

General Conditions of Sale of Werner Metzger GmbH

1. Scope

1. These General Conditions of Sale shall apply to any and all business relations between Werner Metzger GmbH (hereinafter referred to as "**METZGER**") and the customer, even if not mentioned in subsequent contracts. They shall apply accordingly to work performances and services. In case of work performance, taking of the delivered products shall be replaced by acceptance of work, and in case of services by receipt of the service.
2. Any terms and conditions of the customer conflicting with, in addition to, or deviating from these General Conditions of Sale shall not form subject matter of the contract unless METZGER consented to their applicability in writing. These General Conditions of Sale shall also apply in case METZGER unconditionally effects delivery to the customer, having knowledge of its conflicting, additional, or deviating terms and conditions.
3. Any agreements between METZGER and the customer made in addition to or deviating from these General Conditions of Sale and entered into for the purpose of performing a contract shall be laid down in the respective contract in writing. This shall apply accordingly for the waiver of this written form requirement.
4. Rights exceeding these General Conditions of Sale that METZGER is entitled to pursuant to legal provisions or other agreements remain unaffected.

2. Conclusion of Contract

1. Offers quoted by METZGER are subject to change and nonbinding.
2. Illustrations, drawings, specifications as to weight, dimension, performance, and consumption as well as any other descriptions of the products contained in the documents pertaining to the offer shall only be approximate unless expressly specified as binding. They constitute neither agreement nor guarantee as to the characteristics or durability of the products unless they have been expressly agreed as such in writing. The customer's expectations with regard to the products or their use also do not constitute an agreement or guarantee.
3. METZGER reserves all rights of ownership, copyrights, and any other property rights to all offer documents, in particular to illustrations, drawings, calculations, brochures, cata-

logues and tools. Such documents must not be made available to third parties. At the request of METZGER, the customer shall immediately surrender all offer documents to METZGER if they are no longer required in the ordinary course of business. The same applies in particular to all other documents, drafts, samples and models.

4. Orders are not binding until they have been confirmed by METZGER in a written order confirmation within two weeks or until METZGER performs the order, in particular by sending the ordered products. Any order confirmation processed by use of automatic appliances and lacking signature and name is considered a written order confirmation. To the extent the order confirmation contains obvious errors, misspellings, or miscalculations, METZGER shall not be bound to it.
5. Silence of METZGER as to offers, orders, requests, or other declarations of the customer is deemed consent only if there is a prior written agreement to that effect.
6. If the financial circumstances of the customer deteriorate significantly, or should the customer file a request for the opening of insolvency or comparable proceedings against its assets, or should the request for the opening of insolvency or comparable proceedings against the customer's assets filed by a third party be denied for lack of assets, METZGER may rescind the contract in whole or in part.

3. Scope of Delivery

1. The written order confirmation of METZGER is authoritative for the scope of delivery. Changes to the scope of delivery by the customer require the written confirmation of METZGER to be effective. The products are subject to modifications in construction and form to the extent such modifications are customary in trade or lie within the DIN tolerances or are insignificant and reasonable to the customer. This applies accordingly to the choice of materials, the specification, and the construction type.
2. Delivery in parts is permissible, unless delivery in parts is not reasonable for the customer, taking into account the interests of METZGER.

4. Delivery Time and Transport

1. Delivery times (delivery periods and dates) must be agreed in writing and are non-binding unless specified by METZGER as binding in advance in writing.
2. The delivery time begins with the conclusion of the contract, however not before the customer has provided all documents, approvals, and releases to be provided by it, all technical matters have been clarified, and an agreed down-payment has been received, respectively in case of international orders not before payment has been received in full. In case of delivery dates the delivery date will be rescheduled accordingly

in a reasonable manner provided that such delay in delivery is due to the customer's failure to timely provide all documents, approvals, and releases to be provided by it, to timely clarify all technical matters, or to timely make the agreed down-payment available to METZGER, respectively in case of international orders to make the full payment available to METZGER. All delivery times are subject to the due and timely fulfilment of all other obligations of the customer.

