

GENERAL REGULATIONS

FOREWORD

The text of the General Regulations applicable to Expo Milano 2015 follows. All the obligations deriving to the Italian Government, by way of this document or by any other source, with regards to the undertaking of Expo Milano 2015, are assumed within the financial limits set by Italian legislation (to date ref. Article 14, D.L. 112/2008) notwithstanding the prerogative of the Italian Republic to promulgate further legislative acts in view of increasing such coverage.

SECTION I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 1 - TITLE, THEME AND CATEGORY

1. An international registered Exhibition shall be held in the city of Milan, Italy.
2. The title of this Exhibition shall be "Expo Milano 2015, Italy" (hereinafter referred to as "the Exhibition"). The short title shall be "Expo Milano 2015".
3. The Theme of this International Registered Exhibition will be "Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life". The definition of the Theme of the Exhibition, as well as the details of its development, will be specified in the Special Regulation No. 1 as stipulated in Article 34 herein.

Following an enquiry held from 22 to 26 October 2007, the Bureau International des Expositions (hereinafter referred to as "the BIE") has registered this Exhibition at its 142nd session of 27 November 2007, in accordance with the provisions of the Paris Convention of 22 November 1928 on international exhibitions, as amended (hereinafter referred to as the "Convention").

ARTICLE 2 – SITE

The Exhibition, which will cover a total area of circa 110 hectares for exhibition areas and other activities, shall be located on a stretch of land adjacent to the new Fair complex in Rho-Pero (Milan).

ARTICLE 3 – DURATION

The Exhibition shall open on 1 May 2015 and shall be closed definitely on 31 October 2015. In the event of one more visiting days being organized before the official opening date, for special categories of guests such as press, television representatives, the dates for these shall be fixed with the agreement of the Steering Committee of the College of Commissioners General.

SECTION II**GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES IN THE ORGANIZING STATE****ARTICLE 4 - GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EXHIBITION**

The Exhibition should be under the authority of the Italian Government, signatory of the amended Convention of 22 November 1928, who shall be responsible for preparing and undertaking the legal, financial and other measures necessary to ensure the success and the prestige of the Exhibition and, in accordance with Article 10, Paragraph 2 of the Convention, shall guarantee the fulfillment of the obligations of the Organizer. The Italian Government shall exercise authority and control over the Exhibition through the Commissioner General of the Exhibition.

ARTICLE 5 - THE COMMISSIONER GENERAL OF THE EXHIBITION

By Prime Minister Decree of 22 October 2008 (Official Journal of the Italian Republic n. 277 of 26 November 2008) (hereinafter D.P.C.M.), and further modifications, the Italian Government has appointed the Commissioner General of the Exhibition holding the status of Commissario Straordinario Delegato del Governo (Special Commissioner).

The Commissioner General of the Exhibition shall represent the Government in all matters related to the Exhibition.

The Commissioner General of the Exhibition shall be responsible for ensuring that the commitments taken vis-à-vis the BIE and Participants are duly honored.

The Commissioner General of the Exhibition shall ensure that the program of work is respected and that the general provisions of the General Regulations and Special Regulations are carried out.

The Commissioner General of the Exhibition shall exercise disciplinary powers over the Exhibition, and, in this capacity is authorized to suspend or stop any activity, and to effect at any time withdrawal of items of whatever origin which are incompatible with the proper standing of the Exhibition and which are likely to be a risk or liability. If the Organizer – as defined by Article 8 of the present Regulations – or the Commissioner General of Section should contest the decision of the Commissioner General of the Exhibition, the provisions set out in Article 10, which the Parties have promised to respect, shall be applied. This recourse has the effect of putting the decision in abeyance except where a matter of security is in question.

The Commissioner General of the Exhibition can, under his/her own responsibility, delegate the exercise of his/her powers to co-workers.

The Commissioner General of the Exhibition may not carry out any function or mission on the Organizer's behalf, unless these functions, in law and in fact, are purely disinterested and non-profit making.

ARTICLE 6 - RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COMMISSIONER GENERAL OF THE EXHIBITION AND THE BUREAU INTERNATIONAL DES EXPOSITIONS (HEREINAFTER CALLED THE BIE)

The Commissioner General of the Exhibition shall communicate to the BIE, as soon as he/she receives such information, the decisions taken by Governments regarding their participation, and more particularly the documents whereby Governments notify the Commissioner General of the Exhibition of their acceptance, the nomination of Commissioners General of National Section, exhibition spaces selected and, as soon as they have been signed, the Participation Contracts.

