

7. Application

7.1 Application for the Leather Goods Fair is generally made on
 the basis of a long-term participation, optional on a yearly basis
 or for just a one-time participation.

7.2 Application must be submitted punctually, using the official
 application form. The completed application form with the
 legally valid signature counts as a binding contract offer of the
 exhibitor, which needs to be accepted by Messe Offenbach. Ap-
 plications for a long-term participation have to be accompanied
 by the signed attachment sheet “Long-term participation”. This
 attachment is a condition for a long-term participant. For annu-
 al contracts application needs to be renewed yearly. Submitted
 applications do not include the claim for permission.

7.3 By submitting the form the application is completed for
 Messe Offenbach. A written confirmation is not given.

7.4 By filling in and returning the application form the exhibitor
 accepts the General Conditions of Participation for the Leather
 Goods Fair as well as the supplements of the attachment “Long-
 term participation”, the “House Rules”, the “Technical Guidelines”



as well as the regulations contained in the “service documents”, which are available in the exhibitor online shop. This obligation shall also extend to the persons employed by the exhibitor at the event, other participants registered by the exhibitor and other agents.

7.5 The exhibitor shall be obliged to comply with relevant labour and trade legislation, environmental protection regulations, fire protection regulations, accident prevention regulations and the provisions of competition law. The exhibitor shall also personally comply with EU Regulations No. 2580/2001 and No. 881/2001, especially in regard to finance and personnel. The exhibitor shall continuously monitor compliance with the above-mentioned regulations by the persons whom he employs at the event, his other registered participants and other agents. In the event an infringement of this obligation, the exhibitor shall intervene and/or inform the organizer about the infringements.

7.6 By submitting the application form, the exhibitor hereby agrees to his data being recorded, processed and used for the purpose of organizing the event and for purposes of advertising, market research or opinion research – in accordance with the latest version of the Data Protection Act – and to these data being passed on to third parties in connection with the above mentioned purposes. The exhibitor shall hereby give his consent in this respect, unless he has filed an express objection. The exhibitor shall also be obliged to take part in electronic visitor recording and evaluation programs, and shall agree to the publication of information relating to his participation via electronic media, including the Internet.

7.7 The application is not transferable and is binding to the applicant, irrespective of whether organizer can give permission to exhibit or not. Applications subject to reserve will not be considered.

8. Admission

8.1 Permission to exhibit can be given to all domestic and foreign manufacturers whose products correspond to those exhibited at the Leather Goods Fair. Commercial agents, wholesalers and importers may display products of the companies they represent, provided they produce a written declaration of consent from the manufacturers concerned, in which the products are accurately listed and described and in which a guarantee is given that the same articles are not displayed by any other company at the fair concerned.

8.2 Permission for participation of the applicant and the described goods is given by Messe Offenbach. There is no legal claim for participation. The organizer is entitled to exclude exhibitors from participation for justified reasons and if necessary, for the aim of the event, to reduce permission to special exhibitor groups. Furthermore, Messe Offenbach is entitled to reduce the goods applied for as well as to make a change to the stand space applied for.

8.3 Admission is permitted only to trade buyers and other specialized visitors from the Federal Republic of Germany and abroad connected with the offer spectrum represented at the fair.

9. Stand space allocation

9.1 Stand space is allocated by Messe Offenbach in accordance with thematic demands and structure of the Leather Goods Fair as well as under consideration of the space available. There is no claim with regard to the position or size of the stand. The organizer will try to consider the exhibitors' requests. Special requests for location listed in the application form will be considered within the bounds of feasibility. Not only the chronological sequence of the applications received is decisive for stand space allocation.

9.2 The written confirmation of the allocation of stand space including specification of segment, level, hall section and stand number by Messe Offenbach legally constitutes the conclusion of the participation contract between Messe Offenbach GmbH and the exhibitor according to the application as long-term, annual or single participant.

9.3 Messe Offenbach may withdraw from the exhibition contract if it has been concluded under false pretenses or giving false information. Such cancellation terminates all rights given to the exhibitor in the participation contract.

9.4 Messe Offenbach is entitled to make changes to size, format and location of the allocated stand space. The necessity of such a change will be immediately reported to the exhibitor, who will be offered an adequate stand place if possible. If the change affects the stand rent, the exhibitor will receive a credit entry or a subsequent charge.