3. The delivery time is deemed met if by the end of the agreed delivery period or by the delivery date, the products have left the registered office of METZGER or METZGER has communicated the shipping readiness or the readiness for collection to the customer. Responsibility for the transport of the products to its destination lies solely with the customer; this particularly applies to delays of the transport, as far as these have not been culpably caused by METZGER. All delivery times are subject to due, in particular timely self-supply of METZGER unless METZGER is responsible for the reason giving rise to the undue self-supply. In case of undue self-supply, METZGER is entitled to rescind the contract. METZGER shall promptly inform the customer in case it exercises its right of rescission and shall return any performances made by the customer.
4. In case of delay in delivery, the customer is entitled to rescind the contract after a reasonable grace period which it has set METZGER upon commencement of the delay in delivery has expired unsuccessfully.
5. Should METZGER and the customer have entered into a framework contract on future deliveries with fixed delivery periods and dates, and should the customer fail to call the products in due time, METZGER is entitled to deliver and invoice the products after an reasonable grace period set by METZGER has expired unsuccessfully, to rescind the contract, or to claim damages or reimbursement of expenses. The right to claim damages or reimbursement of expenses shall not apply if the customer is not responsible for the failure to call the products in due time.

5. Delivery of Software

1. Insofar as METZGER provides the customer with standard software as part of or in connection with a delivery of the associated hardware for use for a limited or unlimited period of time (hereinafter referred to as "**Software**"), the following provisions shall apply to the entire delivery and insofar as a breach of duty or defect in performance has its cause in the Software. In all other respects, the further provisions of these General Terms and Conditions of Sale shall apply to the hardware. Unless separately agreed, METZGER does not assume any obligation to provide services.
2. The Software has the agreed quality at the time of the passing of risk and is suitable for the contractually presumed use or, in the absence of an agreement, for normal use. It satisfies the criterion of practical suitability and has the quality customary for software

of this type; however, it is not error-free. A functional impairment of the programme resulting from hardware defects, environmental conditions, incorrect operation or the like is not a defect. An insignificant reduction in quality shall not be taken into account.

3. The Software is legally protected. Copyrights, patent rights, trademark rights and all other industrial property rights to the Software as well as to other objects which METZGER makes available or makes accessible to the customer within the scope of the contract initiation and implementation shall be the exclusive property of METZGER in the relationship between the contracting parties. Insofar as third parties are entitled to the rights, METZGER shall have corresponding rights of exploitation.
4. METZGER grants the customer the non-exclusive right to use the Software. Unless otherwise agreed, the right of use shall apply in the country of the place of delivery of the hardware. The customer acquires the same rights to modified, extended or newly created software as to the standard software.
5. The right of use shall be limited to the agreed period of time; in the absence of such an agreement, the right of use shall be unlimited in time. If the right of use is granted for a limited period of time, the following provisions shall apply in addition: The customer may only use the Software with the hardware named in the contractual documents (e.g. the software product note), in the absence of such naming with the associated hardware delivered together with the Software. The use of the Software with another device requires the express written consent of METZGER and, in the event of the use of the Software with a more powerful device, shall result in METZGER's claim to appropriate additional remuneration; this shall not apply insofar and for as long as the customer temporarily uses the Software with a replacement device to the agreed extent due to a defect of the product delivered by METZGER.
6. For Software for which METZGER only has a derivative right of use and which is not open source software (third-party software), the terms of use agreed between METZGER and its licensor shall apply in addition to and take precedence over the provisions of this Section 5, insofar as they concern the customer (such as End User License Agreement); METZGER shall draw the customer's attention to these and make them available to him upon request.
7. For open source software, the terms of use to which the open source software is subject shall take precedence over the provisions of this Section 5. METZGER will only surrender or make available the source code to the customer to the extent that the terms of use of the open source software require this. METZGER will inform the customer of the existence and the terms of use of open source software provided and make the terms of use accessible to him or, if required by the terms of use, make them available.
8. In order to use the Software on several devices or at several workstations at the same time, the customer requires a right of use to be agreed separately. The same applies to the use of the Software in networks, even if the Software is not duplicated.

