

General Terms and Conditions of Circular IT group

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NLdigital Terms



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Section 1. General provisions

Article 1 Applicability NLdigital Terms

- 1.1 These NLdigital Terms (hereinafter also to be referred to as: these general terms) apply to all offers and agreements for which supplier delivers goods and/or services, of whatever nature and under whatever name, to client.
- 1.2 These general terms can only be departed from or be supplemented if agreed by parties in writing.
- 1.3 The applicability of any of the client's purchase or other terms is explicitly excluded.
- 1.4 If and insofar as supplier makes products or services of third parties available to client or grants access to these products or services, the terms of the third parties in question apply to these products or services in the relationship between supplier and client and replace the provisions in these general terms that depart from those third party terms, provided that client has been informed by supplier about the applicability of the (licensing or sales) terms of those third parties and client has been given a reasonable opportunity to take note of those terms. Contrary to the previous sentence, client cannot invoke a failure on the part of supplier to meet the aforementioned obligation if client is a party as referred to in article 6:235 paragraph 1 or paragraph 3 of the Netherlands Civil Code.
- 1.5 If and insofar as the terms of third parties in the relationship between client and supplier referred to above prove to be inapplicable or are declared inapplicable for any reason whatsoever, these general terms apply in full.
- 1.6 If any provision of these general terms should be null and void or is annulled, the other provisions of these general terms remain fully applicable and effective. In that case, supplier and client consult as to arrange for new provisions which have the same purport, as much as possible, and that will replace the provisions that are null and void or that have been annulled.
- 1.7 Without prejudice to the provisions of article 1.4, the provisions of these general terms prevail if a conflict should arise about any of the arrangements made by parties, unless parties have explicitly departed from these terms in writing, with reference to these terms. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of different sections of these general terms, the provisions of a prior section apply, unless parties have explicitly agreed otherwise.

Article 2 Offers

- 2.1 All off supplier's offers and other forms of communication are without obligation, unless supplier should indicate otherwise in writing. Client guarantees the correctness and completeness of the information provided, with the exception of obvious typing

errors, by or on behalf of client to supplier and on which information supplier has based its offer.

Article 3 Price and payment

- 3.1 All prices are exclusive of turnover tax (VAT) and other product or service-specific levies imposed by the authorities. All prices quoted by supplier are in euros and client must pay in euros.
- 3.2 Client cannot derive any rights or expectations from any cost estimate or budget issued by supplier, unless parties have agreed otherwise in writing. A budget communicated by client is only considered a (fixed) price agreed on by parties if this has been explicitly agreed in writing.
- 3.3 If it should be apparent from the agreement that client consists of several natural persons and/or legal persons, each of these persons is jointly and severally liable to supplier for the performance of the agreement.
- 3.4 Where the activities performed by supplier and the sums due by client for these activities are concerned, the information in supplier's administration provides full evidence, without prejudice to client's right to provide evidence to the contrary.
- 3.5 In the event client should be under a periodic payment obligation, supplier may adjust the applicable prices and rates, in writing and in accordance with the index or any other criterion included in the agreement, within the period specified in the agreement. If the agreement does not explicitly provide for the possibility to adjust the prices or rates, supplier may adjust the applicable prices and rates in writing with due observance of a period of at least three months. If, in the latter case, client does not want to accept the price adjustment, client is entitled to terminate the agreement by serving notice of termination (opzeggen) in writing, within thirty days following the notification of the adjustment and effective from the date on which the new prices and/or rates would take effect.
- 3.6 In their agreement parties lay down the date or dates on which supplier invoices the fee for the activities agreed on with client. Any sums due are paid by client in accordance with the payment terms agreed on or as stated in the invoice. Client is neither entitled to suspend any payments nor to set off any of the sums due.
- 3.7 If client should fail to pay the sums due or does not pay these on time, the statutory interest for commercial agreements is payable by client on any outstanding sum, without a reminder or notice of default being required. If client should fail to pay the sum due even after a reminder or notice of default, supplier can pass on the claim for collection and client is obliged to pay, within reason and in addition to the total sum due at that time,

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all judicial and extrajudicial costs, including all costs charged by external experts – all of which is without prejudice to any of supplier's statutory and contractual rights.

Article 4 Duration of the agreement

- 4.1 If and insofar as the agreement between parties is a continuing performance contract, the agreement is entered into for the term agreed on by parties. A term of one year applies if a specific term has not been agreed on.
- 4.2 The duration of the agreement for a definite period of time is tacitly extended, each time by the period of time originally agreed on with a maximum of one year, unless client or supplier should terminate the agreement by serving written notice of termination (opzeggen), with due observance of a notice period of three months prior to the end of the relevant term.

Article 5 Confidentiality

- 5.1 Client and supplier ensure that secrecy is observed with respect to all information received from the other party of which information the receiving party knows or should reasonably know it is confidential. This prohibition does not apply if and insofar as the information concerned must be provided to a third party in compliance with a judicial decision, a statutory requirement, a statutory order by a public authority or for the proper performance of the agreement. The party that receives the confidential information may only use it for the purpose for which it has been provided. Information is in any case deemed confidential if it has been designated as such by either party.
- 5.2 Client acknowledges that software made available by supplier is always confidential in nature and that this software contains trade secrets of supplier and its suppliers or of the producer of the software.

Article 6 Privacy and data processing

- 6.1 If this should be relevant, in supplier's opinion, for the performance of the agreement, client informs suppliers in writing, at supplier's request, about the way in which client performs its obligations under the applicable rules and regulations pertaining to the protection of personal data.
- 6.2 Client indemnifies supplier against any claims by persons whose personal data are or have been processed and for which processing client is responsible pursuant to the law, unless client proves that the facts on which a claim is based are attributable to supplier.
- 6.3 Client is fully responsible for the data that it processes when making use of a service provided by supplier. Client guarantees vis-à-vis supplier that the content, use and/or processing of the data are not unlawful and do not infringe any third party's right. Client indemnifies supplier against any claims by a third party instituted, for whatever reason, in connection with these data or the performance of the agreement.
- 6.4 If, further to a request or a lawfully issued order by a public authority or in the context of a statutory obligation, client should perform activities with relation to data of client, client's employees or users, any costs involved in this may be charged to client.
- 6.5 If supplier performs activities for client as a processor as meant in the rules and regulations pertaining to the protection of personal data, Section 2 'Standard Clauses for Processing' also applies.

Article 7 Security

- 7.1 If supplier is obliged to provide some form of information security under the agreement, this protection meets the specifications on security that parties have agreed on in writing. Supplier does not guarantee that the information security provided is effective under all circumstances. If the agreement does not include an explicitly defined security method, the security features provided meet a level that is not unreasonable in view of the state of the art, the implementation costs, the nature, scope and context as known to supplier of the information to be secured, the purposes and the standard use of supplier's products and services and the probability and seriousness of foreseeable risks.
- 7.2 The access or identification codes and certificates provided by or on behalf of supplier to client are confidential and must be treated as such by client, and they may only be made known to authorised staff in client's own organisation or company. Supplier is entitled to change the access or identification codes and certificates. Client is responsible for managing these authorisations and for providing and duly revoking access and identification codes.
- 7.3 In the event security features or the testing of security features pertain to software, hardware or infrastructure that has not been delivered by supplier to client, client guarantees that all licences or approvals have been obtained so that the performance of such activities is actually allowed. Supplier is not liable for any damage caused by or in relation to the performance of these activities. Client indemnifies supplier against any claims, for whatever reason, arising from these activities being performed.
- 7.4 Supplier is entitled to adapt the security measures from time to time if this should be required as a result of a change in circumstances.
- 7.5 Client adequately secures its systems and infrastructure and keeps these adequately secured.
- 7.6 Supplier may give client instructions about security features intended to prevent or to minimize incidents, or the consequences of incidents, that may affect security. If client should fail or follow the instructions issued by supplier or by a relevant public authority, or should fail to follow these in time, supplier is not liable and client indemnifies supplier against any damage that may arise as a result.
- 7.7 Supplier is at any time permitted to install technical and organizational facilities to protect hardware, data files websites, software made available, software or other works to which client has been granted access, whether directly or indirectly, also in connection with a restriction agreed on in the content or the duration of the right to use these objects. Client may not remove or circumvent any of such technical facilities or have these removed or circumvented.

Article 8 Retention of title, reservation of rights and suspension

- 8.1 All goods delivered to client remain the property of supplier until all sums due by client to supplier under the agreement entered into by parties have been paid to supplier in full. A client that acts as a reseller may sell and supply all goods that are subject to the supplier's retention of title insofar as this is customary in the context of client's normal course of business.
- 8.2 The property-law consequences of the retention of title with respect to any goods destined for export is governed by the laws of the state of destination if the relevant laws contain provisions that are more favourable to supplier.



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8.3 Where applicable, rights are granted or transferred to client subject to the condition that client has paid all sums due under the agreement.

8.4 Supplier may retain all information, documents, software and/or data files received or created in the context of the agreement, despite an existing obligation to hand these over or transfer them, until client has paid all sums due to supplier.

Article 9 Transfer of risk

9.1 The risk of loss, theft, misappropriation or damage of goods, information (including user names, codes and passwords), documents, software or data files that are created for, delivered to or used by client in the context of the performance of the agreement pass to client at the moment these are placed under the actual control of client or an auxiliary person of client.

Article 10 Intellectual property

10.1 All intellectual property rights to the software, websites, data files, databases, hardware, training, testing and examination materials, as well as other materials such as analyses, designs, documentation, reports, offers, including preparatory materials for these materials, developed or made available to client under the agreement remain exclusively vested in supplier, its licensors or its suppliers. Client is solely granted the rights of use laid down in these general terms, in the agreement entered into by parties in writing and in the applicable mandatory legal provisions. A right of use granted to client is non-exclusive, non-transferable, non-pledgeable (*niet-verpandbaar*) and non-sublicensable.

10.2 If supplier is prepared to undertake to transfer an intellectual property right, such undertaking may only be explicitly effected in writing. If parties agree in writing that an intellectual property right with respect to software, websites, data files, hardware, know-how, or other works or materials specifically developed for client is transferred to client, this does not affect supplier's rights or options to use and/or exploit, either for itself or for third parties and without any restriction, the parts, designs, algorithms, documentation, works, protocols, standards and the like on which the developments referred to are based for other purposes. Supplier is also entitled to use and/or exploit, either for itself or for third parties and without any restrictions, the general principles, ideas and programming languages that have been used as a basis to create or develop any work for other purposes. The transfer of an intellectual property right does not affect supplier's right to continue developing, either for itself or for third parties, software - or elements of software - that are similar to or derived from software - or elements of software - that have been or are being developed for client.

10.3 Client is not permitted to remove or change any indication with respect to the confidential nature of the software, websites, data files, hardware or materials or with respect to copyrights, brands, trade names or any other intellectual property right pertaining to the software, websites, data files, hardware or materials, or have any such indication removed or changed.

10.4 Supplier indemnifies client against any claim of a third party based on the allegation that software, websites, data files, hardware or other materials developed by supplier itself infringe an intellectual property right of that third party, provided always that client promptly informs supplier in writing about the existence and content of the claim and leaves the settlement of the claim, including any arrangements to be made in this context, entirely up to supplier. To this end, client provides supplier with the powers of attorney and information required and renders the assistance supplier requires to defend itself

against such claims. This obligation to indemnify does not apply if the alleged infringement concerns (i) works or materials made available by client to supplier for use, modification, processing or maintenance or (ii) modifications client has implemented or modifications client has had implemented in the software, websites, data files, hardware or other works and materials without supplier's written permission. If it is irrevocably established in court that software, websites, data files, hardware or other works and materials developed by supplier itself should infringe any intellectual property right belonging to a third party, or if, in supplier's opinion, there is a good chance that such an infringement will occur, supplier ensures, if possible, that client can continue to use, or use functional equivalents of, the software, websites, data files, hardware or other works and materials delivered. Any other or further obligation that supplier might have to indemnify client against any infringement of a third party's intellectual property right is excluded.

10.5 Client guarantees that no rights of third parties preclude making hardware, software, material intended for websites, data files and/or other materials, designs and/or other works available to supplier for the purpose of use, maintenance, processing, installation or integration; this guarantee also pertains to client's having the relevant licences. Client indemnifies supplier against any claim of a third party based on the allegation that making any of this available and/or the use, maintenance, processing, installation or integration infringes a right of that third party.

10.6 Supplier is never obliged to perform data conversion unless this has been explicitly agreed on with client in writing.

10.7 Supplier is entitled to use client's figurative mark, logo or name in its external communication.

Article 11 Performance of services

11.1 Supplier performs its services with care to the best of its ability, where applicable in accordance with the arrangements and procedures agreed on with client in writing. All services provided by supplier are performed on the basis of a best-efforts obligation unless and insofar as supplier has explicitly promised a result in the written agreement and the result concerned has been described in the agreement in a sufficiently precise manner.

11.2 Supplier is not liable for any damage suffered or costs incurred as a result of the use or misuse that is made of access or identification codes or certificates or any other security means unless the misuse is the direct result of any intent or deliberate recklessness on the part of supplier's management.

11.3 If the agreement has been entered into with a view to it being performed by one specific person, supplier is always entitled to replace this person by one or more persons who have the same and/or similar qualifications.

11.4 Supplier is not obliged to follow client's instructions when performing the services, more particularly not if these instructions change or add to the content or scope of the services agreed on. If such instructions are followed, however, the activities performed are charged at supplier's applicable rates.

Article 12 Obligation to provide information and render assistance

12.1 Parties acknowledge that the success of activities to be performed in the field of information and communications technology depends on proper and timely cooperation of parties. Client undertakes always to fully cooperate, within reason, and in time.



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- 12.2** Client vouches for the correctness and completeness of the data, information, designs and specifications provided by on or behalf of client to supplier. If the data, information, designs or specifications provided by client should contain inaccuracies apparent to supplier, supplier requests client to provide further information.
- 12.3** For reasons of continuity, client designates a contact person or contact persons who act in that capacity for the time supplier performs its services. Client's contact persons have the relevant experience required, specific knowledge of the subject matter and a proper understanding of the objectives that client wishes to achieve.
- 12.4** Client bears the risk of selecting the goods and/or services to be provided by supplier. Client always exercises the utmost care to guarantee that the requirements set for supplier's performance are correct and complete. Measurements and data provided in drawings, images, catalogues, websites, offers, advertising material, standardisation sheets and the like are not binding on supplier unless explicitly stated otherwise by supplier.
- 12.5** If client deploys employees and/or auxiliary persons in the performance of the agreement, these employees and auxiliary persons must have the knowledge and experience required. If supplier's employees perform activities at client's premises, client ensures the facilities required are available, such as a workspace with computer and network facilities, on time and free of charge. Supplier is not liable for damage suffered or costs incurred by transmission errors, malfunctions or the non-availability of these facilities unless client proves that this damage or these costs are caused by intent or deliberate recklessness on the part of supplier's management.
- 12.6** The workspace and facilities must meet all statutory requirements. Client indemnifies supplier against claims of third parties, including supplier's employees, who, when performing the agreement, suffer damage caused by client's acts or omissions or by unsafe situations in client's organisation or company. Before the activities to be performed start, client informs the employees deployed by supplier about the company rules, information rules and security rules that apply in client's organisation or company.
- 12.7** Client is responsible for the management, including checks of the settings, and use of the products delivered and/or services provided by supplier, and the way in which the results of the products and services are implemented. Client is also responsible for appropriately instructing users and for the use of the products and services that is made by users.
- 12.8** Client itself is responsible for the hardware, infrastructure and auxiliary software and ensures that the (auxiliary) software for its own hardware is installed, organised, parameterised and tuned and, where required, that the hardware, other (auxiliary) software and the operating environment used are modified and kept updated, and that the interoperability wanted by client is effected.