The Organizer shall draft the Special Regulations and they shall be submitted to the BIE by the Commissioner General of the Exhibition, within the periods specified in Article 34, hereunder.

The Commissioner General of the Exhibition shall keep the BIE fully informed, chiefly by reporting at each of its sessions, of all developments and progress relating to the preparation of the Exhibition.

The Commissioner General of the Exhibition shall ensure that the use of the BIE flag complies with the Regulation laid down by the BIE.

The Commissioner General of the Exhibition shall welcome the Delegates sent by the BIE on official missions to the Exhibition.

The Commissioner General of the Exhibition shall ensure that the Organizer indicates by all suitable means and particularly by mentioning it on all documents, that the Exhibition has been registered by the BIE.

The Commissioner General of the Exhibition shall communicate to the BIE, in due time and for the information of the Participants, the legislations, statutes, directives, policies or other texts adopted by the organizing State and Local Public Authorities, in order to facilitate the participation of Foreign States and ensure the success of the Exhibition.

The Commissioner General of the Exhibition shall communicate to the BIE, for the information of the Participants and the formal records of the Bureau, the constitutional proceedings and composition of the Organizer, as well as the basic terms of the guarantees, benefits or constraints arising from the conventions signed by the Organizer with the State and, if the case arises, other Public Authorities.

The Organizer, upon informing the Commissioner General of the Exhibition, shall agree with the BIE on the methods and procedures by which the percentage of 2% in accordance with the BIE Regulations, of the total receipts deriving from ticket sales (tax free) at the Exhibition is to be paid to the BIE (hereinafter referred to as "Royalty on Gate Money"). The amount of the royalty on Gate Money should under no circumstances be inferior to that foreseen as compensation for the cancellation of an Exhibition as stipulated under Article 38 of the present Regulation.

ARTICLE 7 - COLLEGE OF COMMISSIONERS GENERAL / STEERING COMMITTEE

At the earliest possible opportunity, the Commissioner General of the Exhibition shall convene a meeting of Commissioners General of Sections representing the Participant Countries to nominate a Chairperson and a Steering Committee to represent them, to consider matters of mutual interest, and to exercise the powers laid down in Article 10 hereunder.

When the number of States officially participating doubles after the elections, the elections shall be considered no longer valid, and new elections shall be held.

Should the Chairman of the Steering Committee be prevented for any reason from fulfilling his responsibilities, he/she shall delegate his/her powers to another member of the Steering Committee.

The rules governing the functioning of the Steering Committee shall be set out in Special Regulation No. 3 referred to in Article 34 of the present Regulations.

ARTICLE 8 - EXHIBITION ORGANIZER

In accordance with the D.P.C.M. and further modifications and having regard to the authority of the Commissioner General of the Exhibition as defined in the D.P.C.M. and in the Convention, the preparation, organization, operation and management of the Exhibition shall be the responsibility of Expo 2015 S.p.A. (hereinafter referred to as "the Organizer").

SECTION III

ARTICLE 9 - OFFICIAL PARTICIPANTS

Official Participants are those Foreign Governments and International Organizations that have accepted an official invitation from the Italian Government to participate in the Exhibition.

The Government of any Country participating in an international Exhibition shall be represented by a Commissioner General of Section accredited to the Italian Government. Any participating International Organization may also appoint a Commissioner General of Section.

Official Participants shall each conclude a Participation Contract with the Organizer.

The Participation Contract shall be signed by the Commissioner General of Section and the Organizer. The Commissioner General of the Exhibition shall initial the Contract.

The Commissioner General of Section is solely responsible for the organization and operation of his/her national section, which includes all the Exhibitors and the managers of the commercial activities referred to in Chapter III of Section IV hereunder, but not the Concessionaries referred to in Section V.

The Commissioner General of Section shall guarantee that the members of his/her national section will abide by the Regulations issued by the Organizer and approved by the BIE.

In order to enable the Commissioner General of Section to carry out his/her responsibilities, he/she shall be entitled to the advantages listed in Special Regulation No. 12, referred to in Article 34 of the present Regulations.