9. The customer may make the backup copies of the programs required for safe operation. The backup copies must be kept safe and, as far as technically possible, provided with the copyright notice of the original data carrier or the online version of the Software. Copyright notices, trademarks and product markings may not be deleted, altered or suppressed. Copies that are no longer needed must be deleted or destroyed. The user manual and other documents provided by METZGER may only be copied for internal purposes.
10. The customer may only decompile the interface information of the programs within the limits of § 69 e UrhG and only if he has informed METZGER in writing of his intention and has requested the provision of the necessary interface information with a notice period of at least two weeks.

6. Cross-border deliveries

1. The customer undertakes to comply with all applicable provisions of export and foreign trade law of the Federal Republic of Germany, the European Union and the United States of America, as well as all other applicable national and international export control regulations and foreign trade laws.
2. The conclusion of the contract is subject to the provision that the delivery of the products (including the Software) is permitted according to their content and the natural persons and companies directly or indirectly involved therein in accordance with all provisions mentioned in Para. 1.
3. In the case of cross-border deliveries, the customer must make all declarations necessary for export from Germany and import into the country of destination to the competent authorities in good time and carry out actions, in particular to obtain the documents required for customs clearance and to meet the requirements for any export controls or other restrictions on marketability.
4. The deliveries are subject to the provision that there are no obstacles to fulfilment due to national or international regulations, in particular export control regulations as well as embargoes or other sanctions.
5. Delays due to export controls will extend delivery times accordingly; delivery dates are postponed in an appropriate manner. In the case of deliveries subject to approval, METZGER is entitled to delay the service until an export license has been issued and METZGER has been proven by the customer, or to withdraw from the contract. METZGER's liability due to late performance or non-performance is excluded in these cases.
6. The customer undertakes not to use, offer for sale or sell any products (including Software) supplied by METZGER, parts of such products and/or technologies used by METZGER for use in weapons and/or weapon systems.

7. If the customer violates an obligation under this Section 6 and/or if a business transaction is partially or completely prohibited, METZGER is entitled to withdraw from this contract in whole or in part for good cause without notice. Any claims of METZGER against the customer remain unaffected.

7. Prices and Payment

1. Unless specific agreements are made to the contrary, all prices apply ex works and are exclusive of shipping and packaging costs, insurance, statutory taxes, customs duties, or other levies. The costs incurred in this context, in particular the costs for packaging and transport of the products, will be invoiced separately. Statutory VAT will be shown separately on the invoice at the statutory rate valid on the day of invoicing.
2. Orders without expressly agreed fixed prices and with a delivery period or date of at least three months following the conclusion of contract will be invoiced at the list prices of METZGER valid on the day of delivery. The recording of the list price valid on the order date on the order form or order confirmation does not constitute agreement of a fixed price. The customer shall be entitled to rescind the contract to the extent prices are increased by more than 5%. The customer will promptly notify METZGER upon the latter's request of whether or not it will exercise such right of rescission.
3. Unless a separate agreement is made to the contrary, the delivery price is payable net within 14 days following the invoice date. In particular, the deduction of a discount requires a prior written agreement between METZGER and the customer. The day of payment is considered the day METZGER is able to dispose of the delivery price. If the customer defaults payment, it shall pay default interest of 9 percentage points above the respective base interest rate p.a. Any exceeding claims of METZGER shall remain unaffected.
4. In case of international orders, payment shall, in derogation of Para. 3 above, take place prior to delivery unless otherwise agreed in advance in writing.
5. The customer agrees to the electronic transmission of invoices by METZGER.
6. All payment claims of METZGER for deliveries made will be due immediately, if the customer is in delay with the payment of an invoice for more than eight weeks despite of a reminder by METZGER or should a request for the opening of insolvency or a comparable proceeding against the customer's assets be filed. In such cases referred to in Sentence 1, all further deliveries by METZGER require prepayment by the customer.

