

**SPECIAL REGULATION NO. 2
CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION
ASTANA EXPO 2017**

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CHAPTER I GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1. Objective

The purpose of this Special Regulation (hereinafter '**Special Regulation No.2**') is to establish the conditions of participation at the EXPO 2017 International Recognised Exhibition in Astana (hereinafter the '**Exhibition**' or '**EXPO 2017**') according to Sections III and IV of the General Regulations of the Exhibition (hereinafter '**General Regulations**').

Article 2. Definition of Official Participants

1. For the purposes of this Special Regulation and all the other Special Regulations, all foreign States that have accepted the invitation of the Government of Kazakhstan (hereinafter the '**Organising State**') to participate in the Exhibition will be considered as Official Participants (hereinafter the '**Official Participants**').

2. Likewise, the international organisations that pursue the aim of promoting international cooperation in the fields of science, economics or culture, or areas concerned with the Exhibition theme 'Future Energy', will also be considered Official Participants once such international organisations have accepted the invitation of the Organising State.

Article 3. Definition of Non-Official Participants

Non-Official Participants are those individuals, corporations and organisations who have been authorised by Astana EXPO-2017 National Company Joint Stock Company (hereinafter the '**Organiser**') to participate outside the relevant Official Participant's National Section.

Article 4. Compliance with rules and regulations

Both Official Participants and Non-Official Participants shall comply with the general and special regulations of the Exhibition, as well as the Laws of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Article 5. Exhibited material and objects

1. All presentations shall comply with the provisions of Special Regulation No. 1, relating to the definition of the exhibition theme and the means of its implementation by the Organiser and the Participants (hereinafter '**Special Regulation No.1**'), and they shall be approved by the

Organiser. In case of dispute, Article 10 of the General Regulations will be used to settle the dispute.

2. All items and exhibition materials displayed shall comply with the provisions of the Special Regulation No.1, Special Regulation No.4, concerning construction or improvements and fire protection (hereinafter '**Special Regulation No.4**') and Special Regulation No.5, related to the rules concerning the installation and operation of machines, apparatus and equipment of all types (hereinafter '**Special Regulation No.5**').

3. Under no circumstances, and in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan, shall there be allowed on the Exhibition site any material or object considered dangerous, harmful to humans, animals or the environment, or detrimental to public health and order, or which could disrupt the public, such as explosives, firearms and poisons.

CHAPTER II OFFICIAL PARTICIPANTS

Article 6. Participation Contract

1. Official Participants wishing to participate in the Exhibition shall conclude a Participation Contract. The Participation Contract shall be signed by the Commissioner of National Section and the Organiser, with the counter signature of the Commissioner of the Exhibition.

2. If Official Participants wish to carry out commercial activities at their pavilions, they shall comply with the provisions of Article 19 and 20 of the General Regulations of the Exhibition, as well as with Special Regulation No.9, concerning the conditions under which Official Participants may operate restaurants or carry out sales. Details of these activities shall be laid out in an Annex to the Participation Contract, which shall be signed in the same way as the Participation Contract.

3. The Participation Contract shall be accompanied by the plans and documents of their pavilion, especially those mentioned in Special Regulation No.4 and in Special Regulation No.5. These documents shall be signed as well.

Article 7. Availability of space in modular pavilions

1. The Organiser shall offer the Official Participants a separate, particular space in which to develop their national pavilion, as defined in Article 1 of the General Regulations and in Special Regulation No.1.

2. The space within the modular pavilions will be available to Official Participants free of charge.

Article 8. Space allocation

1. Official Participants shall officially request an allocation of covered space within the existing buildings from the Organiser. The request shall be

made through the submission of the application and the Theme Statement as defined in Article 6 of Special Regulation No. 1, and any additional documentation deemed as necessary, relating to the characteristics, content and surface area of their exhibit.

2. The Organiser is obliged to reply to this request in writing within 30 calendar days of receiving said request. If the Organiser deems the application presented by the Official Participant not to have the necessary features to develop the Exhibition theme or considers it unacceptable, the Organiser shall inform the Official Participant in writing of the reasons for its denial and the necessary modifications shall be agreed upon with the Commissioner of National Section.

3. The Organiser shall consider both the details of the participation request as well as the acceptance date of the invitation when allocating space. Space allocation will be reflected in the Participation Contract and will have a provisional status until the signing of this Contract.

