

1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1 These General Conditions have been drawn up in accordance with usual practice in the European Economic Space (EES). They define the rights and obligations of the plastics manufacturer referred to herein as EXSTO and of the purchaser referred to herein as the Client in relation to contracts for the supply of products and the associated services that EXSTO may be led to supply to the Client. The said contracts may be sales contracts or works contracts. Each time that a contract is established, the provisions of the contract shall prevail.

1.2 The General Conditions form the legal basis of the contracts for all provisions which are not expressly specified in writing.

1.3 They take precedence over any contradictory clause formulated in any manner by the Client unless EXSTO accepts that clause in writing.

2. PRODUCT DESIGN

2.1 Unless expressly stipulated otherwise EXSTO is not the designer of the products that it manufactures and its role is that of an industrial subcontractor. The design results in a complete definition of the product but may nevertheless form all or part of the industrial subcontracting if the Client accepts in the last resort full responsibility for the desired industrial result. This applies in particular in the case of CAD parts drawings done at the request of the Client and on the basis of specifications supplied by the Client.

2.2 In the particular case where EXSTO is the designer and manufacturer of products for the Client, the concerned products must be subject to a specific contract based over the following clauses.

3. PROPOSAL AND ORDER

3.1 The invitation to tender of the client must be accompanied by a design brief. It can be sent by mail, fax or email.

3.2 The EXSTO proposal will only be deemed firm if accompanied by a period of validity. This condition also applies if the Client makes changes to the specifications or to reference parts submitted to the Client by EXSTO.

3.3 EXSTO shall only be bound by the conditions of its express acceptance of the firm and definitive order from the Client in the form of a letter or any other means of communication that generates a document. Any order placed on our website is reputed firm once upon validation of the basket on the website. An open order with periodic or regular requests for delivery can only be concluded for a limited period agreed between EXSTO and the Client.

3.4 The minimum invoice value, excluding taxes and shipping, is set at 80 euros on our website and at 150 euros on all orders made outside of our website.

4. DESIGNS

4.1 Unless otherwise agreed the sale of products shall not imply any transfer to the Client of EXSTO's ownership rights in the manufacturing designs. This condition also applies to designs proposed by EXSTO in order to improve the quality or cost of the products by an original modification of the initial specifications. The Client, if he accepts them, shall agree with EXSTO the conditions of their utilisation in connection with the order.

4.2 The Client shall not in any circumstances dispose of the designs, drafts, prototypes and documents produced by EXSTO, which shall remain its property. Those designs, drafts, prototypes and documents shall not be used, reproduced, patented, registered or communicated without written permission from EXSTO.

4.3 The Client shall not dispose of the patents, models or knowledge owned by EXSTO for the Client's own purposes, or divulge them without previously having expressly acquired ownership, joint ownership or a right to use.

5. TOOLS, MOULDS AND MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT

5.1 Tools, moulds and manufacturing equipment supplied by the Client.

If they are supplied by the Client, the tools, moulds and manufacturing equipment (referred to below as the "Tools"), shall be marked with a property tag and be delivered without charge to the site specified by EXSTO. The Client shall be responsible for the perfect compliance of the "Tools" with the drawings and specifications. EXSTO shall verify this compliance and invoice the cost of this service. If EXSTO considers it necessary to make modifications for the satisfactory execution of the products, the Client shall bear the corresponding costs, subject to the Client's agreement thereto. EXSTO does not guarantee the duration of use of the "Tools". In all cases where the "Tools" received by EXSTO are not compatible with their intended utilisation, the price of the products initially agreed may be subject of revision by EXSTO.

5.2 Tools, moulds and manufacturing equipment produced by EXSTO at the request of the Client EXSTO produces the "Tools" or causes them to be produced. The costs of tools production shall be paid to EXSTO separately from the price of the products.