Article 13 Project and steering groups

- 13.1** If both parties are participating in a project or steering group in which one or more of their employees have been appointed, the provision of information takes place in the manner agreed on for that project or steering group.
- 13.2** Decisions made in a project or steering group in which both parties are participating are only binding on supplier if the decisions are made in accordance with that which parties have agreed on in writing in this regard or, if no written arrangements have been made in this context, if supplier has accepted the relevant decision in writing. Supplier is never obliged to accept

or implement a decision if, in its opinion, the decision cannot be reconciled with the content and/or proper performance of the agreement.

- 13.3** Client ensures that the persons that it has assigned to participate in a project or steering group are authorised to make decisions that are binding on client.

Article 14 Terms and deadlines

- 14.1** Supplier makes reasonable efforts, within reason, to comply to the greatest extent possible with the terms and delivery periods and/or dates and delivery dates, whether or not these are deadlines and/or strict dates, that it has specified or that have been agreed on by parties. The interim dates and delivery dates specified by supplier or agreed on by parties always apply as target dates, do not bind supplier and are always indicative.
- 14.2** If a term or period of time is likely to be exceeded, supplier and client consult as to discuss the consequences of the term being exceeded in relation to further planning.
- 14.3** In all cases – therefore, also if parties have agreed on deadlines and strict delivery periods or dates and delivery dates – supplier is only in default because of a term or period of time being exceeded after client has served supplier with a written notice of default and has set a reasonable period of time for supplier to remedy the failure to meet its obligations and this reasonable term has passed. The notice of default must describe supplier's breach to meet its obligations as comprehensively and in as much detail as possible so that supplier has the opportunity to respond adequately.
- 14.4** If it has been agreed that the activities to be performed under the agreement must be performed in phases, supplier is entitled to postpone the start of the activities for a next phase until client has approved the results of the preceding phase in writing.
- 14.5** Supplier is not bound by a date or delivery date or term or delivery period, whether or not these are deadlines and/or strict dates, if parties have agreed on an adjustment in the content or scope of the agreement (additional work, a change of specifications, etc.) or a change in approach with respect to the performance of the agreement, or if client fails to fulfil its obligations under the agreement or fails to do so on time or in full. If additional work should be required during the performance of the agreement, this never constitutes a reason for client to give notice of termination of the agreement (opzeggen) or to terminate the agreement for breach (ontbinden).

Article 15 Termination of the agreement for breach or by serving notice of termination

- 15.1** Either party is exclusively entitled to terminate the agreement for breach (ontbinden) following an imputable failure of the other party to meet its obligations under the agreement if the other party, in all cases after a written notice of default has been served that is as detailed as possible and in which the other party is granted a reasonable period of time to remedy the breach, should still imputably fail to meet any of its essential obligations under the agreement. Client's payment obligations and all obligations of client or a third party contracted by client to cooperate and/or to provide information apply in all cases as essential obligations under the agreement.
- 15.2** If, at the time of the termination for breach, client has already received goods or services in the performance of the agreement, this performance and the relevant payment obligations cannot be undone unless client proves that supplier

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- is in default with respect to the essential part of the performance due. With due regard to the provisions of the preceding sentence, sums invoiced by supplier prior to the termination for breach in connection with what has already been properly performed or delivered in the performance of the agreement remain due in full and become immediately payable at the time of the termination for breach.
- 15.3** An agreement which, due to its nature and content, is not discharged by performance and which has been entered into for an indefinite period of time may be terminated, following consultation between parties, by either party by serving written notice of termination to the other party (opzeggen). Reasons for the termination must be stated. If a notice period has not been agreed on between parties, a reasonable period must be observed when notice of termination is served. Supplier is never obliged to pay any compensation because of this termination.
- 15.4** Client is not entitled to terminate (opzeggen) an agreement for services that has been entered into for a definite period of time before the end of the term; client is not entitled either to terminate (opzeggen) an agreement that ends by completion before it has been completed.
- 15.5** Either party may terminate (opzeggen) the agreement in writing, in whole or in part, without notice of default being required and with immediate effect, if the other party is granted a suspension of payments, whether or not provisional, a petition for bankruptcy is filed against the other party or the company of the other party is liquidated or dissolved other than for restructuring purposes or for a merger of companies. Supplier may also terminate (opzeggen) the agreement, in whole or in part, without notice of default being required and with immediate effect, if a direct or indirect change occurs in the decisive control of client's company. Supplier is never obliged to repay any sum of money already received or pay any sum of money in compensation because of termination as referred to in this paragraph. If client is irrevocably bankrupted, its right to use the software, websites and the like made available to client ends, as does its right to access and/or use supplier's services, without supplier being required to cancel these rights.
- Article 16 Supplier's liability**
- 16.1** Supplier's total liability for an imputable failure in the performance of the agreement or arising from any other legal basis whatsoever, explicitly including each and every failure to meet a guarantee or indemnification obligation agreed on with client, is limited to the compensation of damages as described in more detail in this article.
- 16.2** Direct damage is limited to a maximum of the price stipulated for the agreement in question (excluding VAT). If the agreement is mainly a continuing performance contract with a duration of more than one year, the price stipulated for the agreement is set at the total sum of the payments (excluding VAT) stipulated for one year. In no event does supplier's total liability for any direct damage, on any legal basis whatsoever, exceed EUR 500,000 (five hundred thousand euros).
- 16.3** Supplier's total liability for any damage arising from death or bodily injury or arising from material damage to goods is limited to the amount of EUR 1,250,000 (one million two hundred fifty thousand euros).
- 16.4** Liability for indirect damage, consequential loss, loss of profits, lost savings, reduced goodwill, loss due to business interruption, loss as a result of claims of client's clients, loss arising from the use of goods, materials or software of third parties prescribed by client to supplier and any damage and loss arising from contracting suppliers client has recommended to supplier is excluded. Liability for corruption, destruction or loss of data or documents is also excluded.
- 16.5** The exclusions and limitations of supplier's liability described articles 16.2 up to and including 16.4 are without any prejudice whatsoever to the other exclusions and limitations of supplier's liability described in these general terms.
- 16.6** The exclusions and limitations referred to in articles 16.2 up to and including 16.5 cease to apply if and insofar as the damage is caused by intent or deliberate recklessness on the part of supplier's management.
- 16.7** Unless performance by supplier is permanently impossible, supplier is exclusively liable for an imputable failure in the performance of an agreement if client promptly serves supplier with a written notice of default, granting supplier a reasonable period of time to remedy the breach, and supplier should still imputably fail to meet its obligations after that reasonable term has passed. The notice of default must describe supplier's failure as comprehensively and in as much detail as possible so that supplier has the opportunity to respond adequately.
- 16.8** The right to compensation of damages exclusively arises if client reports the damage to supplier in writing as soon as possible after the damage has occurred. Any claim for compensation of damages filed against supplier lapses by the mere expiry of a period of twenty four months following the inception of the claim unless client has instituted a legal action for damages prior to the expiry of this term.
- 16.9** Client indemnifies supplier against any and all claims of third parties arising from product liability because of a defect in a product or system that client delivered to a third party and that consisted in part of hardware, software or other materials delivered by supplier, unless and insofar as client is able to prove that the loss was caused by the hardware, software or other materials referred to.
- 16.10** The provisions of this article and all other exclusions and limitations of liability referred to in these general terms also apply in favour of all natural persons and legal persons that supplier and supplier's suppliers contracts for the performance of the agreement.
- Article 17 Force Majeure**
- 17.1** Neither party is obliged to meet any obligation, including any statutory and/or agreed guarantee obligation, if it is prevented from doing so by circumstances beyond its control (overmacht). Circumstances beyond supplier's control include, among other things: (i) circumstances beyond the control of supplier's suppliers, (ii) the failure by supplier to properly meet obligations that were contracted by supplier on client's instructions, (iii) defects in goods, hardware, software or materials of third parties that supplier uses on client's instructions, (iv) measures by public authorities, (v) power failures, (vi) failures of the Internet, data network or telecommunication facilities, (vii) (cyber) crime, (cyber) vandalism, war or terrorism and (viii) general transport problems.
- 17.2** If a force majeure situation lasts for more than sixty days, either party has the right to terminate the agreement, in writing, for breach (ontbinden). In such event, all that has already been performed under the agreement must be paid for on a proportional basis, without anything else being due by either party to the other party.
- Article 18 Service Level Agreement**
- 18.1** Possible arrangements about a service level (Service Level Agreement) are exclusively agreed on in writing. Client



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promptly informs supplier about any circumstances that may affect the service level or its availability.

- 18.2 If any arrangements have been made about a service level, the availability of software, systems and related services is always measured in such a way that unavailability due to preventive, corrective or adaptive maintenance service or other forms of service that supplier has notified client of in advance and circumstances beyond supplier's control are not taken into account. Subject to proof to the contrary offered by client, the availability measured by supplier is considered conclusive.

Article 19 Backups

- 19.1 If the services provided to client under the agreement include making backups of client's data, supplier makes a complete backup of client's data in its possession, with due observance of the periods of time agreed on in writing, or once a week if such terms have not been agreed on. Supplier keeps the backup for the duration of the agreed term or for the duration of supplier's usual term if no further arrangements have been made in this regard. Supplier keeps the backup with due care and diligence.
- 19.2 Client itself remains responsible for complying with all the applicable statutory obligations with respect to keeping records and data retention.

Article 20 Adjustments and extra work

- 20.1 If, at client's request or after client's prior consent, supplier has performed activities or has delivered goods or services that are outside the scope of the agreed activities and/or delivery of goods or services, client is charged for these activities or for these goods or services on the basis of the agreed rates or, if no rates have been agreed on by parties, on the basis of supplier's applicable rates. Supplier is not obliged to honour such request and may require that, to that purpose, a separate agreement should be entered into in writing.
- 20.2 Client realises that adjustments and extra work (may) result in terms and delivery periods and/or dates and delivery dates being postponed. Any new terms and delivery periods and/or dates and delivery dates indicated by supplier replace the previous terms and delivery periods and/or dates and delivery dates.
- 20.3 Insofar as a fixed price has been agreed on for the agreement, supplier informs client, at client's request and in writing, about the financial consequences of the extra work or additional delivery of goods or services referred to in this article.

Article 21 Transfer of rights and obligations

- 21.1 Client is not entitled to sell, transfer or pledge (verpanden) its rights and obligations under an agreement to a third party.
- 21.2 Supplier is entitled to sell, transfer or pledge (verpanden) any claims it has to payment of any sums due to a third party.

Article 22 Applicable law and disputes

- 22.1 The agreements between supplier and client are governed by the laws of the Netherlands. Applicability of the Vienna Convention 1980 (The United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG)) is excluded.
- 22.2 Any disputes that may arise from an agreement between parties and/or from any further agreements deriving from this agreement are resolved by arbitration in accordance with the Arbitration Regulations of the Foundation for the Settlement of Automation Disputes (Stichting Geschillenoplossing

Automatisering – SGOA – (www.sgoa.eu), this without prejudice to either party's right to request preliminary relief in preliminary relief proceedings or arbitral preliminary relief proceedings and without prejudice to either party's right to attach property before judgment. Arbitration proceedings take place in Amsterdam, or in any other place designated in the Arbitration Regulations.

- 22.3 If a dispute that arises from an agreement entered into by parties or from any further agreements deriving from this agreement is within the jurisdiction of the cantonal section of the Netherlands District Court (kantongerecht), either party is entitled, notwithstanding the provisions of article 22.2, to bring the case as a cantonal court case before the competent district court in the Netherlands. Parties are only entitled to initiate these proceedings if arbitration proceedings concerning the dispute have not yet been instituted under the provisions of article 22.2. If, with due observance of the provisions of this article 22.3, either party has brought the case before the competent district court to be heard and decided, the cantonal judge of that district court is competent to hear the case and to decide on it.

- 22.4 Regarding a dispute that arises from an agreement entered into by parties or from any further agreements deriving from this agreement, either party is always entitled to institute ICT mediation proceedings in accordance with the ICT Mediation Regulations of the Foundation for the Settlement of Automation Disputes (Stichting Geschillenoplossing Automatisering – SGOA – (www.sgoa.eu)). The other party is then obliged to actively participate in the ICT mediation proceedings that have been instituted. This legally enforceable obligation in any case includes having to attend at least one joint meeting of mediators and parties, in order to give this extrajudicial form of dispute resolution a chance of success. Either party is free to terminate the ICT mediation proceedings at any time after this first joint meeting of mediators and parties. The provisions of this paragraph do not prevent either party, if this party deems doing so necessary, from requesting preliminary relief in preliminary relief proceedings or in arbitral preliminary relief proceedings nor do they prevent either party from attaching property before judgment.

Section 2. Standard clauses on data processing

The provisions in this section 'Standard clauses on data processing' apply, apart from the General provisions of these general terms, if supplier processes personal data, in the context of the performance of an agreement, for the controller(s) as (sub)processor as meant in the laws and regulations on personal data protection. These 'Standard clauses on data processing' together with the practical arrangements made on personal data processing in the agreement or in a separate appendix (for example a Data Pro Statement) form a processing agreement as meant in article 28, paragraph 3 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Article 23 General

- 23.1 Supplier processes the personal data on client's behalf and in accordance with the written instructions agreed on by supplier and client.
- 23.2 Client, or client's client, is the controller in the sense of the GDPR, has control over the processing of personal data and



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<p>has established the purpose of and the means for the personal data processing.</p> <p>23.3 Supplier is processor in the sense of the GDPR and, for that reason, has no control over the purpose of and the means for the personal data processing and, therefore, does not take any decisions on, amongst other things, the use of the personal data.</p> <p>23.4 Supplier implements the GDPR as laid down in this section 'Standard clauses on data processing' and in the agreement. Client is responsible for assessing, on the basis of this information, whether supplier offers adequate guarantees with respect to applying appropriate technical and organisational measures for the processing to meet the requirements posed by the GDPR and to adequately safeguard the protection of the data subjects' rights.</p> <p>23.5 Client guarantees vis-à-vis supplier that it acts in compliance with the GDPR, that its systems and infrastructure are at any time appropriately secured and that the content, the use and/or the processing of the personal data are not unlawful and do not breach any third party rights.</p> <p>23.6 Client is not entitled to seek recovery from supplier of an administrative fine imposed on client by the supervisory authority, on whatever legal ground. In the present section (Section 2) 'supervisory authority' is understood to mean the supervisory authority referred to in the GDPR.</p>	<p>Article 25 Personal data breaches</p> <p>25.1 Supplier does not guarantee that the security measures are effective in all circumstances. If supplier discovers a personal data breach, supplier informs client of this without undue delay. The agreement stipulates in which way supplier informs client of personal data breaches. If no specific arrangements have been agreed on, supplier contacts the client's contact person in the usual way.</p> <p>25.2 It is up to the controller – i.e. client or client's client – to assess whether the personal data breach reported by supplier must be reported to the supervisory authority or the data subject. Reporting personal data breaches is, at any time, controller's – i.e. client's or client's client's – responsibility. Supplier is not obliged to report personal data breaches to the supervisory authority and/or the data subject.</p> <p>25.3 Where required, supplier provides further information on the personal data breach and renders assistance in providing the information to client that client needs to report a breach to the supervisory authority or the data subject.</p> <p>25.4 Supplier may charge client for the costs involved in this context, within reason and at supplier's current rates.</p>
<p>Article 24 Security</p> <p>24.1 Supplier takes all the technical and organisational security measures described in the agreement. When implementing these technical and organisational measures, supplier has taken into account the state of the art, the costs involved in implementing the security measures, the nature, scope and context of the processing, the nature of its products and services, the processing risks and the varying risks, in terms of likelihood and severity, posed to the rights and freedoms of the data subjects that supplier could expect in view of the use intended to be made of its products and services.</p> <p>24.2 Unless explicitly stated otherwise in the agreement, supplier's product or service is not intended for processing special categories of personal data or data relating to convictions under criminal law or criminal offences.</p> <p>24.3 Supplier endeavours to ensure that the security measures to be taken by supplier are appropriate for the use of the product or service intended by supplier.</p> <p>24.4 The security measures described offer a security level, in client's opinion and taking the factors referred to in article 24.1 into account, appropriate to the risk involved in processing personal data used or provided by client.</p> <p>24.5 Supplier may adjust the security measures implemented if this should be required, in supplier's opinion, to continue to offer an appropriate security level. Supplier keeps a record of important adjustments and informs client of these adjustments where relevant.</p> <p>24.6 Client may request supplier to implement further security measures. Supplier is not obliged to implement any adjustments in its security measures following such request. Supplier may charge client for the costs involved in implementing the adjustments requested by client. Supplier is not obliged to actually implement these adjusted security measures before the security measures requested by client have been agreed on in writing.</p>	<p>Article 26 Confidentiality</p> <p>26.1 Supplier ensures that the obligation to observe confidentiality is imposed on any person processing personal data under supplier's responsibility.</p> <p>26.2 Supplier is entitled to provide personal data to third parties if and insofar as this should be required pursuant to a judicial decision or a statutory requirement, on the basis of an authorised order by a public authority or in the context of the proper performance of the agreement.</p> <p>Article 27 Obligations following termination</p> <p>27.1 In the event the processing agreement ends, supplier deletes, within the period of time agreed on in the agreement, all personal data received from client that it has in its possession in such a way that they can no longer be used and are rendered inaccessible, or, if agreed on, returns these data to client in a machine readable format.</p> <p>27.2 Supplier may charge client for any costs possibly incurred in the context of the stipulation in the previous paragraph. Further arrangements on this may be laid down in the agreement.</p> <p>27.3 The provisions of article 27.1 do not apply if statutory provisions should prohibit supplier to delete the personal data or return these, in part or in full. In such event supplier only continues to process the personal data insofar as required under its statutory obligations. The provisions of article 27.1 do not apply either if supplier is a controller in the sense of the GDPR with respect to the personal data.</p> <p>Article 28 Data subjects' rights, Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) and audit rights</p> <p>28.1 Where possible, supplier renders assistance in reasonable requests by client that are related to data subjects exercising their rights against client. If supplier is directly contacted by a data subject, supplier refers this data subject, whenever possible, to client.</p> <p>28.2 If client should be obliged under the GDPR to carry out a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) or a prior consultation following this, supplier renders assistance, at client's reasonable request, in this DPIA or prior consultation.</p>