8. Passing of Risk

1. The risk of accidental loss and accidental deterioration shall pass to the customer as soon as the products have been handed over to the person effecting transport or have left the warehouse of METZGER for purposes of shipment. In case the customer collects the products, the risk of accidental loss and accidental deterioration shall pass to the customer upon notification of readiness for collection. Sentences 1 and 2 above shall also apply for partial deliveries or if METZGER has assumed additional services, e.g., the transport costs.
2. If the customer falls into default in accepting the products, METZGER is entitled to demand compensation for the damage incurred including possible additional expenses, unless the customer is not responsible for the non-acceptance of the products. In particular, METZGER is entitled to store the products at the expense of the customer during the default of acceptance. Further claims of METZGER remain unaffected. The same applies if the customer violates any other obligations to co-operate, unless the customer is not responsible therefore. The risk of accidental loss and accidental deterioration of the products shall pass to the customer at the latest at the time the customer falls into default of acceptance. METZGER is entitled to otherwise dispose of the products after the unsuccessful expiry of a reasonable period set by METZGER and to supply the customer within a reasonably extended period.
3. In case shipping is delayed due to circumstances METZGER is not responsible for, risk shall pass to the customer upon notification of shipping readiness.
4. The delivered products must be accepted by the customer even if they have minor defects, without this affecting its claims based on defects.

9. Claims based on Material Defects

1. The rights of the customer to assert claims based on defects presuppose that the customer inspects the delivered products upon receipt, to the extent reasonable also by way of trial processing or trial use, and notifies METZGER of any apparent defects in writing without delay, however no later than two weeks after receipt of the products. Hidden defects must be reported to METZGER in writing promptly after their discovery. The customer must describe the defects in writing when notifying METZGER of them. The assertion of claims based on defects by the customer further presupposes that any and all specifications, statements and conditions shown in the technical instructions, construction manuals, operating manuals, planning and design guidelines, and other documents pertaining to the individual products are complied with during planning, construction, mounting, connection, installation, start-up, operation, and maintenance of the products, in particular that maintenances are duly carried out and evidenced, and that recommended components are used.

2. In case the products are defective, METZGER shall at its own choice render subsequent performance either by removing the defect or by delivering a product free of defects. When rendering subsequent performance, METZGER shall be obligated to bear all expenses required in this respect, in particular transport, shipping, personnel, and material costs, unless such expenses are increased due to the fact that the products were shipped to a place other than the delivery address. Costs for personnel and material asserted by the customer in this context shall be invoiced at cost price. Replaced parts pass into the ownership of METZGER and shall be returned to it.
3. In case METZGER is not prepared or able to render subsequent performance, the customer may, without prejudice to any claims for damages or reimbursement of expenses, at its own choice either rescind the contract or reduce the delivery price. The same shall apply in case subsequent performance fails, is unreasonable for the customer, or is unreasonably delayed for reasons attributable to METZGER.
4. The customer's right to rescind the contract is excluded if the customer is unable to return the performance received and (i) this is not attributable to the fact that return is impossible due to the nature of the performance received, or (ii) METZGER is responsible for it, or (iii) the defect was not revealed until the product was processed or modified. The right to rescind is also excluded if METZGER is not responsible for the defect and if the customer must compensate the value instead of returning the performance.
5. The assertion of claims based on defects is excluded if the defect results from natural wear and tear in particular of wear parts or is due to improper handling, mounting, operation, or storage, or faulty modification or repair of the products performed by the customer or third parties. The same shall apply for defects attributable to the customer, in particular in case the defect is based on chemical, physical, or thermic factors which are unusual and to which the customer did not refer METZGER in writing. The same applies for defects resulting from a technical cause other than the original defect.
6. Claims of the customer for reimbursement of expenses instead of claims for damages in lieu of performance are excluded unless a reasonable third party would have incurred such expenses.
7. METZGER does not assume any warranty, in particular no warranty of quality or durability, unless otherwise agreed in writing.
8. The limitation period for claims based on defects asserted by the customer shall amount to one year, unless there is a purchase of consumer goods (the end customer is a consumer) at the end of the supply chain. To the extent the defective products were used for a building in accordance with their intended use and have caused its defectiveness, or to the extent the defect is building-related, the limitation period shall amount to five years. This limitation period shall also apply for claims in tort based on a defect of the products. The limitation period begins when the products are delivered. The shortened limitation period shall not apply to the unlimited liability of METZGER for damages resulting from a breach of a guarantee or from harm to life, physical injury, or harm to health, for intent and gross negligence, and for product defects, or to the extent

METZGER has assumed a procurement risk. Any comment of METZGER on a claim based on defects asserted by the customer shall not constitute an opening of negotiations on such claim or on the facts giving rise to the claim, provided that METZGER rejects the claim based on defects to the full extent.