The personnel of the foreign national sections shall benefit from the accommodation facilities listed in Special Regulation No. 6 referred to in Article 34 of the present Regulations.

All Official Participants shall abide by the same rules as regards both their rights and obligations. The Organizer shall not permit any exemptions of this Article, except for those technical and financial support granted to Developing Countries.

Information relating to the financial assistance for Developing Countries will be detailed in Special Regulation No. 2 and relevant Participation Guidelines to be established by the Organizer with the cooperation of the BIE.

ARTICLE 10 - SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Any disputes between an Official Participant and either another Official Participant, or the Organizer, will be settled in the following manner:

1. If the dispute concerns the interpretation of the present General Regulations, the Special Regulations or the Participation Contract, considered in the light of the Convention or the compulsory rules of the BIE, the Steering Committee of the College of Commissioners General shall be arbitrator after having, if the case arises, sought the opinion of the President of the BIE who, with the assistance of the Vice-President concerned and the Secretary General, shall make a recommendation. The Commissioner General of the Exhibition or the Organizer may also seek the above-mentioned opinion. The decision of the Steering Committee is immediately applicable and without recourse. During its next session the General Assembly of the BIE shall make known

- whether it approves the interpretation of the office of the Steering Committee of the College of Commissioners General. Its approval shall thus constitute a precedent applicable to similar future cases; otherwise, it shall indicate the interpretation that should have been given.
2. If the dispute concerns products exhibited, the Steering Committee shall inform the College of Commissioners General, according to paragraph 3 of Article 19 of the Convention.
 3. If the case must be resolved by the Commissioner General of the Exhibition according to the provisions of these General Regulations, any Party may demand that advice of the Steering Committee be sought beforehand.
 4. For any other dispute each party can demand arbitration:
 - In the first instance, from the Commissioner General of the Exhibition alone;
 - In the second instance, from the said Commissioner deciding after consultation with the Steering Committee of the College of Commissioners General;
 - In the third instance, from the Steering Committee of the College of Commissioners General.

The decision will be made at the level demanded by the Party which chooses the highest level.

The above-mentioned decision must be made within ten days.

Otherwise, the dispute – if it falls under points 1, 3 or 4 above – shall be brought before the College of Commissioners General, which shall decide within five days.

Otherwise, the request of the Party that raised the dispute shall be considered unjustified.

SECTION IV

CHAPTER I – ADMISSION

ARTICLE 11 - ADMISSION OF ITEMS AND EXHIBITION MATERIAL

Only those items and exhibition material which relate to the Theme as described in Article 1 of the present Regulations shall be admitted to the Exhibition.

The origin of these products shall comply with the provisions of Article 19 of the Convention. The procedure for compliance with the Theme of the Exhibition shall be described in the Special Regulation No. 1, referred to in Article 34 of the present Regulations.

ARTICLE 12 - ADMISSION OF PARTICIPANTS

The Participants in a national section shall be selected by the Commissioner General of the Section and come under his sole authority.

Participants who don't come under any section shall deal directly with the Organizer, who shall inform the Government of the State of origin of the Exhibitor concerned of their intention as soon as contact is established with such Participants.

ARTICLE 13 - EXHIBITION SPACE

There shall be the following categories of exhibition space:

1. Plots provided by the Organizer free of charge, to be designed and built by Participants themselves as exhibition space.

2. Exhibition space built by the Organizer and rented - or provided free of charge in case of Developing Countries - to Participants. There will be 15% of discount for BIE Member States for this type of space.
3. Thematic areas built by the Organizer with the voluntary participation of Official and Non-Official Participants.

CHAPTER - II SITES – INSTALLATIONS – CHARGES

ARTICLE 14 – SITES

The total usable space that is placed at the disposition of the foreign national sections shall be at least equal to the space allocated to the section of the host Country. If, however, this space has not been fully allocated 24 months before the opening of the Exhibition, the Organizer shall recover the right to dispose freely of the unreserved space. The lots required by the Official Participants to erect their own space shall be made available by the Organizer free of charge.

The Organizer shall provide to the Developing Countries exhibition space free of charge.

Confirmation of the allocation of space to Official Participants shall be subject to the approval of the proposed Theme Statement as specified in Special Regulation No. 1, referred to in Article 34 of the present Regulations.