9.5 The exhibitor has to accept that the position of other stands may change after the point of permission and is not entitled to raise any claims.

9.6 The exchange of the allocated space with another exhibitor is not permitted without the consent of the Messe Offenbach.

10. Subtenancy and re-letting

The exhibitor is not entitled to sublet or otherwise transfer the whole or part of the allocated stand space to third parties unless the organizer has given written permission to do so. An application must be made at least 6 weeks prior to the fair. In this case, the subtenant or subtenants are required to pay an administration fee to Messe Offenbach. Unauthorized subletting will result in the exclusion of the subtenant who, notwithstanding, will be liable for payment of the administration fee. The principal tenant will have joint liability.

11. Participation costs

11.1 The costs for participation in the Leather Goods Fair are the sum of the costs for basic contribution, the rent per sqm exhibition area plus an energy lump sum. Individual additional cost for services will be invoiced separately by Messe Offenbach, according to the current price list in the exhibitor online shop. All prices are net and subject to the value added tax.

11.2 Rent per sqm exhibition area is charged for the exact size of the stand space allotted. Pillars and other permanent fixtures



are included in the stand space rented. Fractions of a sqm will be charged as a full sqm.

11.3 An AUMA service fee per sqm of stand space shall be charged for the activities of the Association of the German Trade Fair Industry (AUMA), Littenstraße 9, 10179 Berlin (amount see price-list). This service fee shall be listed separately on the invoice.

12. Listing in the online catalogue/ exhibitor list

Der Aussteller erwirbt mit Zahlung des Beteiligungspreises auch das Recht auf Eintragung in den Online-Katalog/Ausstellerverzeichnis zur Lederwarenmesse. Art und Umfang ist im Aussteller Online-Shop zu entnehmen. Die Aufnahme in den Online-Katalog oder das Ausstellerverzeichnis erfolgt ohne Haftung der Messe Offenbach für Vollständigkeit und Richtigkeit der Eintragung.

13. Exhibitors tickets and work passes

On payment of the stand rent, each exhibitor receives a number of exhibitors' tickets free of charge, which must be personalized in the exhibitor online shop. Depending on the size of the stand space occupied, at least 2 but not more than 10 tickets. Subletting does not increase the number of free exhibitor tickets. Additional tickets may be purchased for the price prevailing at the time. In addition, each exhibitor will receive free work passes for himself and the employed personnel for the construction and dismantling period. These work passes are only valid for the construction and dismantling days and do not entitle the holder to enter the fairground during the event.

14. Terms of payment

14.1 Payment due

The full invoice amount is due latest six weeks before the fair starts without any deduction. In case of a long-term participation contract this also applies to the deposit which needs to be effected.

The invoices are sent in electronic form. The payment deadlines shall be observed. Prior and full payment of the invoice on the stipulated dates shall be a prerequisite for taking possession of the assigned stand space and for handing over the participant passes. No provision shall be made for deferral of payment in the event of any deviation from this regulation. Any objections concerning the invoice may only be considered if they are reported 14 days after the invoice date.

14.2 Seizing of objects

To secure any claims the organizer is entitled to retain the exhibitors stand equipment and exhibits and according to the tenant lien sell them after a written announcement. Messe Offenbach excludes any liability for damage of the objects seized – excluding intention or crude carelessness. § 560 Paragraph 2 BGB does not apply.

15. Termination of the rental contract

15.1 Withdrawal

After giving permission to participate (confirmation of allocation) the exhibitor must pay the full participation costs even if he cancels the participation or does not occupy the allotted stand space. Messe Offenbach reserves the right for further compensation claims. If the allotted space can be rented out otherwise Messe Offenbach still claims 25% of the invoiced participation costs from the withdrawing tenant. If it is not possible to find a new tenant, Messe Offenbach is entitled, in the interest of the overall picture, to relocate another exhibitor to the stand space not used or otherwise fill the space. In this case, the exhibitor has no claim to a reduction of the stand rent.

15.2 Termination of the contract by the organizer

The organizer is entitled to revoke permission and rent the allotted space to another exhibitor if:

- it is recognizable that the stand space will not be occupied punctually (latest 24 hours before the official fair opening);
- the participation costs have not been paid and an appropriate time limit has elapsed unsuccessfully;
- the requirements for permission of the applying exhibitor are no longer given or for any reasons which would have justified a denial of the exhibitor if they would have been known by Messe Offenbach in time (such as a filed application to institute court proceedings against the exhibitor for legal settlement or bankruptcy, gross violation of the principles of fair competition);
- the conditions of participation or the house rights of Messe Offenbach have been violated.