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- 28.3** At client's request, supplier provides all information that would be reasonably required to demonstrate compliance with the arrangements laid down in the agreement with respect to personal data processing, for example by means of a valid Data Pro Certificate or another certificate at least equal to it, an audit report (Third Party Memorandum) drafted by an independent expert commissioned by supplier or by means of other information to be provided by supplier. If client should nevertheless have reasons to assume that the personal data are not processed in accordance with the agreement, client may commission an audit, no more than once per year and at client's expense, by an independent, certified external expert who has demonstrable experience in the type of data processing that is carried out under the agreement. Supplier is entitled to refuse an expert if this expert affects, in supplier's opinion, supplier's competitive position. The audit is limited to verifying compliance with the arrangements on personal data processing as laid down in the agreement. The expert is obliged to observe confidentiality with respect to his findings and only reports issues to client which result in a failure by supplier to meet its obligations under the agreement. The expert provides supplier with a copy of his report. Supplier may refuse an expert, an audit or an instruction by the expert if this should be, in supplier's opinion, in violation of the GDPR or other laws and regulations or if this should be an unacceptable breach of the security measures implemented by supplier.
- 28.4** Parties hold consultations on the findings of the report as soon as possible. Parties comply with the improvement measures proposed and laid down in the report insofar as this can be reasonably expected from them. Supplier implements the proposed measures insofar as these are appropriate in supplier's opinion, taking into account the processing risks associated with supplier's product or service, the state of the art, the implementation costs, the market in which supplier operates and the intended use of the product or service.
- 28.5** Supplier is entitled to charge client for the costs it has incurred in the context of the provisions laid down in this article.

Article 29 Subprocessors

- 29.1** Supplier has stated in the agreement if and, if so, which third parties (subprocessors) supplier contracts for the processing of personal data.
- 29.2** Client grants supplier permission to contract other subprocessors in the performance of supplier's obligations under the agreement.
- 29.3** Supplier informs client about possible changes with respect to the third parties it contracts. Client is entitled to object to said change by supplier.

Section 3. Software-as-a-Service (SaaS)

The provisions in this section 'Software-as-a-service (SaaS)' apply, apart from the General provisions of these general terms, if supplier performs services under the name or in the field of Software-as-a-Service (also referred to as: SaaS). For the application of these general terms, SaaS is understood to mean a service by which supplier makes functionality available to and keeps functionality available for client remotely, through the Internet or another data network, without providing client with a physical carrier with or download of the relevant underlying software.

Article 30 SaaS Implementation

- 30.1** Supplier provides the SaaS on client's instructions. Client may solely use the SaaS for its own organisation or company and only insofar as required for the use intended by supplier. Client may not allow third parties to make use of the SaaS.
- 30.2** Supplier may adjust the content or scope of the SaaS. If such adjustments are substantive and result in a change in client's current procedures, supplier informs client about this as soon as possible and the costs of this adjustment are at client's expense. In this case client may serve notice of termination of the agreement (opzeggen), which termination takes effect on the date on which the adjustment takes effect, unless the adjustment is related to amendments in relevant legislation or other instructions issued by public authorities, or the adjustment is at supplier's expense.
- 30.3** Supplier may continue to provide the SaaS using a new or modified version of the underlying software. Supplier is not obliged to maintain, modify or add particular features or functionalities of the SaaS specifically for client.
- 30.4** Supplier may temporarily put all or part of the SaaS out of service for preventive, corrective or adaptive maintenance services or other forms of service. Supplier ensures that the period of time during which the SaaS is out of operation does not take longer than necessary and ensures, where possible, that the service takes place at times when the SaaS is usually used least intensively.
- 30.5** Supplier is never obliged to provide client with a physical carrier or download of the underlying software.
- 30.6** If no further arrangements have been made in this regard, client itself is responsible for designing, configuring, parameterising and tuning the SaaS, converting and uploading possible data and, where required, for modifying the hardware and user environment used.

Article 31 Guarantees

- 31.1** Supplier does not guarantee that the SaaS is free of errors and functions without any interruptions. Supplier makes every effort to repair the errors in the underlying software referred to in article 36.3 within a reasonable period of time if and insofar as underlying software is concerned that has been developed by supplier itself and client has provided supplier with a detailed, written description of the relevant errors. In a particular case, supplier may postpone repairing errors until a new version of the underlying software is put into service. Supplier does not guarantee that errors in the SaaS that has not been developed by supplier itself are repaired. Supplier is entitled to install temporary solutions, program bypasses or problem-avoiding restrictions in the SaaS. If the SaaS, or part of it, has been developed on client's instructions, supplier may charge client for the costs incurred by repairing the error(s) at supplier's applicable rates. Supplier is never obliged to repair other imperfections than those referred to in this article. In the event supplier is prepared to remedy other imperfections than those referred to in this article, supplier is entitled to charge client a separate fee for this.
- 31.2** On the basis of the information provided by supplier on measures to prevent and restrict the effects of malfunctions, errors and other imperfections in the SaaS, corruption or loss of data or other incidents, client identifies and lists the risks to its organisation or company and, where necessary, takes additional measures. Supplier declares itself prepared to render assistance, at client's request, to the extent reasonable and according to the financial and other conditions set by supplier, with respect to further measures to be taken by client. Supplier

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- is never obliged to recover data that have been corrupted or lost other than placing back – where possible – the most recent back-up of the data in question.
- 31.3** Supplier does not guarantee that the SaaS is timely adapted to any amendments in the relevant laws and regulations.
- Article 32 Commencement of the service; payment**
- 32.1** The SaaS provided by supplier – and, where relevant, support – commences within a reasonable period of time after the agreement has been entered into. Unless agreed on otherwise, the SaaS commences by supplier client granting access to the SaaS that is made available by supplier. Client ensures that it has the facilities required to use the SaaS immediately after the agreement has been entered into.
- 32.2** The fee payable by client for the SaaS is included in the agreement. If no payment scheme has been agreed on, all sums related to the SaaS delivered by supplier become due and payable, in advance, per calendar month.
- Article 33 Additional provisions**
- 33.1** The following articles apply equally to the SaaS: 34.3, 34.5, 34.8, 36.1 (excluding the reference to art. 40), 36.11, 48.4, 49.1, 49.2, 62.2 and 62.4 and 63. In these articles the word 'software' should be read as 'SaaS' and the word 'delivery' as 'commencement of the service'.
- Section 4. Software**
- The provisions in this section 'Software' apply, apart from the General provisions of these general terms, if supplier makes software and apps available to client for use, together with the relevant data or databases and/or user documentation for this software – in these general terms together to be referred to as 'software' – other than on the basis of a SaaS.*
- Article 34 Right to use and restrictions on use**
- 34.1** Supplier makes the software agreed on available for use by client on the basis of a user licence and for the term of the agreement. The right to use the software is non-exclusive, non-transferable, non-pledgeable and non-sublicensable.
- 34.2** Supplier's obligation to make the software available and client's right to use the software exclusively extend to the so-called object code of the software. Client's right to use the software does not pertain to the software's source code. The source code of the software and the technical documentation drafted when the software was developed are not made available to client, not even if client is prepared to pay a financial compensation.
- 34.3** Client always strictly complies with the agreed restrictions on the use of the software, regardless of the nature or the content of these restrictions.
- 34.4** If parties have agreed that the software may only be used in combination with particular hardware and this hardware has a malfunction, client is entitled to use the software on other hardware with the same qualifications during the period of time that the original hardware remains defective.
- 34.5** Supplier may require that client should only start using the software after it has received one or more codes needed for the use from supplier, from supplier's supplier or from the producer of the software.
- 34.6** Client is only entitled to use the software in and for its own organisation or company and only insofar as required for the intended use. Client does not use the software for the benefit of third parties, for example in the context of Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) or outsourcing.
- 34.7** Client is never entitled to sell, lease or alienate, or grant limited rights to, or make the software and the carriers on which the software is or will be recorded available to third parties, in any way whatsoever, for whatever purpose or under whatever title. Neither is client entitled to grant, whether or not remotely (online), a third party access to the software or place the software with a third party for hosting, not even if the third party concerned exclusively uses the software in client's interest.
- 34.8** If so requested, client promptly renders assistance in any investigation into compliance with the agreed restrictions on use to be carried out by or on behalf of supplier. At supplier's first request, client grants supplier access to its buildings and systems. Insofar as such information does not concern the use of the software itself, supplier observes secrecy with respect to all confidential business information that it obtains from client at client's business location in the context of an investigation.
- 34.9** Parties agree that the agreement entered into by parties is never seen as a purchase agreement where it is related to making software available for use.
- 34.10** Supplier is not obliged to maintain the software and/or provide support to users and/or administrators of the software. If, contrary to the foregoing, supplier is asked to perform maintenance activities and/or provide support for the software, supplier may require that client should enter into a separate, written agreement for this purpose.
- Article 35 Delivery and installation**
- 35.1** At its discretion, supplier either delivers the software on the agreed type of data carrier or, if no arrangements have been made in this regard, on a type of data carrier determined by supplier, or makes the software online available to client. At supplier's discretion, any agreed user documentation is made available in hardcopy or digital form, in a language determined by supplier.
- 35.2** Supplier only installs the software at client's business premises if this has been agreed on. If no arrangements have been made in this respect, client itself is responsible for installing, designing, parameterising, tuning and, if necessary, for modifying the hardware and operating environment used.
- Article 36 Acceptance**
- 36.1** If parties have not agreed on an acceptance test, client accepts the software in the state that it is in when delivered ('as is, where is'), therefore, with all visible and invisible errors and defects, without prejudice to supplier's obligations under the guarantee scheme as set out in article 40. If this should be the case, the software is deemed to have been accepted by client upon delivery or, if installation by supplier has been agreed on in writing, upon completion of the installation.
- 36.2** If an acceptance test has been agreed on by parties, the provisions of articles 36.3 up to and including 36.10 apply.
- 36.3** Where these general terms refer to 'error' this is understood to mean a substantial failure of the software to meet the functional or technical specifications of the software explicitly made known by supplier in writing and, if all or part of the software is customised software, a substantial failure to meet the functional or technical specifications explicitly agreed on in writing. An error only exists if it can be demonstrated by client and if it is reproducible. Client is obliged to report errors without delay.

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- Supplier does not have any other obligation whatsoever with respect to other imperfections in or on the software than those in relation to errors in the sense of these general terms.
- 36.4** If an acceptance test has been agreed on, the test period is fourteen days following delivery or, if installation by supplier has been agreed on in writing, fourteen days following the completion of installation. During the test period, client may not use the software for production or operational purposes. Client performs the agreed acceptance test with qualified personnel, to an adequate extent and in sufficient detail.
- 36.5** If an acceptance test has been agreed on, client is obliged to check whether the software delivered meets the functional or technical specifications explicitly made known by supplier in writing and, if and to the extent that all or part of the software is customised software, that it meets the functional or technical specifications explicitly agreed on in writing.
- 36.6** If testing on client's instruction involves personal data being made use of, client ensures that using these data for this purpose is permitted.
- 36.7** The software is understood to have been accepted:
- a** if parties have agreed on an acceptance test: on the first day following the test period, or
 - b** if supplier receives a test report as referred to in article 36.8 prior to the end of the test period: at the time the errors listed in this test report have been repaired, notwithstanding the presence of errors that, according to article 36.9, do not prevent acceptance, or
 - c** if client uses the software in any way for production or operational purposes: at the time it is put into use for production or operational purposes.
- 36.8** If it should become clear when the agreed acceptance test is carried out that the software contains errors, client reports the test results to supplier in writing in a well-ordered, detailed and understandable manner no later than on the last day of the test period. Supplier makes every effort to repair the errors referred to within a reasonable period of time. In this context, supplier is entitled to install temporary solutions, program bypasses or problem-avoiding restrictions.
- 36.9** Client is neither entitled to refuse to accept the software for reasons that are not related to the specifications explicitly agreed on in writing by parties nor entitled to refuse to accept the software because it has minor errors, i.e. errors that do not prevent – within reason – the productive or operational use of the software, all of this without prejudice to supplier's obligation to repair these minor errors as referred to in article 40. Acceptance may not be refused either because of aspects of the software that can only be assessed subjectively, such as aesthetic aspects of the user interfaces.
- 36.10** If the software is delivered and tested in phases and/or parts, non-acceptance of a certain phase and/or part is without prejudice to the acceptance of a previous phase and/or a different part.
- 36.11** Acceptance of the software in one of the ways referred to in this article results in supplier being discharged of its obligations in the context of making the software available and delivering it and, if installation of the software by supplier has also been agreed on, of its obligations in the context of installing it.
- 36.12** Acceptance of the software is without prejudice to client's rights under article 36.9 regarding minor errors and article 40 providing for guarantees.
- Article 37 Making the software available**
- 37.1** Supplier makes the software available to client within a reasonable period of time after parties have entered into the agreement.
- 37.2** Immediately after the agreement ends, client returns all copies of the software in its possession to supplier. If it has been agreed that client is obliged to destroy the relevant copies when the agreement ends, client informs supplier, promptly and in writing, that the copies have been destroyed. When the agreement ends or after it has ended, supplier is not obliged to render assistance in any data conversion that client may possibly want to carry out.
- Article 38 Payment for the right to use the software**
- 38.1** The sum due for the right to use is payable by client at the agreed times or, if a time has not been agreed on:
- a** if parties have not agreed that supplier is responsible for the installation of the software:
 - upon delivery of the software; or
 - in the event periodic payments are due for the right to use, upon delivery of the software and subsequently when each new term of the right to use commences;
 - b** if parties have agreed that supplier is responsible for the installation of the software:
 - upon completion of that installation;
 - in the event periodic payments are due for the right to use the software, upon completion of that installation and subsequently when each new term of the right to use commences.
- Article 39 Modifications in the software**
- 39.1** Except where mandatory statutory provisions should provide otherwise, client is not entitled to modify all or part of the software without supplier's prior written permission. Supplier is entitled to refuse permission or to attach conditions to its permission. Client bears the entire risk of all modifications that it implements – whether or not with supplier's permission – or that client has implemented by third parties on its instructions.
- Article 40 Guarantees**
- 40.1** Supplier makes reasonable efforts to repair errors in the sense of article 36.3 within a reasonable period of time if these errors are reported, in detail and in writing, to supplier within a period of three months after delivery or, if an acceptance test was agreed, within three months after acceptance. Supplier does not guarantee that the software is suitable for the actual and/or the intended use. Supplier does not guarantee either that the software functions without interruptions and/or that all errors are always repaired. Repairs are carried out free of charge unless the software was developed on client's instructions other than for a fixed price, in which case supplier charges the costs of the repairs to client at its applicable rates.
- 40.2** Supplier may charge the costs of the repairs to client at its applicable rates if such repairs are required as a result of usage errors or client not using the software properly, or as a result of causes that cannot be attributed to supplier. The obligation to repair errors ends if client modifies the software or has such modifications implemented without supplier's written permission.
- 40.3** Errors are repaired at a location and in a manner to be determined by supplier. Supplier is entitled to install temporary solutions, program bypasses or problem-avoiding restrictions in the software.
- 40.4** Supplier is never obliged to recover corrupted or lost data.