10. Claims based on Legal Defects

1. METZGER warrants that the contractual use of the Software by the customer does not conflict with any rights of third parties. In the event of legal defects, METZGER shall provide a warranty by providing the customer, at METZGER's discretion, with a legally flawless possibility of using the Software or equivalent software.
2. The customer shall inform METZGER immediately in writing if third parties assert property rights (e.g. copyrights or patent rights) to the Software. METZGER supports the customer in defending itself against the attacks of the third party by providing advice and information.
3. Otherwise, the provisions of Section 9 shall apply accordingly in the event of any legal defects.

11. Liability of METZGER

1. METZGER is fully liable for damages resulting from a breach of a guarantee or from harm to life, physical injury, or harm to health. The same applies for intent and gross negligence, or to the extent METZGER has assumed a procurement risk. METZGER is liable for slight negligence only if material duties are violated, such duties arising out of the nature of the contract and being of essential importance for the attainment of the purpose of the contract. In case of breach of such duties and in case of default and impossibility of performance, liability of METZGER shall be limited to damages that are typically expected to occur within the context of the contract. Statutory liability for product defects remains unaffected.
2. To the extent that liability of METZGER is excluded or limited, this shall also apply for the personal liability of the employees, staff members, representatives, and auxiliary persons of METZGER.

12. Product Liability

1. The customer will not modify the products; in particular, it will not modify or remove existing warnings about risks due to improper handling of the products. In case of breach of this undertaking, the customer shall internally indemnify METZGER from and

against any and all product liability claims asserted by third parties unless the customer is not responsible for the defect causing liability.

2. In the event METZGER is caused to call back or send a warning notice due to a defect in the products, the customer shall use its best efforts to support METZGER and take part in all reasonable measures that METZGER deems reasonable and appropriate; in particular, the customer will establish the necessary information regarding its customers. The customer shall bear the costs for the product recall or warning notice unless it is not responsible for the defect in the products and the loss occurred according to the principles of product liability laws. Further claims of METZGER shall remain unaffected.
3. The customer will promptly inform METZGER in writing about any and all risks in connection with the use of the products and any possible defects in the products that become known to it.

13. Force Majeure

1. In case METZGER is hindered by force majeure from the fulfillment of its contractual duties, in particular from supplying the products, METZGER shall, for the duration of the hindrance and a reasonable restart period, be released from its duty to perform without being obligated to pay damages to the customer. The same shall apply if the fulfillment of the obligations of METZGER is unreasonably impeded or temporarily impossible due to unforeseeable circumstances beyond the control of METZGER, in particular due to strike, a pandemic, an epidemic, measures of public authorities, lack of energy, difficulties in supply on the part of a sub-contractor, or material interruptions of operation, in particular cyber attacks. This also applies if such circumstances affect sub-contractors and in case METZGER is in default. To the extent METZGER is released from its obligation to supply, METZGER will grant back preliminary performances of the customer as may have been made.
2. METZGER shall be entitled to rescind the contract after a reasonable period has elapsed if such hindrance continues for more than four months and the performance of the contract is no longer of interest to METZGER due to such hindrance. Upon the customer's request, METZGER will after expiration of such period declare whether it will exercise its right of rescission or will deliver the products within a reasonable period.

14. Retention of Title

1. METZGER retains title to the delivered products until the purchase price and any and all claims against the customer that METZGER is entitled to under their business relationship have been fully settled. For the duration of the retention of title, the customer shall handle the products subject to retention with care. It shall in particular sufficiently insure the products subject to retention at its own expense at replacement value

against fire, water, and theft damage. The customer shall provide METZGER upon the latter's request with proof of the insurance policy. The customer assigns to METZGER, with effect as from today, all claims for compensation in connection with such insurance. METZGER herewith accepts such assignment with effect as from today. If the insurance agreement does not allow for such assignment, the customer herewith instructs the insurance company to make payments to METZGER exclusively. Any exceeding claims of METZGER shall remain unaffected.