5.3 Price of "Tools"

The price of the "Tools" does not include the EXSTO intellectual property rights in the "Tools" i.e. the use of its expertise and patents for the design, development and manufacture of the product. This condition also applies to any modifications made by EXSTO to the "Tools" supplied by the Client in order to ensure the correct execution of the products. The "Tools" shall remain deposited at EXSTO after execution of the order and the Client may only take possession of the Tools after a written agreement is concluded on the conditions of use of EXSTO intellectual property and after payment of all invoices payable to EXSTO for whatever reason. EXSTO shall keep the "Tools" in good technical working condition. The consequences of their wear, repair or replacement are the responsibility of the Client. Unless expressly agreed otherwise between the Parties, the Tools shall be paid for as follows:

- 50% on order, by wire transfer
- the balance on acceptance of the initial sample but no more than four weeks after the date of presentation of first off.

5.4 Conditions of safekeeping and insurance

EXSTO shall not at any time use the "Tools" owned by the Client for any third party unless with prior express agreement of the Client. The Client is fully responsible for the "Tools" and for obtaining at his own expense insurance against damage or destruction on EXSTO premises. The Client shall refrain from taking action against EXSTO. The "Tools" are returnable to the Client on request or at the initiative of EXSTO, in their used condition, subject to full payment for the "Tools" and the products. If the "Tools" remain deposited with EXSTO, they will be kept without charge for a maximum period of two years from the last product manufacturing date. After this time limit, if a notification sent to the Client by registered letter with acknowledgement of receipt remains without effect after three months EXSTO shall be entitled to destroy the "Tools". If the Client recovers the "Tools" before amortisation of EXSTO's design and development costs, the Client shall pay a fixed sum in compensation equal to 30% of the price of the "Tools", unless the contract stipulates otherwise. In cases where special manufacturing requests the acquisition of specific materials or equipment, the Client shall recover them at their net book value.

6. RAW MATERIALS AND/OR COMPONENTS SUPPLIED BY THE CLIENT In cases where EXSTO acts as a simple contractor the Client shall provide, without any charge to EXSTO the raw materials and/or components required for correct execution of the order and allowing an extra 5% for wastage. The goods must be delivered in time to allow for normal EXSTO delivery times.

7. LEAD TIMES

7.1 Lead times run from the date of confirmation of order by EXSTO and no earlier than from the date at which all documents, materials and execution details have been supplied by the Client.

7.2 The essential nature and details of the agreed lead time must be specified in the contract (date of availability, date of presentation for inspection or acceptance, effective delivery date, etc.). If the required details are not provided, the lead time shall be considered as an indication only. Any modification of the contractual conditions of supply will require a new lead time to be fixed.

7.3 When EXSTO commits to deadlines, EXSTO cannot be held responsible for unforeseen shipping delays. Shipping times, as seen on our Order Acknowledgement, are only given as an estimate.

7.4 Lead times may be extended at the request of EXSTO or the Client for any reason outside their control that make it impossible for the Party requesting the extension to comply with its obligations. That Party shall inform the other in writing of this situation as soon as it arises.

8. PACKING

In the absence of a specific agreement, EXSTO shall propose at least one method of packing.

9. TRANSFER OF RISKS Transfer of costs as well as transfer of risks are defined by the agreed incoterms between EXSTO and the Client. The ICC 2020 Incoterms rules are the last version to be applicable.

10. TRANSPORT

10.1 Transport conditions are defined in accordance with the agreed Incoterms / ICC 2020.

10.2 Upon arrival of the products, the client bears all the risks and is responsible for verifying the condition on the shipping document.

10.3 The Client shall inform EXSTO immediately of any dispute, without prejudice for any legal action that the Client may take against the Carrier.

10.4 The Client shall bear the costs and risks of transport in the event of return of materials as referred to in Article 5.1 and of the standard products destined to serve as a reference.

10.5 The goods may be insured, on the written instructions and at the expense of the Client, against any risk and for a value to be agreed.

11. PRICES

11.1 In the absence of particular stipulations, price are exclusive of taxes and are based on EXW Romans-sur-Isère/France /ICC 2020.

- either reversible according to appropriate formulae, taking account of variations in raw materials prices, energy costs, salaries and ancillary costs relating to the order and occurring between the date of the Contract and that of contractual delivery, unless the Contract stipulates otherwise
- or firm for an agreed duration.