Section 4. Software article 40.5

Section 5. Development of software and websites article 41 up to and including 43.4

- 40.5 Supplier does not have any obligation whatsoever, of whatever nature or content, with respect to errors reported after the end of the guarantee period referred to in article 40.1.

Section 5. Development of software and websites

The provisions in this section 'Development of software and websites' apply, apart from the General provisions of these general terms, if supplier develops and/or designs software as described in Section 4 and/or websites for client and possibly installs the software and/or websites.

Article 41 Specifications and development of software and/or websites

- 41.1 Development always takes place under an agreement for services. If no specifications or design of the software and/or website to be developed have been provided before the agreement is entered into or no specifications or design are provided when the agreement is entered into, parties specify, by consultation and in writing, the software and/or website to be developed and the manner in which the software and/or website will be developed.
- 41.2 Supplier develops the software and/or website with due care and in accordance with the explicitly agreed specifications or design and, where applicable, with due regard for the project organisation, methods, techniques and/or procedures agreed on in writing with client. Before starting the development activities, supplier may require that client should agree to the specifications or design in writing.
- 41.3 If no specific arrangements have been made in the matter, supplier starts the design and/or development activities within a reasonable period or time, to be determined by supplier, after the agreement has been entered into.
- 41.4 At supplier's request, client provides supplier with the opportunity to perform activities at client's premises outside the usual working days and working hours.
- 41.5 Supplier's obligations to perform with respect to the development of a website do not include making a content management system available.
- 41.6 If parties agree that, apart from development activities, supplier also provides training courses, maintenance and/or support and/or that supplier also applies for a domain name, supplier may request that client should enter into a separate, written agreement. Supplier charges client separately for these services, at supplier's applicable rates.
- 41.7 If supplier provides services to client in the context of a domain name, such as the application for, renewal, alienation or transfer to a third party of that name, client is obliged to observe the rules and methods of the relevant authority or authorities. At client's request, supplier provides client with a written copy of these rules. Supplier is explicitly neither responsible for the correctness or the promptness of the services nor responsible for achieving the results client intends to achieve. Client is charged for all costs involved in the application and/or registration at the agreed rates and, if no rates have been agreed on, at supplier's applicable rates. Supplier does not guarantee that a domain name client should want to use will actually be assigned to client.

Article 42 Agile development of software/websites

- 42.1 If parties use an iterative development method – scrum, for example – parties accept: (i) that, at the start, the activities are not performed on the basis of complete or fully detailed specifications; and (ii) that specifications which may or may not have been agreed on at the start of the activities, may be adapted during the term of the agreement, in mutual consultation and with due observance of the project approach that forms part of the development method concerned.
- 42.2 Before starting the activities to be performed in the context of the agreement, parties put together one or more teams that consist of representatives of both supplier and client. The team ensures that the communication lines remain short and direct and that consultations take place regularly. Parties provide for the deployment, by both of them, of the capacity agreed on (FTEs) in terms of team members in the roles and with the knowledge and experience and the decision-making powers required to perform the agreement. Parties accept that in order to make the project successful, the capacity agreed on is a minimum requirement. Parties endeavour to keep key staff available that have been deployed in first instance, as much as reasonably possible, until the end of the project, unless circumstances should arise that are beyond parties' control. During the performance of the agreement, parties jointly decide, by consultation, on the specifications that apply for the following phase of the project – for example a time box – and/or for the development of a following part. Client accepts the risk that the software and/or the website may not necessarily meet all specifications. Client ensures permanent and active input by and contributions from relevant end users who are supported by client's organisation or company in the context of, among other things, testing and (further) decision making. Client guarantees expeditiousness in progress-related decisions that have to be made during the performance of the agreement. If client fails to make clear and prompt progress-related decisions in conformity with the project approach that forms part of the relevant development method, supplier is entitled, though not obliged, to make the decisions that supplier considers to be appropriate.
- 42.3 If parties have arranged for one or more test moments, a test exclusively takes place on the basis of objective, measurable criteria agreed on previously, such as confirming to development standards. Errors and other imperfections are only repaired if the responsible team decides so and this will be carried out in a subsequent iteration. If an extra iteration should be required, the costs are at client's expense. After the last development phase, supplier is not obliged to repair any errors or other imperfections, unless explicitly agreed on otherwise in writing.

Article 43 Delivery, installation and acceptance

- 43.1 The provisions of article 35 with respect to delivery and installation apply *mutatis mutandis*.
- 43.2 Unless supplier is obliged, under the agreement, to host the software and/or website for client on its own computer system, supplier either delivers the software and/or website to client on a data carrier and in a form determined by supplier, or makes the software and/or website online available to client.
- 43.3 The provisions of article 36 of these general terms with respect to acceptance apply *mutatis mutandis*.
- 43.4 If parties make use of a development method as referred to in article 42, the provisions of article 36.1, 36.2, article 36.4 up to



Section 5. Development of software and websites article 43.4 continued up to and including 46.2

Section 6. Maintenance and support of software article 47 up to and including 48.4

and including 36.9, article 36.12 and article 40.1 and 40.5 do not apply. Client accepts the software and/or website in the state it is in at the moment the last development phase ends ('as is, where is').

Article 44 Right to use

- 44.1 Supplier makes the software and/or website developed on client's instructions, together with the relevant user documentation, available to client for use.
- 44.2 The source code of the software and the technical documentation prepared when the software is developed is only made available to client if this has been agreed in writing, in which case client is entitled to modify the software.
- 44.3 Supplier is not obliged to make the auxiliary software and program or data libraries required for the use and/or maintenance of the software and/or website available to client.
- 44.4 The provisions of article 34 with respect to the right to use and restrictions on the use apply *mutatis mutandis*.
- 44.5 Only if the content of the written agreement explicitly indicates that all design and development costs are fully and exclusively at client's expense, restrictions on the use of the software and/or website do not apply for client, contrary to the provisions of article 44.4.

Article 45 Payment

- 45.1 If no payment scheme has been agreed on, all sums related to the development of software and/or website become due and payable, in arrears, per calendar month.
- 45.2 The price for the development activities includes payment for the right to use the software and/or website for the term of the agreement.
- 45.3 The payment for the development of the software and/or website does not include payment for auxiliary software and program and data libraries, and any installation services and any modifications and/or maintenance of the software and/or website required by client. The payment does not include support services for the users of the software and/or website either.

Article 46 Guarantees

- 46.1 The provisions of article 40 with respect to guarantees apply *mutatis mutandis*.
- 46.2 Supplier does not guarantee that the software and/or website it has developed function properly on all sorts of new versions of web browser types and possibly other software and/or websites. Supplier does not guarantee either that the software and/or website function properly on all types of hardware.

Section 6. Maintenance and support of software

The provisions in this section 'Maintenance and support of software' apply, apart from the General provisions of these general terms, if supplier provides services in the field of software maintenance and software support for the use of the software.

Article 47 Maintenance services

- 47.1 If agreed, supplier performs maintenance services for the software specified in the agreement. The obligation to provide

maintenance includes repairing errors in the software in the sense of article 36.3 and, only if this has been agreed in writing, making new versions of the software available in accordance with article 48.

- 47.2 Client is to report, in detail, any errors discovered in the software. Following receipt of the report, supplier makes every effort to repair errors and/or implement corrections in later, new versions of the software in compliance with its applicable procedures. Depending on the urgency and supplier's version and release policy, the results are made available to client in a manner and within the period of time determined by supplier. Supplier is entitled to install temporary solutions, program bypasses or problem-avoiding restrictions in the software. Client itself is responsible for installing, organising, parameterising and tuning the corrected software or the new version of the software made available, and, if necessary, for modifying the hardware and operating environment used. Supplier is never obliged to repair other imperfections than those referred to in this article. In the event supplier is prepared to correct other imperfections than those referred to in this article, supplier is entitled to charge a separate fee for this.
- 47.3 The provisions of article 40.3 and 40.4 apply *mutatis mutandis*.
- 47.4 If supplier performs maintenance services online, client ensures, in due time, that a properly and appropriately secured infrastructure and network facilities are in place.
- 47.5 Client renders every assistance required by supplier for the maintenance services, which includes that client should temporarily stop using the software and should make a backup of all data.
- 47.6 If maintenance concerns software that was not delivered to client by supplier and if supplier believes this is necessary or appropriate in the context of maintenance, client makes the source code and the technical (development) documentation of the software, including data models, designs, change logs and the like, available to supplier. Client guarantees that it is entitled to make the source code and documentation available. Client grants supplier the right to use and modify the software, including the source code and technical (development) documentation, so that supplier can perform the maintenance services agreed on.

Article 48 New versions of the software

- 48.1 Maintenance includes making new versions of the software available only if and insofar as this has been agreed in writing. If maintenance includes making new versions of the software available, these new versions are made available at supplier's discretion.
- 48.2 Three months after an enhanced version has been made available, supplier is no longer obliged to repair errors in the previous version and to provide support and/or perform maintenance services for a previous version.
- 48.3 Supplier may require that client should enter into an additional written agreement with supplier for a version with new functionality and that a further payment should be made for this version. Supplier may incorporate functionality from a previous version of the software in the new version without any modifications, but supplier does not guarantee that each new version includes the same functionality as the previous version. Supplier is not obliged to maintain, modify or add particular features or functionalities in the software especially for client.
- 48.4 Supplier may require that client should modify its system (hardware, web browser, software and the like) if this should be necessary for the proper functioning of a new version of the software.

[Section 6. Development of software and websites article 49.1 up to and including 50.2](#)

[Section 7. Advisory and consultancy article 51 up to and including 53.1](#)

[Section 8 Secondment services article 54 up to and including 54.3](#)

Article 49 Support services

- 49.1 If the services provided by supplier under the agreement include support services to users and/or administrators of the software, supplier advises – online, by telephone or by email – on the use and functioning of the software specified in the agreement. Client is obliged to specify the requests for support as comprehensively and in as much detail as possible so that supplier can respond appropriately. Supplier may set conditions with respect to the way in which support is requested and the qualifications and the number of persons eligible for support. Supplier handles properly substantiated requests for support within a reasonable period of time and in compliance with its applicable procedures. Supplier does not guarantee the correctness, completeness or timeliness of responses or of the support offered. Support services are performed on working days during supplier's usual business hours.
- 49.2 If the services provided by supplier under the agreement include standby services, supplier ensures that one or more staff members are available on the days and at the times specified in the agreement. If standby services have been agreed on, client is entitled, in urgent cases, to call in the support of staff members on standby if there are serious errors, serious malfunctions and other serious imperfections in the functioning of the software. Supplier does not guarantee that these are promptly repaired.
- 49.3 The maintenance and other agreed services referred to in this chapter are performed starting from the date on which the agreement is entered into, unless parties have agreed otherwise in writing.

Article 50 Payment

- 50.1 If no payment scheme has been explicitly agreed on, all sums related to the maintenance of the software and other services as meant in this section and set out in the agreement become due and payable, in advance, per calendar month.
- 50.2 Sums relating to the maintenance of the software and the other services as meant in this section and set out in the agreement are payable when the agreement is entered into. Payment for maintenance and other services is always due, regardless whether client has taken the software into use and regardless whether client actually makes use of the maintenance or support services.

Section 7. Advisory and consultancy services

The provisions in this section 'Advisory and consultancy services' apply, apart from the General provisions of these general terms, if supplier provides services in the field of advice and consultancy, which services are not provided under client's direction and supervision.

Article 51 Performance of advisory and consultancy services

- 51.1 Supplier performs the advisory and consultancy services in a fully independent manner, at its own discretion and without client's supervision and directions.
- 51.2 Supplier does not commit to a completion time of the assignment because the completion time of an assignment in the field of advisory or consultancy services depends on various factors and circumstances, such as the quality of the

data and the information provided by client and the assistance rendered by client and relevant third parties.

- 51.3 Supplier only performs its services on supplier's usual working days and during supplier's usual business hours.
- 51.4 The use that client makes of any advisory and/or a consultancy report drafted by supplier is always at client's risk. The burden of proof is on client to prove that the advisory and/or consultancy services or the way in which these are performed is not in compliance with that which has been agreed on in writing or that which may be expected from a competent supplier acting reasonably, without prejudice to supplier's right to provide evidence to the contrary, using any legal means.
- 51.5 Without supplier's prior written permission, client may not inform any third party about supplier's way of working, methods and techniques and/or the content of supplier's recommendations or reports. Client may not provide supplier's recommendations or reports to a third party or otherwise make supplier's recommendations or reports public.

Article 52 Reporting

- 52.1 Supplier periodically informs client, in the manner agreed on in writing, about the performance of the services. Client informs supplier, in advance and in writing, about circumstances of importance or circumstances that could be of importance to supplier, such as the manner of reporting, the issues to be addressed, client's prioritisation, the availability of client's resources and staff, and special facts or circumstances or facts or circumstances of which supplier is possibly unaware. Client ensures that the information provided by supplier is spread and actually taken notice of within client's organisation or company and client assesses this information, also on this basis, and informs supplier of this.

Article 53 Payment

- 53.1 If no payment scheme has been explicitly agreed on, all sums related to the services provided by supplier as meant in this section become due and payable, in arrears, per calendar month.

Section 8. Secondment services

The provisions in this section 'Secondment services' apply, apart from the General provisions of these general terms, if supplier makes one or more of its employees available to client to perform activities under client's supervision and instructions.

Article 54 Secondment services

- 54.1 Supplier makes the employee specified in the agreement available to perform activities under client's direction and supervision. The results of these activities are at client's risk. Unless otherwise agreed in writing, the employee is made available to client for forty hours a week, during supplier's usual working days.
- 54.2 Client may only deploy the employee made available to perform activities other than the activities agreed on if supplier has agreed to this in advance and in writing.
- 54.3 Client may only second the employee made available to a third party for the purpose of performing activities under that third party's direction and supervision if this has been explicitly agreed in writing.

[Section 8 Secondment services article 54.4 up to and including 58.2](#)

[Section 9 Training courses article 59 up to and including 60.2](#)

54.4 Supplier makes reasonable efforts to ensure that the employee made available remains available, during the agreed days, to perform activities for the term of the agreement, except in the event of the employee's incapacity for work or if the employee leaves supplier's employment. Even if the agreement has been entered into with a view to the activities being performed by one particular person, supplier is always entitled, after consultations with client, to replace this person by one or more persons who have the same qualifications.

54.5 Client is entitled to request that the employee made available should be replaced (i) if the employee made available demonstrably fails to meet the quality requirements explicitly agreed on and client informs supplier about this, stating reasons, within three working days after the activities have started, or (ii) in the event of the relevant employee's prolonged incapacity for work or if the employee leaves supplier's employment. Supplier complies with such a request without delay and as a matter of priority. Supplier does not guarantee that the employee made available can always be replaced. If the employee cannot be replaced or cannot be replaced promptly, both client's rights with respect to further performance of the agreement and all client's claims arising from non-performance of the agreement lapse. Client's payment obligations with respect to the activities already performed continue to apply in full.