Notwithstanding this, the exhibitor is liable for complete payment of the rent until the date of termination of the contract. Similarly, the exhibitor is liable for invoices addressed on his order to a third party. In the case that the stand is successfully disposed of to another exhibitor, the former tenant is liable for 25% of the rent amount as compensation.

16. Acts of God

16.1 In the case the exhibitor cannot participate in the fair due to unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of the exhibitor or the organizer (acts of god), the stand rent will be reduced to 50%. Additionally, number 14.1, passage 2 is applicable.

16.2 In case of force majeure preventing the Leather Goods Fair from being held according to plan, Messe Offenbach has to inform the exhibitors immediately.

- a) Cancellation of the fair prior to its opening: in this case a claim can be made against the exhibitor for an amount up to 25% of the participation costs as compensation for general costs..
- b) Close the fair at the time of its opening or curtail of duration: in this case the exhibitor will pay the full amount of stand rent and all other costs.
- c) Postpone the fair: exhibitors with proof that postponement entails on overlapping of dates with another fair which they have firmly booked to participate, are entitled to claim withdrawal from the contract. In this case they are required to pay 25% of the stand rent as compensation for general costs.



16.3 In the case that the organizer is responsible for the inability to hold the fair, no stand rent will be owed. Claims for damage are excluded in all cases for both parties.

17. Liability and insurance

17.1 Messe Offenbach is insured against legitimate liability. This only covers liability for damage to persons and property for which it can lawfully be held liable. The organizer is not liable for damage to exhibits or stand equipment, nor for subsequent damage.

The exhibitor is required to take out insurance against usual insurable risks such as fire, burglary, theft, breakage and water damage as well as transport risks to and from the fair. Liability for damage not covered by the above-mentioned insurance is explicitly excluded. Exhibitors failing to take out insurance acknowledge their renunciation of all claims against the organizer for damage which would have been covered by one of the above-mentioned insurances.

17.2 Messe Offenbach recommends all exhibitors who do not have a permanent exhibition insurance to take out a timely limited exhibition insurance for the duration of the fair. Exhibitors failing to take out insurance acknowledge their renunciation of all claims against the organizer for damage which would have been covered by an appropriate exhibition insurance.

17.3 All damages must be reported immediately in writing to the police, insurance company and the organizer.

18. Construction and dismantling of stands

18.1 Exhibitors with own stand systems

For exhibitors with their own stand systems the following construction- and dismantling times apply:

Stand construction: 5 workdays before the fair opens,

Stand dismantling: 4 workdays after the fair ends.

Details and possible deviations can be found in the technical guidelines available for download.

18.2 Exhibitors with basic stands provided by the organizer

Messe Offenbach installs the basic stands punctually to be available before opening of the exhibition. Dismantling is carried out by Messe Offenbach immediately after the closing of the fair. Exhibitors are required to remove from the stands all display goods as well as any personal supplementary equipment by the second day after the closing of the event.

18.3 The construction and dismantling must be completed by the set deadlines. The evacuation of display goods and the dismantling of stands prior the fair ends are not allowed. Display goods which are still at the stand after the aforesaid deadline may be removed and stored on the cost of the exhibitor.

19. Stand design and equipment

19.1 Each stand must be designed to fit in the all-over picture of the Leather Goods Fair and on principle must be so flexible constructed that mounting and dismantling is possible at any time. For all stand conceptions a transparency of 30% has to be

respected. Each stand must be designed and constructed in a way that visitors can see into the stand from the aisle without actually having to enter the stand. This may be achieved by constructing entrances or passageways or by installing transparent materials. Stand walls adjoining the aisles may be constructed of non-transparent material up to a length of 3 meters only. A transparent opening of at least 1 meter must then allow visitors to look into the stand. Displays and show cases or similar suitable presentation equipment for the display of products may be integrated into the stand alternatively. Exhibitors who have made an application to participate in the International Leather Goods Fair explicitly give their agreement to this ruling. Prior to commencing construction, the exhibitor engages to submit the plans for his stand to Messe Offenbach for approval. Furthermore, the tenant needs to inform Messe Offenbach about the names of companies which have been authorized to construct and design the fair stand.