Details regarding construction, rental costs structures built by the Organizer, as well as procedures for alterations and custom-built elements done by the Organizer shall be described in Special Regulation No. 2 and 4, referred to in Article 34 of the present Regulations.

ARTICLE 15 - GENERAL SERVICES

The Organizer shall provide at the expense of each Participant, the services of gas, electricity, telecommunications, water inlets and outlets, garbage removal, etc. Rates charged for such services shall conform to local rates.

Participants shall carry out all the cleaning, maintenance, garbage disposal, and other activities ordinarily required for the operation of their exhibition space. Should a Participant fail to do so, the Organizer is authorized to carry out these activities itself and charge all expenses incurred therefrom.

The terms for the provision of general services shall be described in Special Regulation No. 4, 5 and 10, as referred to in Article 34.

ARTICLE 16 - BUILDINGS AND INSTALLATIONS

No participant may make alterations within the Exhibition grounds without the Organizer's prior approval of the project. Earthworks, landscaping and generally speaking all improvements around the buildings must also be approved in advance by the Organizer. Similarly, improvement plans drawn-up by the Organizer may not be modified unless the Participants concerned are in agreement, or permission has been granted by the Steering Committee of the College of Commissioners General.

The conditions for all construction and improvements shall be set forth in Special Regulation No. 4 referred to in Article 34 of the present Regulations.

In addition, Participants may request the Commissioner General of the Exhibition to waive regulations in agreement with the Organizer. In that event, the Commissioner General of the Exhibition shall either decide the matter or arrange for the competent authorities to make a decision.

Special Regulation No. 5, referred to in Article 34, mentions the conditions for the installation and operation of any machines, apparatus or equipment which may be used by the Participants.

ARTICLE 17 - OCCUPATION OF THE EXHIBITION SPACES AND COMPLETION OF WORKS

Actual construction work, internal conversion and finishing work shall be completed by February 2015 and the installation of exhibits by 1 April 2015.

In order for such a timetable to be honored, lots for construction shall be handed over to Participants no later than 1 May 2013; structures for rent before 1 May 2014; and exhibition spaces for Developing Countries by 1 November 2014 and the entry of items to be exhibited shall be authorized as of 1 December 2014.

The lots allocated to Participants for construction must be vacated and restored to good condition by May 2016 at the latest, with the following exception: exhibition spaces constructed by Participants may be preserved after the Exhibition provided that specific arrangements in this regard have been made, prior to construction, between the Organizer and the Participants concerned.

Exhibition spaces for rent – including built structures and open-air space- must be vacated and restored to their original condition by December 2015.

Exhibition spaces for Developing Countries – including built structures and open-air space - must be vacated and restored to their original condition by December 2015.

ARTICLE 18 – EXHIBITS

No exhibit or part thereof may be removed from the Exhibition without the permission of the Commissioner General of the Exhibition.

If a Participant is unable to fulfill his commitments towards the Organizer, the Commissioner General of the Exhibition may proceed at the closing date of the Exhibition and at the Participant's cost and risk, with the dismantling, removal, storage, attachment and sale of the Participant's goods located within the Exhibition grounds, with the exclusion of items considered of national heritage or of a nature of public property. The amount due to the Organizer of the Exhibition shall be deducted from the proceeds of such sale.

CHAPTER III - COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES AND MISCELLANEOUS

ARTICLE 19 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Commercial or other activities carried out in the national sections must be authorized in accordance with these General Regulations, or by Participation Contract or by the Organizer. An Official Participant may avail himself of any special benefits obtained by another Official Participant.

Such activities, including those concerning electronic commerce, fall exclusively within the jurisdiction of the appropriate Commissioner General of Section. If these commercial or other activities give rise to payment of royalties, in accordance with the terms and conditions as provided for in the Participation Contract, these royalties shall be collected by the Commissioner General of Section.

The space, devoted to commercial activities and accessible to the public, must not exceed 20% of the total covered Exhibition space in order to ensure that the national presentation complies with the provisions in Article 1 of the Convention.

ARTICLE 20 - COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES

In accordance with the conditions set out in Special Regulation No. 9, referred to in Article 34, Official Participants may open restaurants in which the national food of their Country shall principally be served.