Article 55 Duration secondment agreement

55.1 Notwithstanding the provisions of article 4 of these general terms, if nothing has been agreed by parties considering the duration of the secondment, the secondment agreement is seen as an agreement for an indefinite period of time, in which case either party must observe a notice period of one calendar month following any initial term of the agreement. Termination by serving notice of termination (opzegging) must be served in writing.

Article 56 Working hours and working conditions

56.1 The working hours, holiday periods, rest periods and other relevant working conditions of the employee made available are the same as those usually applied by client. Client guarantees that the working hours, holiday periods, rest periods and other relevant working conditions are in compliance with relevant laws and regulations.

56.2 Client informs supplier about any intended temporary or permanent closure of its organisation or company.

Article 57 Overtime pay and travel time

57.1 If, on client's instructions or at client's request, the employee made available works more hours per day than the agreed or usual number of working hours or works on days other than supplier's usual working days, client is charged for these hours at the overtime rate agreed on, or, if no such rate has been agreed on, at supplier's applicable overtime rate. If so requested, supplier informs client about its applicable overtime rates.

57.2 Client is charged for travelling expenses and travel time in accordance with supplier's applicable rules and standards. If so requested, supplier informs client about supplier's applicable rules and standards.

Article 58 Hirer's liability and other liability

58.1 Supplier ensures that amounts payable in terms of payroll tax, national insurance contributions, employee insurance contributions, income-related healthcare contributions and turnover tax for the employee made available under the agreement with client are paid on time and in full. Supplier indemnifies client against any and all claims of the Tax Administration or authorities responsible for implementing social insurance legislation that are due and payable under the agreement with client, provided that client promptly informs supplier, in writing, about such claims when they arise and about the content of a claim and leaves the settlement of that claim, including any arrangements to be made in this regard, entirely up to supplier. Client provides supplier with the powers of attorney and the information required and assists supplier in defending itself, if necessary in client's name, against such claims.

58.2 Supplier does not accept any liability for the quality of the results of the activities performed under client's supervision and instructions.

Section 9. Training courses

The provisions in this section 'Training courses' apply, apart from the General provisions of these general terms, if supplier provides services, under whatever name and in whatever way – for example in electronic form – in the field of education, courses, workshops, trainings, seminars and the like (hereinafter to be referred to as: training courses).

Article 59 Registration and cancellation

59.1 Registration for a training course must take place in writing and is binding following its confirmation by supplier.

59.2 Client is responsible for the choice and suitability of the training course for the participants. A participant's lack of the required prior knowledge does not affect client's obligations under the agreement. Client may replace a training course participant by another participant following supplier's written permission.

59.3 If, in supplier's opinion, the number of registrations should give rise to this, supplier is entitled to cancel the training course, to combine it with one or more training courses or schedule it on a later date or at a later time. Supplier reserves the right to change the location of the training course. Supplier is entitled to change the training course in organisational terms and in terms of content.

59.4 If client or a participant cancels participation in a training course, the consequences of the cancellation are governed by supplier's applicable rules. In any case, cancellation must take place in writing and prior to the training course or the part of the training course concerned. Cancellation or non-attendance does not affect client's payment obligations under the agreement.

Article 60 Training courses

60.1 Client accepts that supplier determines the content and the scope of the training course.

60.2 Client informs the participants about the obligations under the agreement and the rules of conduct and other rules prescribed by supplier for participation in the training course, and client ensures compliance by participants with these obligations and rules.

Section 9. Training courses article 60.3 up to and including 61.3

Section 10. Hosting article 62 up to and including 63.3

- 60.3** If supplier uses its own hardware or software in the training course, supplier does not guarantee that this hardware or software is free of errors and operates without interruption. If the training course is at client's premises, client ensures that an appropriate classroom and properly operating hardware and software are available. In the event the facilities at client's premises appear not meet the requirements and the quality of the training course, therefore, cannot be guaranteed, supplier is entitled not to start or to shorten the training course or to stop it altogether.
- 60.4** The agreement does not include administering an exam or a test.
- 60.5** Client is separately charged for the documentation, training materials or training resources made available or produced for the training course. This also applies for possible training course certificates or duplicates of training course certificates.
- 60.6** If the training course takes place as an e-learning training course, the provisions of the section 'Software-as-a-Service (SaaS)' apply *mutatis mutandis* as much as possible.

Article 61 Price and payment

- 61.1** Supplier may require that client should pay the sums due prior to the start of the training course. Supplier may exclude participants from participating in the training course if client fails to ensure the payment is made in time, without prejudice to any other rights supplier may have.
- 61.2** If supplier has carried out a preliminary study to make a training course plan or has given training course recommendations, client may be separately charged for any costs involved.
- 61.3** Unless supplier has explicitly indicated that the training course is VAT exempt within the meaning of article 11 of the Turnover Tax Act 1968, VAT is payable on client's payment. Supplier is entitled to adjust its prices after the agreement has been entered into in the event of any changes in the VAT regime for training courses as this applies under or pursuant to the law.

Section 10. Hosting

The provisions in this section 'Hosting' apply, apart from the General provisions of these general terms, if supplier provides services, under whatever name, in the field of hosting and hosting-related services.

Article 62 Hosting services

- 62.1** Supplier performs the hosting services agreed on with client.
- 62.2** If the agreement's object is to make hard disk space available, client may not exceed the agreed disk space unless the agreement explicitly arranges for the consequences of doing so. The agreement pertains to making disk space available on a server specifically reserved for client only insofar as this has been explicitly agreed in writing. All use of disk space, data traffic and other use made of systems and infrastructure is restricted to the maximums agreed on by parties. Data traffic that is not used by client in a given period may not be transferred to a subsequent period. If the agreed maximums are exceeded, supplier charges client for an additional compensation at its applicable rates.
- 62.3** Client is responsible for the management, including checks of the settings, and use of the hosting service, and the way in which the results of the service are implemented. If no specific arrangements have been made in this regard, client itself is responsible for installing, organising, parameterising and tuning

the software and auxiliary software, and, where required, modifying the hardware and user environment used and for effecting the interoperability wanted. Supplier is not obliged to perform data conversion.

- 62.4** Only if this has been explicitly agreed in writing, the agreement's object also is to ensure security, back-up, contingency and recovery services or to make these available.
- 62.5** Supplier may temporarily put all or part of the hosting service out of operation for preventive, corrective or adaptive maintenance. Supplier ensures that the period of time during which the service is out of operation does not take longer than necessary and also ensures, where possible, that this takes place outside office hours, and, according to circumstances, have this commence after client has been consulted.
- 62.6** If, under the agreement, supplier provides services to client in the context of a domain name, such as the application for, renewal, alienation or transfer to a third party of that name, client is obliged to observe the rules and methods of the relevant organisation or organisations. At client's request, supplier provides client with a written copy of these rules. Supplier is explicitly neither responsible for the correctness or the promptness of the services nor responsible for achieving the results client intends to achieve. Client is charged for all costs involved in the application and/or registration at the agreed rates and, if no rates have been agreed on, at supplier's applicable rates. Supplier does not guarantee that a domain name client should want to use will actually be assigned to client.

Article 63 Notice and Take Down

- 63.1** At all times, client acts with due care and does not act unlawfully vis-à-vis third parties, more in particular by respecting the intellectual property rights and other rights of third parties and the privacy of third parties, by refraining from spreading information in a manner that is in violation of the law, from granting unauthorised access to systems and from spreading viruses or other harmful programs or data, and by refraining from committing criminal offences and violating any other legal obligations.
- 63.2** To prevent liability to third parties or limit the consequences, supplier is always entitled to take measures with respect to an act or omission of or at client's risk. At supplier's first request in writing, client promptly removes data and/or information from supplier's systems. If client fails to do so, supplier is entitled, at its own option, to delete the data and/or information itself or to make access to the data and/or information impossible. In addition, in the event of a breach or an imminent breach of the provisions of article 63.1, supplier is entitled to deny client access to supplier's systems with immediate effect and without prior notice. All of this is without prejudice to supplier taking any other measures or exercising any other statutory and contractual rights with respect to client. Supplier is also entitled in this case to terminate the agreement by serving notice of termination (opzeggen) with immediate effect without being liable to client for doing so.
- 63.3** Supplier cannot be expected to form an opinion on the validity of the claims of third parties or of client's defence, or to become involved, in any way whatsoever, in any dispute between a third party and client. Client is to deal with the relevant third party in this matter and is to inform supplier in writing, properly substantiated and supported by documents.

Section 11. Hardware purchases article 64 up to and including 68.4

Section 12. Leasing Hardware article 69 up to and including 69.3

Section 11. Hardware purchases

The provisions in this section 'Hardware purchases' apply, apart from the General provisions of these general terms, if supplier sells hardware, of whatever nature, and/or other goods (corporeal objects) to client.

Article 64 Purchase and sale

- 64.1 Supplier sells the hardware and/or other goods according to the nature and number agreed on in writing.
- 64.2 Supplier does not guarantee that the hardware and/or goods are suitable, on delivery, for client's actual and/or intended use unless the intended purposes have been clearly specified, without caveats, in the written agreement.
- 64.3 Supplier's obligation to sell does not include assembly and installation of materials, software, consumer items and articles, batteries, stamps, ink and ink cartridges, toner articles, cables and accessories.
- 64.4 Supplier does not guarantee that the assembly, installation and operating instructions that come with the hardware and/or goods are free of errors and that the hardware and/or goods have the features stated in these instructions.

Article 65 Delivery

- 65.1 The hardware and/or goods sold by supplier to client are delivered to client ex warehouse. If this has been agreed on in writing, supplier delivers the goods sold to client at a location to be designated by client, or has these goods delivered at this location. In this case, supplier informs client, if possible in good time before the delivery, about the time when supplier or the transporter contracted by supplier intends to deliver the hardware and/or goods.
- 65.2 The purchase price of the hardware and/or goods does not include the costs of transportation, insurance, hauling and hoisting, the hiring of temporary facilities and the like. If applicable, client is charged for these costs.
- 65.3 If client requests supplier to remove or destroy old materials – such as networks, cabinets, cable ducts, packaging materials, hardware or data on hardware – or if supplier is legally obliged to do so, supplier may accept this request on the basis of a written order and at its applicable rates. If and insofar as supplier is prohibited by law from requiring payment, for example in the context of the old-for-new scheme, supplier does not charge, where applicable, any costs.
- 65.4 Provided parties have entered into a written agreement to arrange for this, supplier is responsible for installing, configuring and connecting the hardware and/or goods or for having the hardware and/or goods installed, configured and connected. Any obligation of supplier to install and/or configure hardware neither includes data conversion nor software installation. Supplier is not responsible for obtaining any of the licences possibly required.
- 65.5 Supplier is always entitled to perform the agreement in partial deliveries.

Article 66 Test setup

- 66.1 Supplier is only obliged to set up a test environment for the hardware client is interested in if this has been agreed in writing. Supplier may attach financial and other conditions to a test setup. A test setup involves making the standard version of the hardware temporarily available on approval, excluding accessories, in a space made available by client, prior to

client's final decision on whether or not to purchase the hardware in question. Client is liable for the use of, damage to and theft or loss of the hardware that forms part of a test setup.

Article 67 Requirements hardware environment

- 67.1 Client ensures an environment that meets the requirements specified by supplier for the hardware and/or goods, among other things in terms of temperature, humidity and technical requirements.
- 67.2 Client ensures that activities to be performed by third parties, such as constructional work, are performed adequately and on time.

Article 68 Guarantees

- 68.1 Supplier makes every effort to repair defects in the material and manufacturing defects in the hardware and/or goods sold, as well as defects in parts delivered by supplier within the scope of the guarantee, within a reasonable period of time and free of charge if these defects are reported, in detail, to supplier within a period of three months following delivery. If, in supplier's reasonable opinion, the defects cannot be repaired or repair would take too long, or if repair would entail disproportionately high costs, supplier is entitled to replace the hardware and/or goods free of charge with other, similar, though not necessarily identical, hardware and/or goods. The guarantee does not include any data conversion that should be required because of any repair or replacement. All replaced parts are supplier's property. The guarantee obligation no longer applies if defects in the hardware, goods or parts are entirely or partly caused by incorrect, careless or incompetent use or by external circumstances such as fire or water damage, or if client modifies the hardware or parts delivered by supplier under the guarantee, or has these modified, without supplier's permission. Supplier does not withhold such permission on unreasonable grounds.
- 68.2 Client cannot file any claims or further claims concerning non-conformity of hardware and/or goods delivered other than those laid down in article 68.1.
- 68.3 Client is charged for any costs incurred by activities and repairs performed outside the scope of this guarantee at supplier's applicable rates.
- 68.4 Supplier does not have any obligation whatsoever under the purchase agreement with respect to defects and/or other faults reported after the guarantee period referred to in article 68.1 ends.

Section 12. Leasing hardware

The provisions in this section 'Leasing hardware' apply, apart from the General provisions of these general terms, if supplier leases hardware of whatever nature to client.

Article 69 Leasing

- 69.2 Supplier leases to client the hardware and relevant user documentation specified in the lease agreement.
- 69.3 The lease neither includes making software available on separate data carriers nor does it include making the consumer items and articles available that are required to use the hardware, such as batteries, ink and ink cartridges, toner articles, cables and accessories.



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Section 12. Leasing Hardware article 69.4 up to and including 73.4

69.4 The lease commences on the date the hardware is made available to client.

Article 70 Prior inspection

70.1 By way of prior inspection, supplier may draft a report, in client's presence and prior to making the hardware available or when it is made available, describing the state of the hardware, including any defects observed. Supplier may require that client should sign this report, prior to making the hardware available to client for use, to indicate client's agreement with the text of the report. The defects in the hardware listed in this report are at supplier's account. If any defects are observed, parties arrange whether, and if so, how and when, the defects listed in the report must be repaired.

70.2 If client does not properly cooperate in the prior inspection referred to in Article 70.1, supplier is entitled to carry out this prior inspection without client being present and to draft the report itself. This report is binding on client.

70.3 If no prior inspection is carried out, client is deemed to have received the hardware in a proper and undamaged state.

Article 71 Use of the hardware

71.1 Client exclusively uses the hardware in and for its own organisation or company, in compliance with the hardware's intended use under the agreement and at the premises specified in the agreement. Use of the hardware by or for the benefit of third parties is not permitted. The right to use the hardware is non-transferable. Client is not permitted to lease the hardware to a third party or otherwise enable a third party to use the hardware or to make use of it together with client.

71.2 Client itself is responsible for installing and assembling the hardware and making it ready for use.

71.3 Client is not permitted to use the hardware or any part of it as a security or collateral, in any way whatsoever, or to dispose of the hardware or any part of it in another way.

71.4 Client uses and maintains the hardware with due care. Client takes adequate measures to prevent any damage to the hardware. Should there be any damage, client promptly informs supplier about this. For the term of the lease, client is always liable to supplier for damage to the hardware and theft, loss or misappropriation of the hardware.

71.5 Client is neither permitted to modify the hardware, either entirely or partly, nor permitted to add anything to it. If any modifications or additions have nevertheless been made, client is obliged to undo or remove these modifications or additions no later than at the end of the lease agreement.

71.6 Parties agree that defects in the modifications or additions made to the hardware by or under client's instructions and all defects in the hardware caused by those modifications or defects are not considered defects within the sense of article 7:204 of the Netherlands Civil Code. Client can never file a claim against supplier with respect to such defects. Supplier is not obliged to carry out repairs or perform maintenance services with respect to such defects.

71.7 Client is not entitled to any compensation for modifications or additions made by client to the leased hardware if these modifications or additions are not undone or removed, for any reason whatsoever, when or after the lease agreement ends.