19.2 Special regulations issued by Public Authorities need to be obeyed for the stand construction. Police, firemen, trade inspectors and public order authorities as well as members of Messe Offenbach will have access to the fair stands at all times. Any instructions they may give are to be followed.

19.3 The fair organizer is entitled to claim the modification or dismantling of stands, whose construction has not been approved or does not confirm with the participation conditions. If the exhibitor does not follow this claim the stand may be modified or dismantled by the organizer on the costs of the exhibitor. In case a stand must be closed for the same reasons, the exhibitor is not entitled to claim a restitution of the participation charges.

19.4 Technical Guidelines

- a) The stands will be marked with numbers of uniform design provided by Messe Offenbach.
- b) A sign with the company name of the exhibitor must be clearly visible on the stand.
- c) On receipt of confirmation of the allocation of stand space, each exhibitor is required personally to check at the site, the position and size of any permanent fixtures such as pillars and supply lines and inform the stand constructor accordingly.
- d) The limits of the stand space may not be exceeded.
- e) The maximum height of the stand is depending on the stand location 1.50 till 2.50 meters. With approval of Messe Offenbach the stands of hall A2 lengthwise, B1, C1 and ATRIUM may be constructed higher. After the allocation you will receive the corresponding measurements.
- f) Stand roofing are permitted in the form of open-work only (slats, lattice-work, etc.). A minimum of two thirds of the roof area must be open to allow free circulation of air. (Fire protection and hazard prevention requirements must be observed).
- g) Fabric coverings are only permitted with corresponding admission (certificate B1) for sprinkler systems. (Fire protection and hazard prevention requirements must be observed).
- h) All materials used in the construction and decoration of stands must be flame-resistant (certificate B1). Electric coffee makers may only be used on top of a fire proof pad made of stone, ceramics, etc.
- i) Carpeting and other materials may not be stuck to the floor of the halls. To fix floor coverings, a high-quality adhesive tape



(such as Tesa-Fix 4964) must be used that can be removed without residues. The exhibitor will be charged with the costs for necessary cleaning.

- j) Light beams or other objects may not be fixed on the ceiling installations.
- k) The usage of plastic cable ties is forbidden. Metal cable ties must be used.
- l) Spots heavier than 2 kg must be secured with safeties additionally.
- m) The mounting of lighting outside the stand limit is allowed in case of exception and is subject to the liability of the exhibitor.
- n) Electrical equipment installed on the order of the exhibitor must comply with VDE (German electric) regulations. A certificate from the electrical company carrying out these installations can be demanded for presentation by Messe Offenbach for the fire brigades and supervision of construction. The exhibitor is liable for all damage to persons or property caused by his stand construction or exhibiting goods.
- o) No compressed gas tanks may be stored on the exhibition stands.
- p) Packaging materials have to be removed from the stand before the fair begins. Storage on the fairground is prohibited according to fire prevention regulations.
- q) Drilling holes and other damages of the walls and pillars is prohibited. The exhibitor will be charged for the costs for possible needed repairs.

20. Electricity and water supply

20.1 Electricity supply (220 V), high voltage current or water connections can be ordered by the exhibitor according to the service documents. Consumption costs will be charged to the exhibitor with the lump sum for energy.

20.2 All installations from power and water supply points to the stands will be carried out exclusively by companies authorized by Messe Offenbach. The exhibitor is not permitted to interfere in any way with the halls' permanent supply lines.

20.3 VDE (German electric) regulations must be observed for all electrical equipment ready for operation. The exhibitor must ensure that the installation, modification and servicing of electrical installations and operating equipment are carried out in accordance with the electric-technical regulations by skilled electricians only or under the supervision of a skilled electrician. The exhibitor must also ensure that the electrical installation and operating equipment are operated in accordance with the electric-technical regulations. Messe Offenbach reserves the right for an examination of the electric installations and appliances.

20.4 Technical guidelines for the power connection

- a) Each stand has an electricity meter.
- b) A distributor with 3 safety sockets (A.C. up to 3 kW/230V) and a special socket to be used for refrigerators (not in hall 4) is provided by the fair. The distributor is placed on a height of min. 2.60 meters.
- c) For safety reasons, all hall and stand lighting will be switched off at 8.00 p.m. during the fair. Refrigerators have their own circuit and are not affected when the electricity is switched off at night.

d) Electric power is available in the halls, the request for it may be reported at least 4 weeks prior the fair's start..