In accordance with the conditions laid down in the said Special Regulation No. 9, referred to in Article 34, Official Participants may sell to the general public photographs, including slides and postcards, sound and video recordings (on films, CD's, DVD's or other electronic media), books and stamps from their countries. Subject to the Organizer's approval, Official Participants may also sell a limited number of articles that are truly representative of their Country. Such articles may be replaced during the course of the Exhibition. This principle also applies to electronics sales.

Items exhibited in the national sections, as well as materials used to install presentations may be sold ready for delivery after the Exhibition closes; by so doing the Exhibitor shall relinquish his right to the benefit of temporary entry and shall be subject to taxation and customs Regulations. No dues shall be payable to the Organizer on such sales.

In the case where the Organizer has granted exclusive commercial rights to certain suppliers for the sale of goods or services, these rights must not be allowed to hinder the commercial activities of the Official Participants, whether these activities are restaurants or the sale of articles included in the national sections.

Concessions made by the Organizer should respect the principle of non-discrimination between nationals and foreigners, avoid all risk of imbalance between the number and nature of concessions, and the eventual number of visitors, and all excesses of commercialization leading to alterations in the objectives of an international Exhibition, as established by the BIE.

ARTICLE 21- CATERING SERVICES FOR OWN PERSONNEL

Any national section may organize a restaurant and refreshment services for the exclusive use of its own personnel. These activities shall not require the payment of any dues to the Commissioner General of the Exhibition or to the Organizer.

ARTICLE 22 - DISTRIBUTION OF FREE SAMPLES

Subject to the approval of the Organizer, which will keep the Commissioner General of the Exhibition duly informed, Official Participants or Exhibitors coming under their authority may distribute free samples of their products or allow them to be tasted free of charge, within their own section.

ARTICLE 23 - ENTERTAINMENT, SPECIAL EVENTS

Official Participants may arrange shows, special events, presentations or meetings related to the Theme of the Exhibition.

Conditions in each case shall be agreed mutually between the Organizer, which will keep the Commissioner General of the Exhibition duly informed, and the Official Participant.

ARTICLE 24 – PUBLICITY

Participants may place signboards, posters, notices, printed matter and similar such material on or within their exhibition space.

The use outside this space of any publicity material shall be subject to the prior approval of the Organizer. The Organizer may require the removal of any such signs for which he has not given approval.

Brochures and leaflets can only be distributed within the enclosure of the section.

All publicity concerning special events etc. on the Exhibition Site must be authorized by the Organizer, which will keep the Commissioner General of the Exhibition duly informed. All noisy advertising is prohibited.

CHAPTER IV - COMMON SERVICES

ARTICLE 25 - CUSTOM REGULATIONS

In accordance with Article 16 of the Convention, and its appendix concerning Custom Regulations and the Customs system to which it shall refer, Special Regulation No. 7 as set out in Article 34 of the present General Regulations shall determine the appropriate custom regulations to be applied, as necessary, to goods and articles of foreign origin intended for the Exhibition.

ARTICLE 26 - HANDLING AND CUSTOM OPERATIONS

Exhibitors may carry out freely all handling and custom operations; however, the Organizer shall inform them of the names of those agents whom he has approved as being competent for this purpose.

Each Exhibitor must handle his/her own on-site acceptance of goods and the reshipment of crates as well as the inspection of their contents. If Exhibitors and their agents are not present when the crates arrive within the Exhibition grounds, the Commissioner General of the Exhibition, upon request by the Organizer, can have them warehoused at the risk and expense of the interested Party.

ARTICLE 27 – INSURANCE

I. Persons

A. Compulsory insurance required by law

1. Insurance of persons

Each Commissioner General of Section must insure his personnel and the personnel of his Exhibitors against accidents at work in accordance with the conditions laid down in Special Regulation No. 8, referred to in Article 34 of the present Regulations.

2. Motor insurance

In accordance with Italian legislation, all vehicles belonging to a national section, its members, its employees, its Exhibitors and, more generally, any person coming under the authority in any capacity of a Commissioner General of Section must be insured against the damage they may cause to Third parties under the conditions laid down by Special Regulation No. 8, referred to in Article 34 of the present Regulations.

B. Compulsory insurance required by this Regulation

1. Civil Liability

The Organizer shall underwrite a group policy covering the risks involving his civil responsibility and listed in Special Regulation No. 8 referred to in Article 34 of the present Regulations. This insurance policy, which shall be taken out with the underwriter offering the most favorable terms, shall come into force on the date of entering into force of the Participation Contract.