71.8 Client promptly informs supplier in writing when the hardware is provisionally attached, stating the identity of the attaching party and the reason for the attachment. Client promptly allows the bailiff levying the attachment to inspect the lease agreement.

Article 72 Maintenance of the leased hardware

72.1 Client is not allowed to maintain the leased hardware itself or have the hardware maintained by a third party.

72.2 Client promptly informs supplier in writing about any defects that it observes in the leased hardware. Supplier makes every effort, within a reasonable period of time and by means of corrective maintenance, to repair defects in the hardware that are at supplier's account. Supplier is also entitled, though not obliged, to perform preventive maintenance services on the hardware. If so requested, client provides supplier with the opportunity to perform corrective and/or preventive maintenance services. Parties determine together, by consultation and in advance, the dates on which and the times at which maintenance services must be performed. Client is not entitled to replacement hardware during periods of time maintenance services are performed.

72.3 Supplier's obligation to repair defects excludes:

- repairing defects that client accepted when entering into the lease agreement;
- repairing defects that are caused by external circumstances;
- repairing defects that can be attributed to client, its staff members and/or third parties contracted by client;
- repairing defects that are caused by careless, incorrect or incompetent use or use that is contrary to the use described in the documentation;
- repairing defects that are related to the use of parts or consumer articles that have not been recommended or authorised by supplier;
- repairing defects that are caused by the hardware being used in a manner that is contrary to its designated use;
- repairing defects that are caused by unauthorised modifications of or additions to the hardware.

72.4 If supplier repairs the defects referred to in the preceding paragraph or has such defects repaired, client is charged, at supplier's applicable rates, for the costs incurred by the repairs carried out.

72.5 Supplier is always entitled to decide against repairing the defects and to replace the hardware with other, similar, though not necessarily identical, hardware.

72.6 Supplier is never obliged to recover or reconstruct data that have been lost.

Article 73 Final inspection and return of hardware

73.1 At the end of the lease agreement, client returns the hardware to supplier in its original state. Any costs of transportation incurred by the return of the hardware are at client's expense.

73.2 Prior to or no later than on the last working day of the lease's term, client renders its assistance in a joint, final inspection of the hardware's condition. The findings of this final inspection are laid down in a report to be jointly drafted by parties. This report must be signed by both parties. If client does not render assistance in the final inspection, supplier is entitled to carry out this inspection without client being present and to draft the report itself. This report is binding on client.

73.3 Supplier is entitled to have the defects that are listed in the final inspection report and that are – within reason – at client's risk and expense, repaired at client's expense. Client is liable for any loss supplier suffers because the hardware is temporarily out of operation or because supplier cannot lease the hardware to a third party.

73.4 If, at the end of the term of the lease, client has not undone a modification or removed an addition that client implemented in

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the hardware, parties agree that client is deemed to have waived any and all rights to those modifications and/or additions.

Section 13. Maintenance of hardware

The provisions in this section 'Maintenance of hardware' apply, apart from the General provisions of these general terms, if supplier maintains hardware, of whatever nature, for client.

Article 74 Maintenance services

- 74.1 Supplier performs maintenance services for the hardware specified in the maintenance agreement provided that the hardware is set up in the Netherlands.
- 74.2 Client is not entitled to temporary replacement hardware during the time that supplier has the hardware that has to be maintained in its possession.
- 74.3 The content and scope of the maintenance services to be performed and the service levels that possibly apply are laid down in a written maintenance agreement. If maintenance has not been agreed on in writing, supplier is obliged to make every effort to repair malfunctions, within a reasonable period of time, that have been reported by client in an appropriate way. In these general terms, 'malfunction' means non-compliance of the hardware with the hardware specifications explicitly made known by supplier in writing or a failure of the hardware to comply with these specifications without interruption. A malfunction only exists if client cannot only demonstrate but also reproduce this malfunction. Supplier is also entitled, though not obliged, to perform preventive maintenance.
- 74.4 Client promptly informs supplier of a malfunction in the hardware, by providing a detailed description of it, when this malfunction occurs.
- 74.5 Client renders all assistance required by supplier in the context of maintenance services, for example to temporarily stop using the hardware. Client grants supplier's staff or third parties designated by supplier access to the location of the hardware, renders the assistance required and makes the hardware available to supplier so that the maintenance services can be performed.
- 74.6 Client ensures that a complete and properly functioning backup is made of all software and data recorded in or on the hardware before the hardware is made available to supplier for maintenance.
- 74.7 At supplier's request, one of client's staff who is an expert in the matter at hand is present for consultation when the maintenance services are performed.
- 74.8 Client is authorised to connect hardware and systems not delivered by supplier to the hardware and install software on that hardware.
- 74.9 If, in supplier's opinion, maintenance of the hardware should require testing the hardware's connections with other hardware or software, client makes both the other hardware and software in question and the test procedures and data carriers available to supplier.
- 74.10 Testing material required for maintenance that is not included in supplier's normal range of hardware is to be made available by client.
- 74.11 Client bears the risk of loss or theft of, or damage to, the hardware during the time that supplier has the hardware that has to be maintained in its possession. It is up to client to take

out insurance against this risk.

Article 75 Maintenance fees

- 75.1 The maintenance fee does not include:
 - costs of consumer articles, or of replacing these articles, such as batteries, stamps, ink and ink cartridges, toner articles, cables and accessories;
 - costs of parts, or of replacing these parts, and of maintenance to repair malfunctions that were entirely or partly caused by attempts at repair by parties other than supplier;
 - activities performed for overhaul of the hardware;
 - modifications of the hardware;
 - moving, relocating or reinstalling hardware, or costs for transportation where hardware is to be repaired or any other activities arising from these activities.
- 75.2 The maintenance fee is due regardless whether client has put the hardware to use and makes use of it and regardless whether client makes use of the maintenance option.

Article 76 Exclusions

- 76.1 Activities performed to investigate or repair malfunctions that are caused by or connected with user errors, improper use of the hardware or external circumstances such as failures of internet services, data network connections, power supplies or connections to hardware, software or materials that do not come under the maintenance agreement, do not fall within the scope supplier's obligations under the maintenance agreement.
- 76.2 Supplier's obligations with respect to maintenance do not cover:
 - investigating or repairing malfunctions that are caused by or connected with a modification of the hardware carried out by a party other than supplier or a party acting on behalf of supplier;
 - use of the hardware in breach of the applicable conditions and client's failure to have the hardware maintained in time.
 Supplier's maintenance obligations do not include investigating or repairing malfunctions in the software installed on the hardware.
- 76.3 Any costs incurred by maintenance services and/or investigations carried out under articles 76.1 and/or 76.2 can be charged by supplier, or charged as extra costs by supplier, at supplier's applicable rates.
- 76.4 Supplier is never obliged to recover corrupted or lost data.

Amendments and Additions to General Terms and Conditions, the following additions and/or amendments apply to the articles in the General Terms and Conditions as established in the NLdigital terms:

Circular IT group, referred to as the Supplier in the NLdigital terms, wishes to add the following new articles to Chapter 12 (Rental of Equipment) of the General Terms and Conditions, which shall read as follows:

Supplementary Article: Rental of Goods

Rental agreements for the goods are entered into for the term specified in the order. The Client, referred to in these supplementary articles as the Customer, must notify Circular IT group no later than five (5) business days before the expiration of the rental period if they wish to return the goods. If the Client fails to do so, the rental period will automatically be extended for the same duration and under the same conditions, unless Circular IT group informs the Client of its intention to terminate the Agreement.

Unless otherwise stated in the Agreement, all rental fees are invoiced at the start of the initial rental term. If the rental agreement is extended at a later stage, the subsequent rental fees will be invoiced at the time of extension unless otherwise agreed.

Circular IT group does not guarantee that the rented goods are compatible with other hardware, software, or materials and/or that they can be used for the purposes intended by the Client.

Circular IT group will make the goods available and deliver them to the Client at the agreed location. Circular IT group determines the shipping method and packaging materials, unless explicitly agreed otherwise. The risk associated with the goods transfers to the Client upon delivery.

The Client must handle and maintain the goods with care. Specifically, the Client shall:

- (1) Use the goods as a cautious and responsible renter.
- (2) Use the goods solely for the purposes for which they are intended and rented.
- (3) Operate the goods in compliance with safety regulations and user manuals.
- (4) Take all reasonable measures to prevent damage or loss of the goods.
- (5) Pay or reimburse Circular IT group for fines, costs, and taxes incurred in connection with the Client's use of the goods.
- (6) Not sublet, lease, loan, or otherwise make the goods available to third parties without prior written consent from Circular IT group
- (7) Not allow third parties to maintain, repair, or restore the goods.
- (8) Not modify the goods.
- (9) Not use the goods in a manner that violates the law or infringes upon third-party rights.
- (10) Not delete any data from the hardware of the goods without prior written consent from Circular IT group
- (11) Adequately insure the goods against common risks, such as (but not limited to) loss, fire, damage, and theft.
- (12) Return the goods at the end of the rental period clean, undamaged, and in good working order.
- (13) Retain all packaging materials and repackage the goods upon return in accordance with Circular IT group's instructions.

If at any point during the rental period the Client discovers that the rented data-carrying goods contain data not intended for them, the Client must immediately notify Circular IT group and allow Circular IT group to remove the data. The Client must treat such data as confidential and refrain from disclosing or distributing it.

Circular IT group reserves the right to inspect the condition of the rented goods and how they are used at any time during the rental period, either by remote inspection or physical inspection. The Client must grant Circular IT group immediate and unhindered access to the rented goods upon request.

Circular IT group is entitled to reclaim the delivered goods from the Client or any third parties holding the goods if the Client fails to fulfill their obligations. The Client must provide all necessary cooperation upon the first request.

The Client indemnifies Circular IT group from all consequences arising from non-compliance with conditions (including, but not limited to, licensing requirements) relating to software associated with the rented goods.

Except as stated in this article, all goods rented by the Client remain at the Client's risk and liability, and the Client remains responsible for any defects or damage until the goods are returned to Circular IT group and inspected by them. The Client is not only liable for repair costs but also for direct and indirect damages incurred by Circular IT group as a result. Exceptions to this liability are defects or damages for which Circular IT group is demonstrably responsible.

If defects, damages (including partial or total loss, such as theft), losses, or damages caused by conflict (force majeure), malfunctions occur during the rental period, or if a rented good is destroyed (e.g., by fire), lost, or seized (or at risk of seizure), the Client must notify Circular IT group as soon as possible, but no later than two (2) business days after discovery. Following the discovery of defects, damage, malfunction, loss, or seizure (or risk thereof), the Client must:

- (i) Follow the instructions provided by Circular IT group; and
- (ii) Continue using the goods only with Circular IT group's explicit consent.

If a rented good is lost or stolen, or damaged or lost due to conflict (force majeure), the Client must immediately report the incident to the police and provide a copy of the police report to Circular IT group as soon as it is received.

If Circular IT group is notified on time about defects, loss, or damage to the goods, or destruction of the goods or malfunctions as mentioned above, and the Client can demonstrate that these were not caused by the Client and are not due to any of the causes or circumstances mentioned above, Circular IT group will make reasonable efforts—where commercially feasible—to provide the Client with replacement goods that are identical or comparable to the non-compliant goods.

Goods with defects, damage, or malfunctions resulting from the following circumstances, or for which the Client is responsible, are not eligible for replacement or refund. The Client assumes all associated risks and is liable for compensation for damages. These include the new value of the item, the cost of replacing the item (at new value), repair costs, rental fees for the remaining rental period, and costs for returning the goods to Circular IT group. This does not affect Circular IT group's other rights to claim damages. The circumstances are:

1. Improper use or insufficient preparation of the location where the goods are to be installed.
2. Modifications or insufficient system maintenance (unless performed by or with the approval of Circular IT group).
3. Defects and/or limitations caused by non-Circular IT group goods affecting the functionality of the rented goods.
4. Loss of data or system downtime.
5. Harmful software (e.g., viruses, worms, etc.) not introduced by Circular IT group or resulting from the Client's failure to take reasonable protective measures, such as up-to-date antivirus and firewall software.
6. Improper use, negligence, accident, fire, water or dust damage, power outages, transport by the Client, or other causes beyond the control of Circular IT group

The Client has the right to cancel orders or terminate the Agreement in writing under the following conditions. If the Client cancels a placed order or terminates the Agreement before the (rental) start date or during the term of the Agreement, the Client owes Circular IT group compensation equal to 100% of the total rental price (or other agreed fee) under the order and/or the Agreement, regardless of the timing of cancellation.

At the end of the rental period or in the event of termination or cancellation of the rental agreement, the Client is required to return the rented goods immediately, during business hours, in their original condition and properly cleaned, to the address specified by Circular IT group. The Client must report any non-visible defects and issues with the functionality of the hardware to Circular IT group within twenty-four (24) hours of delivery. Circular IT group is at all times entitled to reclaim the delivered goods from the Client at the end of the rental period.

The Client must ensure that the goods are properly packaged for return. This means that the goods must be returned in their original packaging and placed in the supplied packing materials. If the supplied packing materials are missing after the goods are returned, Circular IT group is entitled to charge the Client the replacement cost.

The Client must also ensure that all passwords and login credentials associated with the goods are removed. If passwords and/or login credentials are not removed, resulting in the goods becoming inaccessible for further use,

Circular IT group will invoice the Client for the replacement value of the affected goods. When the goods are returned to Circular IT group, the company is in no way liable for the loss of data stored on the goods. Circular IT group is also not required to store or retain such data. Furthermore, Circular IT group is entitled to delete or destroy the data stored on the goods in whole or in part at its discretion.

If the goods are not returned to Circular IT group at the agreed time and place, Circular IT group has the right, at its discretion, to charge the Client the rental fees due under the Agreement for the period from the agreed time of return until the actual receipt by Circular IT group, as well as the additional shipping costs, on a pro rata basis.

When the goods are returned, Circular IT group will inspect the goods after they have arrived at the warehouse. If it appears that the goods are damaged and/or no longer function properly, Circular IT group will notify the Client as soon as practically possible.

No refund will be provided to the Client if the goods are collected or returned earlier than the rental end date.

In the event of immediate termination of the rental agreement, Circular IT group is entitled to immediately reclaim the goods owned by Circular IT group. The Client hereby declares that they will grant Circular IT group access to the rented or other materials and will fully cooperate with such reclamation of the goods or other materials, while all costs incurred by or on behalf of Circular IT group for the reclamation shall be borne by the Client.

If the Client breaches one or more provisions of this article, the Client shall owe Circular IT group, without any further notice of default and/or judicial intervention, an immediately payable penalty of EUR 2,500.00 (two thousand five hundred euros) per day per violation and an additional amount of EUR 5,000.00 (five thousand euros) for each day the violation continues after the Client has been notified of the breach. This does not prejudice the other rights that Circular IT group has under the law, these General Terms and Conditions, or any other basis, including (but not limited to) the right to enforce compliance and the right to claim compensation for damages, to the extent that the actual damage exceeds the amount of the penalty. Articles 6:92 paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Dutch Civil Code are expressly excluded.

Supplementary Article: Supplier Liability for Data Breaches

The Client is not entitled to recover from the Supplier any administrative fines imposed on them by the supervisory authority, regardless of the legal grounds. In this chapter (2), "supervisory authority" refers to a regulatory authority as defined in the GDPR. If the Client intends to recover an administrative fine imposed on them from the Supplier, this must be explicitly included in the cooperation agreement. If this is not specified in the agreement, the possibility of recovery is forfeited unless otherwise stated in the standard terms and conditions.

Supplementary Article: Security

Additional requirements from the Client to Circular IT group regarding extra measures, requirements, and the consequences of such measures and/or requirements must be explicitly specified in the agreement to be established between the Client and Circular IT group.

Supplementary Article: Certificates

Circular IT group may deviate from prescribed certifications, provided that the certifications it maintains substantively meet the standards that the Client may reasonably expect based on the agreement. Where NLDigital applies the Data Pro Code, Circular IT group will respect this code or refer to its own acquired certifications.