20.5 Technical guidelines for water connection/sanitation facilities

For many of the fair stands, it is possible to provide a water connection. The water connection and installation of sink, wash basin, etc. may only be carried out by our authorized specialists.

21. General services and facilities

21.1 Electricity and air-conditioning

Messe Offenbach will provide general heating, air condition and lighting in the halls.

21.2 Car parks

For the duration of the Leather Goods Fair, car-parks are rented by Messe Offenbach and form a constituent part of the fairgrounds. Car-parks are subject to a parking fee. Parking spaces marked for use by disabled persons and press are to be kept free. In the case of illegal parking, Messe Offenbach is entitled without prior warning to have the parking space cleared at the cost of the offender.

21.3 Cleaning services

Exhibitors have to take care of their waste disposal on their own. The organizer arranges the cleaning of the fairgrounds, halls and passageways. The cleaning of the stands is the responsibility of the exhibitors and must be completed each morning prior the opening of the fair.

If an exhibitor wishes to have his stand cleaned by a cleaning company, the organizer is offering a service accordingly. In the interest of the environment and an environmentally compatible exhibition the exhibitor is legally obligated to reduce packing material and garbage as well as to use environmentally safe and recyclable packing-, decoration- and information material.

21.4 Security services

The organizer engages uniformed security officers from a security firm for general safeguarding in the halls and for admission control. All persons present on the fairgrounds must be in possession of a valid admission ticket which, on request, is to be shown at all times to security officers. The halls are guarded at night only, at a time from end of the fair to beginning of the fair. The security service starts in the night before the first fair day and ends in the night after the last fair day. No security services are provided at other times allowed for the construction and dismantling of the stands.

The guarding and security of the individual stands or parts of stands is not included in the general security services. Exhibitors are therefore strongly advised to take out their own special exhibition insurance. For individual stand security the exhibitor may hire personnel from the security company authorized by Messe Offenbach at his own cost.

21.5 Telephone/Internet/Wi-Fi

Requests for telephone/internet and/or Wi-Fi at the stand can be made at Messe Offenbach.



21.6 First Aid

For the duration of the fair, a permanently staffed first aid room is open. Red Cross signs show the way to the room. All accidents occurring on the fairgrounds must be reported immediately to the organizer.

22. Stand occupation

The exhibitor is required to display his exhibits on the stand and to provide competent personnel for the entire duration of the fair – unless explicit application has been made for a prestige stand only. If this application has not been made and it is a mere stand for representation or advertisement purposes, this is considered to be against the rules of the exhibitors and can be fined up to EUR 5,000. The same is valid for exhibitors, who close their stand before the end of the fair.

23. Advertising

23.1 Advertising must be confined to the exhibitor's stand unless Messe Offenbach provides advertising space or other facilities which may be additionally rented or used for extra charges.

23.2 The exhibitor is entitled to advertise his own displayed products. Advertising for other companies or products or similar events is not permitted. Audiovisual advertising or demonstration material requires the permission of the organizer, for which application is to be made in writing. In the interest of an orderly conduct of the fair, the organizer is entitled to withdraw this permission in the case of justified complaints.

23.3 Public regulations and copyright rules are to be respected. For the reproduction of music at the stand, permission must be obtained from the GEMA (German Copyright Supervision Association) in accordance with §15 of the German copyright law of September 9th, 1965.

23.4 Foreign exhibitors have their attention drawn to the necessity of observing the German Law of Competition which includes the prohibition of comparative advertising.

23.5 Advertising material contrary to regulations required by law, offensive to standards of decency or good taste or of ideological or political character is not permitted. The organizer reserves the right to decide whether these rules have been observed and if the advertising may be permitted.

Surveys, tests, competitions or raffling are not allowed outside the stand. Exceptions to this rule are surveys of Messe Offenbach.

24. Use of the official fair emblem

The official logo of ILM – International Leather Goods Fair may be used by the exhibitors in information concerning their display program or in material used to invite visitors to their stand. No other use may be made of the logo without written permission of Messe Offenbach.