All Official Participants are requested to take out coverage under this group policy. The costs incurred being determined on a pro-rata calculation of the space (in square meters) occupied by the Exhibitor.

II. Insurance of goods

A. Goods belonging to the Government of the Host State or the Organizer

Subscription to any insurance against theft, deterioration or destruction of such goods (building, furnishings, equipment and other items), shall be the sole responsibility of the owner, and may not be passed on to an Official Participant in the form of a surcharge on the rent payable, even if the Official Participant obtains permanent or partial coverage from such an insurance.

B. Goods belonging to Official Participants.

Insurance of such goods (buildings, furnishings, equipment, personal property and other such items) against the risks of theft, deterioration or destruction of these goods, shall be the sole responsibility of the owner of these goods.

The Commissioner General of the Exhibition, the Organizer, the Commissioners General of Section and their Exhibitors mutually waive any claim which they may be entitled to make against each other as a result of material damage caused by fire or other casualty. Such a claim would not be waived in the case of foul play and/or willful misconduct and/or gross negligence of the other party. This waiver should take effect automatically for each Commissioner General of Section as from the date his Participation Contract enters into force. All contracts relating to the insurance of buildings, furnishings, equipment and any other items belonging to the persons mentioned in the previous paragraph, whether they take the form of a contract for the extension of coverage under a group policy or of a separate policy, must explicitly mention this waiver, which shall also be mentioned in the Participation Contract.

ARTICLE 28 – SECURITY

In accordance with the conditions laid down in Special Regulation No. 10 referred to in Article 34 of the present Regulations, the Organizer shall set up an overall security system to maintain peace and security, to deter violations of the law and to enforce the Regulations.

The Commissioner General of Section may, under the conditions laid down in the Special Regulation No. 10 mentioned above, organize special surveillance of their respective sections.

ARTICLE 29 – CATALOGUE

1. Each Participant shall cooperate with the Organizer as regards all publication, production, communication, etc. appropriate to the promotion of the Exhibition. The contents of such material are subject to the approval of the Commissioner General of Section concerned.
2. The Commissioner General of each section shall be entitled to have printed and published, at his/her own expense, an official catalogue of the items on display in his/her section.

ARTICLE 30 – ADMISSION TO THE SITE

1. The condition of admission are laid down by Special Regulation No. 13 referred to in Article 34 of the present Regulations.
2. The Organizer, with the agreement of the Commissioner General of the Exhibition, shall determine the entrance fees for the Exhibition.
3. No other entrance fee may be charged inside the Exhibition, without the approval of the BIE.
4. Standing invitations or invitations for a limited period, complimentary entrance cards for Exhibitors or Concessionaires and employees' service cards shall be issued in accordance with the conditions laid down in the Special Regulation No. 13 mentioned above.

CHAPTER V – INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

ARTICLE 31 – GENERAL PROVISIONS

Special Regulation No. 11, referred to in Article 34, on the protection of all patent rights and copyrights shall specify:

- The adherence of Italy to the:
 - o Berne Convention of 9 October 1886 on the protection of Works of Art and Literature;
 - o Geneva Convention of 6 September 1952 on Author's Rights;
 - o Paris Convention of 20 March 1883 on the Protection of Industrial Property.
- The references of applicable laws in Italy;
- Special measures applicable to the Exhibition;
- The measures related to the protection of all patent rights and against counterfeiting.

Security personnel shall be instructed not to allow anyone to draw, copy, measure, photograph, cast etc. with a profit-making aim, items on display in the Exhibition without the written permission of the Exhibitor.

ARTICLE 32 - PHOTOGRAPH OR OTHER VISUAL MATERIALS OF THE EXHIBITION

The reproduction, by all means, and sale of views of the space of each Official Participant must be approved by the Commissioner General of the section concerned. However, the Organizer reserves the right to authorize the reproduction and sale of photographic or other views of the Exhibition. Participants may not object to such reproduction or sale.

CHAPTER VI – AWARDS

ARTICLE 33 – AWARDS

In accordance with Article 23 and 24 of the Convention, the judging and ranking in order of merit of exhibits shall be entrusted to one or more international juries whose rules of operation shall be laid down in Special Regulation No. 14, referred to in Article 34.