11.2 In the absence of particular stipulations, price conditions are EXW Romans-sur-Isère 26100, France (ICC 2020 Incoterms rules) exclusive of tax:

- they are established NET, EXCLUDING VAT (VAT to be added), and excluding transport
- additional charges will be invoiced if EXPRESS delivery is requested

11.3 If the price of "tooling" includes the cost of sampling, it does not in any circumstances cover the costs engendered by modifications due to the purchaser.

12. CONDITIONS OF PAYMENT

12.1 - The minimum invoice value excluding taxes and transport costs is set at:

- 150 euros for orders made on our website
- 300 euros for orders made outside of our website.

Any invoice inferior to those values will be raised of a 20 euros fee to cover for billing and collection services.

- Payments are made at Romans/ Isère (26 Drôme, France). Unless otherwise agreed, payment have to be made by cash on order (through bank transfer or debit card on our website).

- To calculate the settlement dates, only the dispatch date is taken into account.

- If payment is not made within the specified time limits, late payment penalties will be calculated following the policy interest rate of the European Central Bank, raised by 10 points. A fixed lump sum of 40 euros for recovery costs (art L.441-6 Code de Commerce) will be added to those late payment penalties. This clause shall be without prejudice to the eligibility of the debt.

- Any collection through legal action shall automatically oblige the purchaser to pay a fixed penalty sum of 15% of the value of the invoices unpaid at their due date, without prejudice to claims that may be made under the terms of Article 700 of the New Code of Civil procedure.

12.2 Without prejudice to the reservation of title specified in Article 15, failure to return bills of exchange with acceptance and bank domiciliation within 7 days of their being sent, failure to make any payment at the due date, serious damage to the Client's credit, and more particularly the revelation of a protest or any pledging based on the business, shall be automatically applied shall be automatically applied upon Exsto decision:

- Either the termination of the time limit for payment and therefore the immediate eligibility of any sums remaining due for any reason and/or the suspension of all shipments
- Or the immediate termination of all current contracts with conservation of partial payments received and retention of the "tooling" and parts held by EXSTO until any compensation is determined upon Exsto's decision.

13. INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

13.1 In all cases and even in the absence of acceptance, the nature and scope of the required inspections and tests, the standards and the tolerances of any nature must be specified in the drawings and specifications that the Client is obliged to append to his invitation to tender and are confirmed in the Contract concluded between EXSTO and the Client.

13.2 In cases where acceptance is required, the scope and conditions of that acceptance must be established no later than the date of conclusion of the Contract. Unless the Contract expressly stipulates otherwise, acceptance takes place on EXSTO premises at the expense of the Client no later than one week after the notification of availability for acceptance sent to the Client by EXSTO. In the event of failure, attributable to the Client, to carry out the acceptance, the products will be stored by EXSTO at the risk and expense of the Client. If a second notification from EXSTO remains without effect within fifteen days of being sent, the products shall be deemed to be accepted and EXSTO entitled to invoice them. In all cases the inspections and acceptances will be carried out within the framework of the reference standards and in accordance with the conditions defined in the documents and specifications as determined by the Client and accepted by EXSTO.

13.3 In the absence of a specification concerning the inspections and tests to be performed on the products, EXSTO will carry out a simple visual and dimensional inspection only.

13.4 Manufacturing carried out under a Quality Assurance system requires this condition to be specified by the Client in his invitation to tender and in his order.

14. GUARANTEE

14.1 EXSTO shall supply products that comply with the drawings and stipulations of the contractual specification. If the Client makes a claim concerning the products delivered, EXSTO reserves the right to carry out an inspection on the site. For production orders, the Client shall request the manufacture at the Client's expense of sample items to be delivered by EXSTO for acceptance testing by the Client after all inspections and test that he considers necessary. The Client shall communicate this acceptance to EXSTO by letter or by any other means of communication that generates a document. Acceptance is the starting point for any new time period for new supplies.