Supplementary Article: Data Deletion for Returned Equipment

Circular IT group may, during the execution of its assignments, accept unused or replacement equipment as part of its service offering, including data deletion. However, the responsibility for ensuring the removal of data, including personal data, lies with the Client. Encryption and physical security of the equipment are recommended measures to prevent damage. Failure to implement these recommended measures releases Circular IT group from liability.

The Client must notify Circular IT group in advance when equipment containing large volumes of personal data is being returned. If no such notification is made, Circular IT group cannot be held liable for any damages or claims. Circular IT group will process personal data in accordance with the GDPR and its Privacy Policy, as stated on its website. If Circular IT group processes personal data on behalf of the Client, this will be considered a data processing agreement. Personal data will not be used for other purposes without the Client's written consent.

Although Circular IT group endeavors to delete data entirely using approved software, it is not liable for indirect damages resulting from incomplete data deletion, even if a certificate has been issued. The total liability of Circular IT group is limited to an agreed amount as specified in these general terms and conditions.

Supplementary Article: Transport and Delivery

A. Unless expressly agreed otherwise in writing, delivery is EXW (Incoterms 2020).

B. If the parties expressly agree in writing to a delivery method other than EXW, it remains the case that even if Circular IT group has arranged the transport and advanced and/or paid the transport costs, the counterparty is liable for all damage that occurs during transport.

C. If the parties expressly agree in writing to a delivery method other than EXW, the counterparty must ensure proper accessibility of the location where the goods/services are to be delivered by and/or on behalf of Circular IT group. If, in the opinion of Circular IT group, the location is not properly accessible, Circular IT group cannot in any way be compelled by and/or on behalf of the counterparty to deliver the goods. However, if Circular IT group still cooperates in delivering the goods, it may charge the counterparty for any additional costs incurred.

D. Upon arrival/acceptance of the goods, the counterparty must inspect the goods for defects, damages, and irregularities. If it is found that there are defects, damages, or irregularities in the goods or materials, the counterparty must take all measures to claim compensation from the carrier. By signing the receipt provided by or on behalf of Circular IT group/the carrier without noting any objections, the counterparty declares that the goods have been received in good condition. If the counterparty accepts the goods but does not sign the receipt provided by or on behalf of Circular IT group/the carrier, the counterparty declares that the goods have been received in good condition.

E. If Circular IT group permits the counterparty to return goods delivered by or on behalf of the company in whole or in part, this is allowed solely under the "RMA and Conditions," unless expressly agreed otherwise in writing. Circular IT group may disclose the content of the "RMA and Conditions" procedure only before the goods are returned, without this affecting the applicability of this provision. If the counterparty returns goods in violation of the "RMA and Conditions" procedure, Circular IT group may refuse to accept the goods or accept them without granting any rights to the counterparty. In the event of returns in violation of the RMA conditions, Circular IT group has the right to retain the goods as additional security, the right to send these goods back to the counterparty at their expense and risk, the right to offer the goods for collection by the counterparty, whether or not after the counterparty has paid their outstanding debts, and, if the counterparty remains in default after four weeks, the right to sell, dispose of, or (arrange to) destroy the returned goods.

Supplementary Article: Payment Terms

Unless expressly agreed otherwise in writing, invoices from Circular IT group must be paid within 14 days of the invoice date, without any discount, withholding, or any form of set-off. If the counterparty's creditworthiness gives cause for concern, Circular IT group may demand further security. As long as the counterparty does not provide such security, Circular IT group may suspend its work and/or deliveries without prejudice to its right to performance and/or compensation.

Supplementary Article: Complaints

A. Any complaints about the delivery of goods by Circular IT group, the services provided by Circular IT group, the work performed by Circular IT group, or the amount of its invoices must be submitted in writing to Circular IT group within seven days of receipt of the respective goods, services, or invoices, with precise details of the facts to which the complaints relate.

B. If it has been agreed that Circular IT group bears the risk of transport, complaints arising from the transport performed by and/or on behalf of the counterparty regarding the delivered items must be submitted within two working days, with precise details of the facts to which the complaints relate. If the damage is deemed visible upon receipt of the goods, this must also be noted on a delivery receipt or consignment note signed by or on behalf of the counterparty.

C. If the submitted complaint concerns the return of goods, the "RMA and Conditions" of Circular IT group apply, unless expressly agreed otherwise in writing. The counterparty can find the "RMA and Conditions" in the appendix "RMA and Conditions" of these General Terms and Conditions. These conditions are also available upon request from Circular IT group.

D. The counterparty's right to complain lapses if the goods are processed or processed on its behalf.

E. The counterparty cannot derive any rights from the handling of a complaint by Circular IT group and/or its approval of the RMA request. Filing a complaint does not relieve the counterparty of its payment obligations to Circular IT group

F. The counterparty is not only obliged to immediately cease the use, modification, processing, and/or installation of the relevant goods and/or services and to take all reasonable measures to prevent (further) damage, but is also required, at the request of Circular IT group, to provide full cooperation in resolving the complaint within a reasonable timeframe of ten working days.

G. If the complaints submitted by the counterparty do not meet the aforementioned requirements, they will no longer be processed, and the counterparty will be deemed to have approved the delivered goods and/or services. Circular IT group cannot, in any form or manner, be held liable by and/or on behalf of the counterparty for the alleged complaint and its consequences.

H. If Circular IT group deems a complaint to be justified, it may, at its sole discretion: (i) pay the counterparty an amount mutually agreed upon to compensate for the value of the goods to which the complaint relates, (ii) redeliver the goods under the existing agreement, (iii) properly repair the delivered goods, or (iv) dissolve the agreement, subject to the counterparty's obligation to return the incorrectly delivered or defective goods to Circular IT group freight paid. This constitutes the sole right and remedy of the counterparty and the sole obligation of Circular IT group regarding defects and non-conforming goods, services, or work.

I. Circular IT group will only process complaints if, at the time of submission, the counterparty has fully complied with all its existing obligations to Circular IT group, regardless of the nature of those obligations.

J. Circular IT group may refuse returns that are not or insufficiently prepaid or inadequately packaged. All returns from the counterparty must be sent exclusively under the "RMA and Conditions" (see Articles 5.6 and 5.7) and at the expense and risk of the counterparty.

K. Circular IT group reserves the right to charge the counterparty for any additional costs incurred in handling complaints deemed unfounded by and/or on behalf of the counterparty.

Supplementary Article: Warranties

Notwithstanding the detailed RMA procedure as described in the RMA procedure document, the following applies to warranties:

A. Unless expressly agreed otherwise in writing, the warranty that Circular IT group has received from the manufacturer or supplier (hereinafter referred to as "the manufacturer") applies to the goods delivered by Circular IT group. In these cases, the counterparty is granted a warranty in accordance with the warranty clause of the manufacturer that is attached to the goods. The counterparty must contact the manufacturer to claim such a "manufacturer's warranty" (the manufacturer's warranty exists between the manufacturer and the counterparty, Circular IT group is not a party to this and has no obligations toward the counterparty under the manufacturer's warranty).

B. To the extent that Circular IT group has agreed with the manufacturer that the warranty will be handled entirely or partially through Circular IT group, or if Circular IT group has explicitly agreed with the counterparty that Circular IT group will claim the manufacturer's warranty on behalf of the counterparty and the counterparty approaches Circular IT group in accordance with the "RMA and Conditions," Circular IT group acts solely as an intermediary between the counterparty and the manufacturer. In these cases, the "RMA and Conditions" as described in Appendix 9 apply. Circular IT group accepts no responsibility and/or liability for the duration and/or quality of the manufacturer's warranty.

C. If Circular IT group provides a warranty directly to the counterparty, this can only occur if Circular IT group has expressly agreed to it in writing in the offer/quotation provided to the customer. No warranty is provided based on the provisions stated in these terms and conditions.

In the case where a warranty is provided, the "Supplementary Article: RMA Procedure & General Warranty Conditions" applies. It may occur that specific warranty conditions apply to a specific delivery. In that case, the "Supplementary Article: RMA Procedure & General Warranty Conditions" functions as a supplement. If there are contradictions, the specifically defined warranty conditions will prevail.

D. If a manufacturer's warranty applies and the counterparty claims it, this can only be determined after the nature of the complaint has been definitively established by or on behalf of the warrantor whether the complaint concerning the delivered product falls under the applicability of the manufacturer's warranty.

E. If the complaint does not fall under the applicability of the manufacturer's warranty and Circular IT group has delivered replacement goods to the counterparty at the request of and/or on behalf of the counterparty or the manufacturer before the final determination, Circular IT group may charge the counterparty for the period during which it has possession of the replacement goods, including return transport, at rates equal to the normal rental price for that product at Circular IT group

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Notwithstanding the detailed RMA procedure as described in the supplementary article on the RMA procedure, the following applies to warranties:

A. Unless expressly agreed otherwise in writing, the warranty that Circular IT group has received from the manufacturer or supplier (hereinafter referred to as "the manufacturer") applies to the goods delivered by Circular IT group. In these cases, the counterparty is granted a warranty in accordance with the provisions of the manufacturer's warranty clause that accompanies the goods. The counterparty must approach the manufacturer to claim such a "manufacturer's warranty" (the manufacturer's warranty exists between the manufacturer and the counterparty; Circular IT group is not a party to this and has no obligations toward the counterparty under the manufacturer's warranty).

B. To the extent that Circular IT group has agreed with the manufacturer that the warranty will be processed entirely or partially through Circular IT group, or if Circular IT group has expressly agreed with the counterparty that Circular IT group will claim the manufacturer's warranty on behalf of the counterparty and the counterparty approaches Circular IT group in accordance with the "RMA and Conditions," Circular IT group acts solely as an intermediary between the counterparty and the manufacturer. In these cases, the "RMA and Conditions" as described in Annex 9 apply. Circular IT group assumes no responsibility and/or liability for the duration and/or quality of the manufacturer's warranty.

C. If Circular IT group directly provides a warranty to the counterparty, this can only occur if Circular IT group has expressly agreed to this in writing in the offer/quotation provided to the client. No warranty is provided based on the provisions stated in these terms and conditions.

In the case of a provided warranty, the "Supplementary Article: RMA Procedure & General Warranty Conditions" applies. Specific warranty conditions may apply to a particular delivery. In such cases, the "Supplementary Article: RMA Procedure & General Warranty Conditions" acts as a supplement. If there are contradictions, the specifically defined warranty conditions will prevail.

D. If there is a manufacturer's warranty and the counterparty claims it, this can only be determined after the nature of the complaint has been definitively established by or on behalf of the warrantor as to whether the complaint concerning the delivered product falls under the applicability of the manufacturer's warranty.

E. If the complaint does not fall under the applicability of the manufacturer's warranty and Circular IT group, at the request of and/or on behalf of the counterparty or the manufacturer, has delivered replacement goods to the counterparty before the final determination, Circular IT group may charge the counterparty for the period during which it has possession of the replacement goods, including return transport, at rates equal to the normal rental price for that product at Circular IT group

Supplementary Article: Compliance and Export Control

A. The counterparty must comply with all applicable laws and regulations, including those concerning export controls and anti-bribery. The counterparty agrees to conduct screenings on all end-users of the goods delivered by Circular IT group to ensure that all trade and financial sanctions or embargoes imposed by the UN Security Council, the European Union and its Member States, or the United States – in particular, the sanctions enforced by the U.S. Department of Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") – and any similar sanctions imposed by a governmental authority with jurisdiction over the other party are adhered to. These screenings must at least include: (i) the name and business or residential address of the legal entity, the persons registered as owners or directors, and the persons with whom business is conducted or contracts are made, and

(ii) an assessment of the information under (i) based on documentation against the current consolidated sanctions list from OFAC (<https://home.treasury.gov/policyissues/financial-sanctions/consolidated-sanctions-list-data-files>).

The counterparty is not permitted to engage in business or transactions concerning the goods delivered by Circular IT group that violate the above sanctions or embargoes. In particular, the counterparty must ensure that the goods are not sold, exported, delivered, resold, used, or otherwise end up in Afghanistan, Belarus, Myanmar, Libya, Sudan (North and South), Iran, Cuba, Syria, North Korea, occupied areas of Ukraine, and Crimea, or to or with persons, groups, entities, or companies listed on the Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List of the U.S. Department of Treasury.

B. As part of the agreement, the counterparty must provide Circular IT group with documents, including but not limited to, a REACH declaration with supporting reports and a CE declaration with supporting reports showing compliance with the relevant EU directives for all spare parts and other components and accessories.

- All applicable export list numbers, including the export control classification number
- According to the U.S. Commerce Control List (ECCN);
- The statistical commodity code according to the current goods classification for foreign trade statistics;
- The HS classification (Harmonized System);
- The country of origin (non-preferential origin);
- Supplier declaration of preferential origin (in the case of European suppliers) or preferential certificates (in the case of non-European suppliers);
- A registration number from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

C. The counterparty further complies with the relevant legislation (e.g., EMC and RoHS) with an IEC 60825 certificate or equivalent, an IEC 60950 certificate or equivalent, an admission number, including a confirmation letter and other attachments or documents relating to the items or requested by Circular IT group

D. The counterparty must comply with all applicable export control, customs, and foreign trade regulations ("Foreign Trade Regulations" or FTR) and must actively and promptly inform Circular IT group of all information and data that Circular IT group needs to comply with all foreign trade regulations for export and import, as well as re-export.

E. If the obligations mentioned in this article are violated, the counterparty is fully liable for all costs and/or damage resulting from such violation and must indemnify Circular IT group for any claims and the resulting damage and costs from a third party based on that breach.

Supplementary Article: RMA Procedure & General Warranty Conditions

PROCEDURE FOR RETURNING MATERIAL, AUTHORIZATION, AND CONDITIONS
(also referred to as 'RMA and Conditions')

A. Introductory General Provisions:

- a. Return Material Authorization ('RMA') refers to the written authorization by Circular IT group for the counterparty to return goods by and/or on behalf of the counterparty.
- b. The counterparty must submit a request for authorization ('RMA request') to Circular IT group for all goods to be returned by the counterparty to Circular IT group. The counterparty cannot derive any rights from the submission of an RMA request other than that it has made such a request.
- c. Circular IT group is free to determine whether, and if so, for which goods and under which conditions other than those specified in this annex, an RMA will be granted to the counterparty. The counterparty cannot derive any rights from the issuance of an RMA other than that Circular IT group has agreed to the return of the goods listed in the RMA request under the applicability of the 'RMA and Conditions'.
- d. The 'RMA and Conditions' refer to the conditions that the returned goods must comply with before and during their shipment to Circular IT group
- e. The 'RMA and Conditions' apply to all goods to be returned to Circular IT group, unless expressly agreed otherwise in writing. Goods eligible for return under RMA are divided into the following groups: A. Manufacturer Warranty and DOA (Dead On Arrival), B. Circular IT group Warranty, C. Out of Warranty, D. Transport Damage, E. Trial Shipments and/or Shipments with Approval. The term DOA (Dead On Arrival) is used only for the purpose of the 'RMA and

Conditions' under a manufacturer warranty.

f. The return costs are always borne by the counterparty.

B. RMA Request:

An RMA must be preceded by an explicit request, which is digitally submitted by the counterparty by completing an online RMA request form available on the Circular IT group website. If the counterparty's request concerns goods previously invoiced by Circular IT group, the RMA is limited to the goods listed on the invoice sent by Circular IT group. Unless expressly agreed otherwise in writing, goods from multiple invoices may not be included in the same RMA. Therefore, the counterparty must always enter the correct invoice number on the RMA request form.

Circular IT group will not accept incomplete and/or unclear request forms. Circular IT group cannot be held liable in any way for such submissions by and/or on behalf of the counterparty.

When processing the RMA request, Circular IT group may require a copy of the counterparty's invoice. Failure to provide the invoice may result in the RMA request being rejected or delayed in its processing.

C. Warranty Claims:

The following applies to warranties in addition to and notwithstanding the provisions of the article "Supplementary Article: Warranties".