2. The customer is only permitted to sell the products subject to retention of title in the ordinary course of business. The customer shall not be entitled to pledge the products subject to retention, to transfer them by way of security or to otherwise dispose of them in a way endangering title of METZGER. The customer shall promptly notify METZGER in writing of any attachment or any other intervention by a third party, provide all information required, inform the third party of the title of METZGER, and assist in all measures of METZGER in order to protect the products subject to retention. To the extent the third party is not able to reimburse METZGER the judicial and extrajudicial costs for enforcing title of METZGER, the customer shall reimburse METZGER the loss sustained by METZGER in this connection unless the customer is not responsible for the breach of duty.
3. The customer assigns to METZGER, with effect as from today, all claims in connection with the resale of the products with any and all ancillary rights, irrespective of whether the products subject to retention were resold prior or after processing. METZGER accepts such assignment with effect as from today. If such assignment is not permissible, the customer herewith instructs the third party debtor to make payments to METZGER exclusively. The customer shall be revocably authorized to collect the claims assigned to METZGER in trust for METZGER in the customer's own name. The amounts collected shall be transferred to METZGER immediately. METZGER may revoke the customer's authorization for collection and resale for cause, in particular if the customer fails to duly meet its payment obligations vis-à-vis METZGER, defaults or ceases payment, or if the customer files for the opening of insolvency proceedings or similar debt settlement proceedings against its own assets, or if the justified request for the opening of insolvency or similar debt settlement proceedings against the customer's assets filed by a third party is denied for lack of assets. In case of a blanket assignment by the customer, the claims assigned to METZGER shall expressly be exempted.
4. Upon request of METZGER, the customer shall promptly notify the third party debtor of the assignment and provide METZGER with any information and document necessary for collection.
5. In case the customer conducts itself contrary to the terms of the contract, in particular in case it defaults in payment, METZGER shall, without prejudice to its other rights, be entitled to rescind the contract after a reasonable grace period set by METZGER. The customer shall promptly grant METZGER or its authorized agents access to the products subject to retention and return them. After due and timely notice, METZGER may otherwise dispose of the products subject to retention in order to satisfy its matured claims against the customer.

6. The processing or remodelling of the products subject to retention by the customer shall always be made for METZGER. The customer's expectancy right to the products subject to retention shall also apply to the processed or remodeled item. Should the products be processed or remodeled together with other objects not belonging to METZGER, METZGER shall gain joint title in the new item in the proportion of the value of the delivered products to the other, processed objects at the time of such processing or remodeling. The same shall apply in case the products are connected or mixed with other objects not belonging to METZGER in such manner that METZGER loses full ownership. The customer shall keep the new objects for METZGER. In all other regards, the item created through processing or re-construction as well as connection or mixing is subject to the same provisions as the products subject to retention.
7. In case the realizable value of the securities, taking into account usual valuation adjustments by the banks, exceeds the claims of METZGER arising from the business relationship with the customer by more than 10%, METZGER shall at the customer's request be insofar obligated to release the securities the customer is entitled to. The valuation should be based on the invoice value of the products subject to retention and on the nominal value of the claims. The choice of the security to be released is upon METZGER in each case.
8. In case of delivery to other legal systems in which the above provisions of retention of title do not have the same retaining effect as in the Federal Republic of Germany, the customer hereby grants METZGER a corresponding security interest. The customer will take all further measures that are necessary in this respect to grant METZGER such corresponding security interest. The customer shall assist in all measures necessary or conducive for the effectiveness and enforceability of such security interests.