14.2 The EXSTO guarantee consists of the following, after agreement with the Client:

- Crediting the Client with the value of the items recognised to be non-compliant with the drawings and contractual specification or non-compliant with the sample items accepted by the Client
- Or replacing the items free of charge
- Or rendering them compliant or having them made compliant The items replaced by EXSTO will be the subject of a credit note, replacement items being invoiced at the same price as the items replaced. In the event of bringing into compliance, this is done according to the modalities decided and/or agreed by the Client. EXSTO shall bear the cost of this if it undertakes the operation itself and must give its prior agreement if the Client decides to perform the operation for a price communicated previously to EXSTO. Parts for which the Client has obtained a credit note, replacement or correction by EXSTO must, in the absence of an agreement to the contrary, be returned carriage-paid to EXSTO using a carrier chosen by the latter.

14.3 On pain of automatic cancellation of the guaranteed described above, the Client shall report non-conformities as soon as they are discovered and shall expressly request that the items concerned are replaced or brought into compliance within the following time limits from deliver:

- 10 days for visible non-conformities
- 6 months for other non-conformities, this period being reduced to 1 month for production items. No claim can be accepted after expiry of these time limits. Any corrective intervention on the products by the Client without approval from EXSTO as to its principle and its cost shall result in the loss of the guarantee.

14.4 The guarantee does not in any circumstances cover the following:

- Any damage caused by a defective item in the course of its utilisation if the designing Client has committed the error of placing it in service without having carried out or caused to be carried out all the inspections and tests made necessary by its design, its utilisation and by the intended industrial result.
- The cost of any operations performed on the items before they are placed in service.
- The cost of fitting, removing and withdrawal from circulation of these items by the Client.
- And in general any other prejudice unless caused by the gross negligence of EXSTO.

14.5 Advice and assistance provided without charge is given in good faith but without responsibility.

15. LIABILITIES

Exsto's liability shall be limited exclusively to direct damages. If direct damages should occur, Exsto's total liability cannot exceed the value of the order. This compensation shall be deemed to constitute a fixed settlement in discharge of the damages, to the exclusion of any other penalty. Under no circumstances may Exsto be held liable for any indirect material or consequential damages whatsoever that may accrue to the prejudice of the Customer, their customers and/or third parties through the commercial exploitation or use of the parts. Thus, Exsto cannot be obliged to compensate the Customer, their customers and/or third parties for indirect losses, such as but not limited to a loss of earnings, an operating loss, lost output or any other commercial or financial loss.

16. TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP

By convention, the transfer of ownership to the purchaser of the material of the contract is subject to suspension pending receipt of the totality of the payment, by the agreed date and including any interest due. In this case, the receipt of drafts or any other title which promises payment is not considered as payment. The purchaser may, during the normal operation of this business, resell the delivered material. He may not use it as a security and the guarantee is not transferable.

17. INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY

17.1 In all cases corresponding to Article 2.1, the Client shall indemnify EXSTO against all consequences of legal action taken on the basis of the execution of an order for products covered by industrial or intellectual property rights such as patents or protected marks or models or by any private law.

17.2 The transfer of products does not imply transfer to the Client of EXSTO's intellectual or industrial property rights to the manufacturing studies. This stipulation also applies to studies proposed by EXSTO for improving the quality or the cost price of the products by an original modification of the specification. If the Client accepts them he shall agree with EXSTO the conditions of their use in connection with the order. In no circumstances must the Client use them for his own purposes or divulge them without having expressly acquired the intellectual property.

17.3 The Client authorises EXSTO, unless specifically forbidden by the Client, to exhibit, at any event such as a fair, trade show or Romans-sur-Isère exhibition, and on his advertising and commercial documents, certain of the products manufactured by EXSTO.

18. CANCELLATION

If the Client cancels all or part of his order or defers the date of delivery EXSTO shall have no liability and the Client shall indemnify EXSTO for all costs incurred at the date of receipt of notification from the Client, without prejudice for any direct or indirect consequences suffered by EXSTO as a result of the decision.

19. APPLICABLE LAW AND DISPUTES SETTLEMENT

Contracts are governed by the laws of the country in which EXSTO is incorporated. Any disputes shall be referred to the Commercial Court of ROMANS (Drôme (26), France) which shall have exclusive competence.