If the counterparty wishes to return goods and submit a warranty claim, Circular IT group advises the counterparty to first verify whether the warranty claim falls within the warranty conditions before submitting the RMA request. In the case of a manufacturer warranty, this is usually specified in the warranty clauses. If Circular IT group has issued a warranty, this will be stated in the warranty clauses in the offer/quotation provided to the customer. No warranty is provided based on the provisions stated in these terms and conditions.

Unless expressly agreed otherwise in writing, the warranty start date for goods under Circular IT group's warranty is the delivery date as stated on the Circular IT group invoice. The warranty automatically expires at the end of the agreed warranty period. If no delivery date is stated on the invoice, the invoice date is considered the start date for the warranty period unless an earlier delivery date can be demonstrated with shipping proof, in which case the delivery date on the shipping proof is the start date of the warranty.

C.1 Manufacturer Warranty and DOA

If the counterparty wishes to return goods and make a claim under the manufacturer's warranty, the counterparty must contact the manufacturer directly for the processing and handling of the warranty claim, unless the manufacturer refers the counterparty to Circular IT group in accordance with Article 9.9 or the counterparty and Circular IT group have otherwise agreed.

If the goods purchased and received by the counterparty are 'Dead On Arrival' (DOA) and fall under the manufacturer's warranty, the manufacturer's terms apply, provided the manufacturer offers a suitable arrangement. The counterparty must report the DOA directly to the manufacturer and follow the manufacturer's instructions.

C.2 Manufacturer Warranty and DOA via the Circular IT group RMA Procedure

In certain cases, goods under manufacturer warranty or DOA can only be returned after explicit approval from Circular IT group and only through the RMA request and under the applicability of the 'RMA and Conditions'. In these cases, the manufacturer has agreed with Circular IT group to refer the counterparty entirely or partially to Circular IT group for the handling of the manufacturer warranty/DOA, or Circular IT group has explicitly agreed in writing with the counterparty to handle any claims for the manufacturer warranty/DOA on behalf of the counterparty.

If a DOA occurs and the goods are to be returned to Circular IT group in accordance with Article C.2.b of this annex, the counterparty must always first request a DOA authorization form from the manufacturer. The counterparty must then submit an RMA request within five working days of the date of the DOA authorization form, attaching the DOA authorization form.

After obtaining an RMA for goods under the manufacturer warranty, the counterparty must ensure that the goods are ready for shipment.

C.3 Circular IT group Warranty

If the counterparty wishes to return goods for a claim under Circular IT group's warranty and/or it is necessary for the handling of the warranty claim by Circular IT group, this can only be done via an RMA request and under the applicability of the 'RMA and Conditions'.

After obtaining an RMA for goods under Circular IT group's warranty, the counterparty must ensure that the goods are ready for shipment as described in the paragraph on other general provisions (counterparty obligations) of this procedure, and in the case of a Carry-in warranty, as described in the same article.

C.4 Out of Warranty

Goods delivered in accordance with the agreement:

If the counterparty wishes to return goods delivered 'in accordance with the agreement' due to an incorrect order or similar issue, this can only be done with explicit approval from Circular IT group and solely through the RMA request and under the applicability of the 'RMA and Conditions'. Circular IT group is under no obligation to approve return requests for goods delivered 'in accordance with the agreement'. Goods that are no longer part of Circular IT group's assortment, out of stock, unsellable, and/or altered at the counterparty's request, are never eligible for return and/or credit by Circular IT group. This also applies to warranty packages, parts, memory, software, etc.

If the counterparty submits an RMA request for goods delivered in accordance with the agreement and Circular IT group grants the RMA, these goods, including all accessories, must be returned as new, undamaged, with unbroken seals, and in the original undamaged and unopened packaging in accordance with the RMA and the instructions from Circular IT group. If damage has occurred by and/or on behalf of the counterparty that could have been prevented, Circular IT group will charge at least 10% of the sales price as compensation for that damage.

The counterparty must submit an RMA request to Circular IT group within five days of the delivery date indicated on the invoice for the return of goods delivered 'in accordance with the agreement'.

If no delivery date is indicated on the invoice, the invoice date will be the starting date unless an earlier delivery date can be proven by a shipping receipt, in which case the delivery date on the shipping receipt will be the delivery date.

If Circular IT group grants an RMA for goods delivered 'in accordance with the agreement' after the counterparty's RMA request and the goods are received by Circular IT group in accordance with the 'RMA and Conditions' and accepted after processing, the associated restocking and administrative costs are borne by the counterparty. The costs amount to 20% of the sales value if the packaging of the goods is unopened, and 25% of the sales value if the packaging is opened, with a minimum of €60.00 (sixty euros) per box (or product).

After obtaining an RMA for goods delivered 'in accordance with the agreement', the counterparty must ensure that the goods are ready for shipment.

Goods Not Delivered in Accordance with the Agreement:

If the counterparty wishes to return goods delivered "not in accordance with the agreement" to Circular IT group, this can only be done after explicit approval from Circular IT group and exclusively through the RMA request and under the applicability of the 'RMA and Conditions'.

If the counterparty submits an RMA request for goods delivered "not in accordance with the agreement," Circular IT group has granted an RMA for these goods, and the exterior of the packaging clearly refers to goods that do not meet the agreement, these goods, including all accessories, must be returned as new, undamaged, with unbroken seals, and in the original undamaged and unopened packaging in accordance with the RMA and instructions from Circular IT group. If damage has occurred by and/or on behalf of the counterparty that could have been prevented, Circular IT group will charge at least 10% of the sales price as compensation for that damage.

The counterparty must submit an RMA request to Circular IT group for the return of goods delivered "not in accordance with the agreement" within five days of the delivery date stated on the invoice.

If no delivery date is indicated on the invoice, the invoice date will serve as the starting date, unless an earlier delivery date can be proven by shipping evidence, in which case the delivery date on the shipping proof will be the delivery date.

After receiving an RMA for goods "not in accordance with the agreement," the counterparty must ensure the goods are ready for shipment.

C.5 Transport Damage

If the counterparty wishes to return goods with "transport damage" to Circular IT group, this can only be done after explicit approval from Circular IT group and exclusively through the RMA request and under the applicability of the 'RMA and Conditions'.

Goods with transport damage are only eligible for an RMA under transport damage if the goods were shipped at the expense and risk of Circular IT group to the counterparty, and transport damage has occurred. If the damage is deemed visible immediately upon receipt of the goods, this must also be noted on a consignment note or delivery receipt signed by or on behalf of the counterparty.

If the counterparty wishes to return goods with transport damage to Circular IT group, the counterparty must submit an RMA request for the return of the delivered goods to Circular IT group within two working days of the delivery date stated on the invoice.

If no delivery date is indicated on the invoice, the invoice date will serve as the starting date, unless an earlier delivery date can be proven by shipping evidence, in which case the delivery date on the shipping proof will be the delivery date.

If the counterparty submits an RMA request for goods delivered with transport damage, Circular IT group has granted an RMA, and the exterior of the packaging clearly refers to goods delivered with transport damage, these goods must be returned without further damage and including all accessories, with unbroken seals, and in the original undamaged and unopened packaging, in accordance with the RMA and the instructions from Circular IT group. If further damage occurs that could have been prevented, Circular IT group will charge at least 10% of the sales price as compensation for that damage.

After receiving an RMA for goods delivered with "transport damage," the counterparty must ensure the goods are ready for shipment.

D. Other General Provisions:

Circular IT group will arrange the transportation of all goods to be returned by the counterparty under RMA, except for goods to be returned under the applicability of the Carry-in warranty and goods that are DOA (Dead On Arrival). In these exceptional cases, the counterparty will handle the transportation. In cases where the counterparty arranges the transportation, the goods are transported at the counterparty's expense and risk.

If Circular IT group arranges the transportation, the goods are transported at the counterparty's expense and risk, except for goods covered by the Pick-up and Return warranty and goods delivered "not in accordance with the agreement." If a Pick-up and Return warranty is applicable, Circular IT group only covers the cost of transport and, if Circular IT group delivers goods not in accordance with the agreement, it bears both the cost and the risks of the transport.

Unless expressly agreed otherwise in writing, the goods that Circular IT group receives under warranty remain at Circular IT group's and/or a third party's risk at all times.

Circular IT group cannot be held liable by and/or on behalf of the counterparty in any form or manner for:

- Any defects in the packaging of the goods to be returned and the consequences arising from this during or after transport. Circular IT group is not required to check the adequacy of the packaging during transport. The counterparty remains fully responsible for ensuring the proper packaging of the goods returned for transport and must also take the measures described in Article 9.37.
- The loss or disclosure of information and/or functionalities of the goods mentioned in this annex, during the time Circular IT group handles and/or is in possession of these goods or when the goods are under the responsibility of a third party engaged by Circular IT group. The counterparty remains responsible for the security of the data, ensuring timely and adequate storage of the aforementioned information and/or functionalities, and must also take the measures described in Article 9.37.
Circular IT group will make an effort to process returned goods that are "out of warranty" in its warehouse within approximately ten working days after inspection and will send the counterparty, if applicable, a credit note.

Counterparty Obligations

If Circular IT group issues an RMA to the counterparty, the goods for which Circular IT group arranges transport must be accessible and ready for transport on the ground floor (see under Transport, Article 6, General Section) within five working days of the RMA issue date, but at least when the goods are collected by or on behalf of Circular IT group on the ground floor (see under Transport, Article 6, General Section).

If Circular IT group issues an RMA to the counterparty in connection with a DOA or Carry-in warranty, the goods for which the counterparty arranges the transport must be received at the address designated by Circular IT group within five working days after the RMA date.

After the counterparty receives an RMA from Circular IT group, they must take the following actions before returning the goods in accordance with the RMA and conditions:

- The counterparty must back up the data and/or functionalities if the goods are data carriers;
- The counterparty must ensure proper transport packaging as mentioned above in this annex;
- Toners, paper in the paper trays, etc., must be removed;
- BIOS passwords must be provided to Circular IT group;
- Access controls, such as passwords, PIN codes, and similar items, must be removed.
The counterparty must clearly and securely attach the RMA authorization form from Circular IT group to the exterior of the transport packaging, even if the counterparty is responsible for the transport.

Rights of Circular IT group

Circular IT group has the right and will generally rely on refusing and/or returning goods that have not been returned in accordance with its instructions and/or the RMA conditions, and/or if the condition of the returned goods and/or the packaging gives reason to do so, without Circular IT group being liable in any way to the counterparty. The return of the goods by Circular IT group to the counterparty, including the repackaging costs, will be at the counterparty's

expense and risk.

If Circular IT group accepts returned goods despite their condition and/or packaging being defective, it has the right to correct the value of the goods if a credit note has been agreed.

If the counterparty returns goods to Circular IT group in violation of the instructions and/or the RMA conditions, and/or after inspection of the returned goods it turns out that the reason for the RMA is not applicable (for example, there is no warranty claim, DOA, goods not delivered in accordance with the agreement, etc.), Circular IT group may charge the counterparty for inspection and/or handling costs, with a minimum of €50.00 (fifty euros) per crate (or item), in addition to the return shipping costs.

If Circular IT group issues an RMA for goods to be returned by the counterparty that are under a manufacturer warranty, or also covered by a manufacturer warranty, Circular IT group may apply the conditions and procedures set by the manufacturer at that time, fully or partially, for issuing the RMA.

The aforementioned rights are without prejudice to Circular IT group's other rights under

General Warranty Conditions

The following provisions apply without prejudice to the provisions in the article "Warranties" of the general section:

1. Unless expressly agreed otherwise in writing, a warranty issued by Circular IT group ensures that the goods supplied by Circular IT group – in their current state – will function and perform during the applicable warranty period.
2. The warranty period for Circular IT group's warranty does not exceed three months after the delivery date of the relevant goods, as stated on Circular IT group's invoice, unless expressly agreed otherwise in writing. The warranty automatically expires at the end of the agreed warranty period.
3. If no delivery date is indicated on the invoice, the invoice date is considered the start date for the warranty period, unless an earlier delivery date can be demonstrated by a shipping proof, in which case the delivery date on the shipping proof is the start date of the warranty.
4. Unless expressly agreed otherwise in writing and/or as instructed by Circular IT group, Circular IT group will only accept a warranty claim from the counterparty for goods delivered under warranty if the counterparty returns the goods to Circular IT group and submits a return request within the warranty period. Goods may only be returned via an RMA request and under the applicability of the 'RMA and Conditions' as described in Annex 9.
5. There can never be a double warranty. If, for any reason, a double warranty is issued – for example, one by the manufacturer and one by Circular IT group – only the manufacturer's warranty will apply. The counterparty cannot derive any rights from a warranty issued by Circular IT group during the period when both warranties are valid.
6. The counterparty cannot derive any rights from how Circular IT group processes a warranty claim or approves an RMA request.
7. A valid warranty claim submitted by and/or on behalf of the counterparty does not suspend the agreed warranty period. Nor does a new warranty period begin after potential replacements or repairs; in this case, only the remaining period of the original warranty applies.
8. A warranty issued by Circular IT group does not transfer to future purchases, even if the warranty is extended to third parties or guarantees have been granted to them.
9. If Circular IT group has issued a warranty and the counterparty makes a claim under it, the nature of the complaint must first be assessed by Circular IT group before determining whether the complaint about the delivered product falls under the warranty.
10. If the complaint is not covered by the warranty and Circular IT group, at the request of and/or on behalf of the counterparty or the manufacturer, delivers replacement goods to the counterparty before the final determination, Circular IT group may charge the counterparty for the period it possesses the replacement goods, including return transport, at rates equivalent to the normal rental price for that product from Circular IT group.
11. Circular IT group has the right to charge additional inspection/handling fees, with a minimum of €50.00 (fifty euros) per crate (or item), for expenses incurred because the counterparty made an unjustified warranty claim.

12. Unless expressly agreed otherwise between Circular IT group and the counterparty, and if Circular IT group issued the warranty, the counterparty will bear the cost and risk of transportation to and from Circular IT group for the shipment of goods under a warranty claim (known as the Carry-in warranty).
13. If Circular IT group issued the warranty, it will arrange transportation to and from Circular IT group for the shipment of goods under a warranty claim only if this is expressly agreed in writing (the so-called Pick-up & Return warranty). In this case, Circular IT group will bear only the cost of transportation, not the transportation risk.
14. The goods subject to a warranty claim, as well as any replacement goods, are transported at the counterparty's expense and risk. This means, among other things, that goods shipped directly or indirectly to Circular IT group or its supplier must be delivered freight paid, and goods shipped by Circular IT group from its premises or another location to the counterparty are shipped ex-works.
15. A warranty issued by Circular IT group is a best-effort obligation and may, at the discretion of Circular IT group, consist of repair or replacement (of similar or functionally equivalent goods) or full or partial crediting of the relevant goods. By performing one of these remedies, Circular IT group fully satisfies its warranty obligations.
16. The right to claim a warranty issued by Circular IT group expires if, in the judgment of Circular IT group, the claim is based on a factually or ostensibly improper request. For example, but not limited to:
 - Alterations, deletions, or illegible markings on the invoice.
 - Changes, deletions, or illegible markings on the product's model (type) or production (series) number.
 - Repairs or modifications carried out by unauthorized service organizations or individuals.
 - Improper use of the product.
 - Defects caused by external unforeseen events, such as lightning, flooding, fire, negligence, incorrect or unsuitable use, or extreme environmental conditions.
 - Defects caused by non-manufacturer-approved peripherals, accessories, or consumables.
 - Defects caused by software or configuration issues.
 - Overuse beyond intended capacity.
 - Normal wear and tear of replaceable components.
 - Use in a country where the product is not designed, manufactured, or approved for operation.
17. Circular IT group is never liable for damages exceeding the remedies specified in this article, even in cases where the counterparty rightly makes a warranty claim.
18. The warranty issued by Circular IT group automatically expires when the counterparty provides the goods to third parties or transfers their use to third parties.

Exclusions & Exceptions

No exceptions or exclusions, other than as set out in the Additional Terms.