15. Confidentiality

1. The parties undertake to keep confidential for an unlimited period of time all information, that are made accessible to them and which are either marked as confidential or are recognizable for other reasons as business or trade secrets. The parties shall neither record or hand on or use such confidential information, unless required for the business relation.
2. By appropriate binding agreements, the parties will ensure that the employees and agents acting on their behalf neither record without authorization nor hand on nor exploit such business and trade secrets for an unlimited period time.
3. This confidentiality obligation shall not apply to the extent the information was evidently known to the other Party before commencing the contractual relationship, is common knowledge or public domain, or becomes common knowledge or public domain without the fault of the other Party. The burden of proof is to be borne by the respective Party.

16. Data Protection

1. The parties are obliged to observe the legal provisions on data protection, in particular the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in the execution of the contract and to impose compliance with these provisions on their employees.
2. The parties process the personal data received (names and contact details of the respective contact persons) exclusively for the performance of the contract and will protect them by means of technical security measures (Art. 32 GDPR) adapted to the current state of the art. The parties are obliged to delete the personal data as soon as their processing is no longer necessary. Any statutory retention obligations remain unaffected by this.
3. Should X process personal data on behalf of the customer within the scope of the execution of the contract, the parties shall conclude an agreement on order processing in accordance with Art. 28 GDPR.

17. Regulatory Compliance

1. Within the scope of their corporate responsibility, the parties each undertake to comply with the statutory provisions (including the laws for the protection of the environment, labour law provisions and laws, in particular to maintain the health of employees) during or in connection with the exercise of their business operations and that child and forced labour are not tolerated.
2. The customer is obliged to properly dispose of delivered products after termination of use at his own expense in accordance with the statutory provisions, in particular those of the German Electrical and Electronic Equipment Act (ElektroG). The customer thus indemnifies METZGER from the take-back obligations as a manufacturer pursuant to Section 19 (1) ElektroG and from related claims by third parties. The customer must contractually oblige commercial third parties to whom he passes on the delivered products to dispose of the products properly after termination of use at their own expense in accordance with the statutory provisions, in particular those of the ElektroG, and he must impose a corresponding further obligation on them in the event that the products are passed on again. If the customer violates his obligation to pass on the obligations to his customers, he must take back the delivered products at his own expense after termination of use and dispose of them properly in accordance with the statutory provisions, in particular those of the ElektroG.
3. The customer is obliged to properly dispose of used, empty packaging from METZGER at his own expense in accordance with the statutory provisions, in particular those of the German Packaging Act (VerpackG). The customer thus indemnifies METZGER from the take-back obligations as a distributor of packaging in accordance with Section 15 (1) of the German Packaging Act (VerpackG).

4. Each party also confirms by concluding a contract that it does not participate in any form of bribery and corruption and will not tolerate it.

18. Final Provisions

1. The transfer of rights and obligations of the customer to third parties requires the prior written consent of METZGER.
2. The customer shall only be entitled to set off if its counterclaims have been determined in a legally final manner or are unchallenged. The customer may exercise a right of retention only to the extent its counterclaim is based on the same contractual relationship.
3. The legal relationships between the customer and METZGER shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Federal Republic of Germany to the exclusion of the United Nations Sales Convention (CISG).
4. If the customer is a merchant within the meaning of the German Commercial Code (HGB), a legal entity under public law or a public special fund, the exclusive place of jurisdiction for any and all disputes arising out of or in connection with the business relationship between the customer and METZGER shall be the statutory seat of METZGER. METZGER shall also be entitled to bring an action at the customer's statutory seat and at any other permissible venue. Arbitration clauses are contradicted.
5. Place of performance for all obligations of the customer and METZGER shall be the statutory seat of METZGER, unless otherwise agreed.
6. The language of the contracts shall be German.
7. Should an individual provision of these General Conditions of Sale be or become ineffective or unenforceable in whole or in part, or should these General Conditions of Sale contain a regulatory gap, the validity of the remaining provisions shall not be affected thereby. Instead of the ineffective or unenforceable provision, the effective or enforceable provision shall be deemed to be agreed which comes as close as possible to the economic purpose of the ineffective or unenforceable provision. In case of a regulatory gap, the provision shall be deemed to be agreed which corresponds to the provision that would have been agreed in terms of the object of these General Conditions of Sale if the parties had considered the matter.

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