4. Before the signing of the Participation Contract, the Organiser has the right to change, without liability of any kind, the site plan and the space allocation at the Exhibition, in order to ensure the success of the Exhibition and the necessary harmony of the Exhibition site.

Article 9. Space availability and dates for the execution of the work

1. Individual spaces of the Exhibition will be handed over to the Official Participants no later than January 2, 2017. The entry of items to be exhibited shall be authorised from April 3, 2017.

2. Any changes and finishing touches to either the interior or the exterior shall be finished by May 8 2017.

3. Decoration and installation of objects to be exhibited shall be concluded by May 26, 2017. The Commissioner of the Exhibition will be able to request the collaboration of the Official Participants to show their exhibits in a promotional campaign prior to the official opening of the Exhibition.

4. Participants shall have vacated the spaces of the Exhibition and restored these to their original conditions no later than December 15, 2017.

Article 10. Services provided by the Organiser

1. The Organiser will provide the following services to the Official Participants during the Exhibition:

- Gas.
- Electricity.
- Telecommunications.
- Water supply and removal.
- Waste disposal.
- Water for air-conditioning.
- Refuse removal from the pavilions.

- Pavilion security.
- Other services deemed necessary by the Organiser.

The costs of these services will be borne by Official Participants at the local rates charged within the city of Astana.

2. Official Participants shall comply with the provisions of Special Regulation No. 4 and of Special Regulation No. 10 relating to the provision of general services. Additionally, they shall comply with the relevant laws and regulations of the Republic of Kazakhstan relating to the services listed in the previous clause.

3. The Organiser shall provide Official Participants, for their reference, a list of companies which carry out the services listed below:

- Maintenance and cleaning.
- Installation of security devices.
- Installation of firefighting equipment.
- Security services.
- Architecture and engineering.
- Decoration of the exhibit installation.
- Landscaping and gardening.
- Pavilion guides.
- Other services requested by the Official Participants and deemed appropriate by the Organiser.

4. The Organiser shall provide the following services free of charge:

- First Aid.
- Cleaning and maintenance of public spaces.
- Information service for visitors.
- Refuse removal from public spaces.
- Lost persons centre.
- Lost property.
- Signs and information.
- Security and surveillance outside the pavilions.
- Fire safety measures.
- General outside lighting.
- WCs and drinking water.
- Public telephones.

Article 11. Use of Exhibition Symbols

The Commissioners of Sections may make use of Exhibition symbols directly related to the Exposition, solely for non-commercial purposes, after concluding the Participation Contract with the Organiser and receiving the permission of the Commissioner of the Exhibition. This right of use is not transferable.

CHAPTER III NON-OFFICIAL PARTICIPANTS

Article 12. Invitation and application for Participation

1. The Organiser may invite individuals, corporations and other organisations to participate in the Exhibition as Non-Official Participants. If they accept said invitation, they shall submit to the Organiser a request for participation.

2. The request shall contain all necessary documentation relating to the characteristics, content and surface area of their exhibit. This request shall be made through an application and a Theme Statement, according to the provisions of Special Regulation No.1.

3. The Organiser will inform the Commissioner of the country of origin of the Non-Official Participant of its wish to participate and will seek the Commissioner's approval.

The Organiser is obliged to reply to the Non-Official Participant's request within 30 calendar days of receiving said request. If the Organiser deems the request submitted by the Non-Official Participant not to have the necessary features to develop the Exhibition theme or considers it unacceptable, the Organiser will inform the Non-Official Participant of the reasons for its denial and will propose ways to remedy it.

Article 13. Appointment of a Director

1. Non-Official Participants shall appoint a Director to represent them in all matters related to their participation in the Exhibition.

2. The Director will be responsible for the preparation and operation of the participation and shall supervise all his/her personnel in order to comply with the provisions of the Regulations and Laws referred to in Article 4 of this Regulation.

Article 14. Participation Contract

1. Conditions of participation for Non-Official Participants will be laid out in the Participation Contract signed by the Director of the Non-Official Participant and Organiser.

2. The rights and benefits offered to Non-Official Participants will not be more favourable than those offered to Official Participants.

Article 15. Space allocation

The Locations allocated to Non-Official Participants will be clearly set apart from the location of Official Participants.