CHAPTER VII - SPECIAL REGULATIONS

ARTICLE 34 - LIST OF REGULATIONS AND TIME SCHEDULES

The Host Government shall submit to the Bureau for approval, the drafts of the Special Regulations. These Regulations shall, in particular, concern:

1. the definition of the Theme of the Exhibition and the means of its implementation by the Organizer and the Participants;
2. the conditions for the participation of States, International Organizations and private Exhibitors;
3. the rules of the Steering Committee of the College of Commissioners General;
4. the rules concerning construction or improvements, and fire protection;
5. the rules concerning the installation and operation of machines, apparatus and equipment of all types;
6. the accommodation facilities for the personnel of the Official Foreign Sections;
7. the Regulations governing customs and handling, and any particular rates and charges;
8. insurance;

9. the conditions under which Official Participants may operate restaurants or carry out sales;
10. the provision of general services:
 - i. health and hygiene;
 - ii. surveillance and security;
 - iii. the distribution of water, gas, electricity, heating, air conditioning, etc.;
 - iv. telecommunications;
11. the protection of all patent rights and copyrights, including measures against counterfeiting. This Regulation must specify that each Commissioner General of Section shall have free and non-lucrative use of the title, logo and other attributes for the Exhibition;
12. the privileges and advantages of Commissioners General of Section and of their staff;
13. the Regulations governing admissions. This Regulation must in particular specify the facilities registered to the Commissioner General of Section;
14. the conditions governing the attributing of awards, if any.

The above Regulations numbered 1 to 10 inclusive shall be submitted at least three years before the date of the opening of the Exhibition. Those Regulations mentioned under 11 to 14 inclusive shall be submitted at the latest eighteen months (18 months) prior to the opening of the Exhibition.

These Regulations shall be communicated to the General Assembly of the BIE.

All other Regulations and directives that the Organizer may lay down for the requirements of the Exhibition shall come into force only after being examined by the General Assembly of the BIE. Notwithstanding the time scale established for the approval of these Special Regulations, the Organizer shall make available early guidelines on costs or provisions necessary in assessing the financial implications of participation.

SECTION V – CONCESSIONAIRES

ARTICLE 35

“Concessionaires” are hereby defined those who have been granted by the Organizer rights to conduct commercial activities within the Exhibition Site.

Concessionaires shall conclude a Concessionary Contract with the Organizer that covers the conditions for the commercial activities to be conducted within the Exhibition Site.

The above provisions apply to Concessionaires with the exception of those which only concern Official Participants and which are the following:

- Article 6, 7, 9 and 10;
- Chapter I of Section IV;
- Article 14;
- Chapter III of Section IV, with the exception of Article 24;
- Chapter IV, with the exception of Article 27, II, C and Chapter VI of Section IV;
- The Special Regulations referred to in Article 34 under the numbers 1, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14 and 15.

The other conditions for participation shall be provided for in the Concessionary contract. They shall comply with the provisions of Articles 17, 18 and 19 of the Convention.

ARTICLE 36

Individuals and firms whose Countries are officially participating in the Exhibition shall only be admitted as Concessionaires subject to the agreement of the Commissioner General of Section of their Country of origin, who may establish special conditions for their admission.

SECTION VI - INDEMNITIES IN CASE OF CANCELLATION OF THE EXHIBITION

ARTICLE 37

In the event of the renunciation to organizing the Exhibition, the Organizer must compensate those countries who have accepted to participate, for expenses incurred and duly justified arising directly from their participation in the Exhibition.

Nevertheless, no compensation shall be due if the cancellation is caused by "force majeure" due to a natural disaster considered as such by the General Assembly of the BIE upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

Indemnities shall be set by the General Assembly, whose decision will be final, on the proposition of the Executive Committee which has overseen the claim with the documents and evidence supplied by the Host State, the Organizer and all other Parties involved.

ARTICLE 38

Moreover, the Organizer must compensate the BIE for the loss corresponding to the percentage of Royalty on Gate Money for an amount established by the General Assembly upon proposal by the Administration and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 39

The Organizer should undertake to fulfill the obligations defined by Articles 37 and 38 which shall be guaranteed by the State demanding the registration of the Exhibition.

The maximum amount of these indemnities shall be set before the registration by an agreement between, the BIE, on the one hand, and the Organizer and the Host State, on the other hand. These engagements shall form a part of required documentation for registration.