25. Photography, sketches, films

25.1 Commercial photographing, sketching or filming of persons or displayed products on the fairgrounds is only permitted to persons in possession of a valid permit issued by Messe Offenbach.

25.2 Messe Offenbach and - with the approval of the organizer – press journalists and television stations shall be entitled to photograph, draw and make film and video recordings of the event, the exhibition buildings/stands and the exhibited items, and to use these photographs, drawings and recordings free of charge for advertising purposes or press publications.

25.3 Photos, sketches, films and other documentary material produced by Messe Offenbach may be used by the exhibitors only with the permission of Messe Offenbach. Their use for commercial purposes is not permitted.

26. Protection of industrial property rights

26.1 The participant shall be solely responsible for protecting copyright or other industrial property rights relating to the exhibits.

26.2 For its fairs the organizer will apply for the temporary protection of samples and trademarks at fairs and exhibitions held in the Federal Republic of Germany, Six-month protection from the start of an event in accordance with the Law Relating to the Protection of Samples at Exhibitions dated 18 March 1904 (Reich Law Gazette, page 141) and the Trademark Reform Law dated 25 October 1994 (Federal Law Gazette 1, page 3082) shall only take effect if the Federal Minister of Justice has published a corresponding announcement in the Federal Law Gazette for a specific exhibition (exhibition protection).

Notwithstanding, it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to protect his exhibits against violation of protection regulations. The protection during the fair of inventions for which patents have been applied is not covered by an application for temporary protection of samples and trademarks.

It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to register his invention prior the beginning of the fair with the Deutsches Patentamt (German Patent Office), Zweibrückenstrasse 12, D-80331 München (for Germany) and/or, in accordance with the European Patent Convention, with the Europäisches Patentamt (European Patent Office), Erhardstrasse 27, D-80331 München.

26.3 An obligation for the organizer to intervene in the case of violation of protection rights is not given. Claims for liability against the organizer can in no case be asserted.

27. Hygiene concept

Messe Offenbach is in continuous contact with the relevant authorities and health authorities. This ensures that all legal regulations and measures within the scope of the ILM are observed.

Furthermore, additional measures are taken which are adapted to the specific conditions and requirements of the event. Exhibitors can find the currently valid version of the hygiene concept on the website of ILM.



28. Washington convention (WA)

Messe Offenbach pays strict attention to the observance of the laws and decrees of the Washington Convention. Accordingly, the offer, display and sale of specimens listed in Appendix I of the Washington Convention is strictly prohibited. Leather and leather products listed in Appendix II must be provided with the necessary CITES documents of the country of origin and/or the re-exporting country.

If checks are made, only original documents (no copies) will be accepted. Exhibited reptile skin products marked with the species protection tag of the Internationaler Reptillieder Verband e.V./ Reptil Artenschutz e.V. do not require CITES certificates. Violation of these regulations entitles Messe Offenbach to terminate the rental contract without notice..

29. House authority

The organizer will exercise its house rights throughout the area of the fairgrounds for the duration of the fair, including the times for construction and dismantling, and is entitled to issue instructions. Animals are not permitted on the fairgrounds.

30. Amendments and verbal agreements

All agreements, individual arrangements and special regulations are required in writing. Verbal agreements are not valid until they have been confirmed in writing by the organizer

31. Limitations

All claims by the exhibitor against Messe Offenbach lapse within 6 months, beginning at the end of the month in which the closing day of the fair falls.

32. Ineffectiveness of single paragraphs

The ineffectiveness of single paragraphs of these general conditions of participation or further contract conditions does not affect the effectiveness of the complete guidelines or the conditions listed in the contract.

33. Priority

Only the German version of the contractual conditions shall be authoritative in regard to the legal relationship between the contracting parties. The German text shall be legally binding.

34. Place of performance and jurisdiction

Place of performance and jurisdiction for all mutual obligations is Offenbach am Main only. The contract is governed exclusively by German Law.

Offenbach a.M., July 2024

The General Conditions of Participation for events of the Messe Offenbach refer to the General Conditions of Participation for trade fairs and exhibitions of the members of IDFA (Pool of German Trade Fair Organizations and Exhibition Cities). Its members are the trade fair and exhibition companies in Bremen, Dortmund, Essen, Friedrichshafen, Hamburg, Karlsruhe, Leipzig, Offenbach, Pirmasens, Saarbrücken and Stuttgart.