

# GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE AND DELIVERY BIOCORE B.V. AND ITS SUCCESSORS IN TITLE

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## 1. **APPLICATION**

- 1.1 These General Terms and Conditions of Sale and Delivery of BioCore B.V. (the "**Conditions**") govern the relationship between the seller BioCore B.V. ("**BioCore**") and the buyer with respect to any contract of sale ("**Contract**" or "**Contracts**") in which – or during the formation of which – the Conditions were declared applicable, and with respect to all services supplied by BioCore for the purpose of performing this Contract.
- 1.2 These Conditions shall be supplemented by the standard contract applicable to the relevant Contract and by any terms and conditions of the supplying factory applicable to BioCore.
- 1.3 In the event of inconsistency between these Conditions and the standard contract referred to in Article 1.2, these Conditions shall prevail.
- 1.4 These Conditions override any terms, conditions or warranties that vary from these Conditions or from the standard contract referred to in Article 1.2 and to which the buyer makes reference in any way, which are mentioned in any correspondence or in any other connection, or which are in general use in the sector of industry.

## 2. **FORMATION OF CONTRACTS**

- 2.1 All offers or quotations made by BioCore are without commitment.
- 2.2 Contracts are concluded orally or in writing and, if so desired, are confirmed in writing; where a Contract is confirmed in writing, such confirmation shall constitute the sole proof of conclusion of the Contract.
- 2.3 If BioCore has failed to make confirmation in writing, the mere fact that the goods have been supplied and taken in receipt constitutes adequate proof of the existence of a Contract, which is governed by these Conditions.

## 3. **PRICES**

- 3.1 The selling price are exclusive of value added tax and BioCore is entitled to charge the Buyer for any taxes, import duties, levies and other payments imposed by the government which were not known or valid at the time the Agreement was concluded.
- 3.2 If the Buyer requests BioCore to apply for a VAT exemption as stipulated in EU Regulation 2018/1912, BioCore will act accordingly on the express condition that the Buyer provides sufficient and legible evidence, as stipulated in the above-mentioned Regulation, in order to justify the VAT exemption. If the Buyer has not provided such evidence at the latest on the 10th day of the month following the month of delivery, BioCore is entitled to charge national VAT and the Buyer is obliged to immediately pay this VAT amount to BioCore, unless national VAT

legislation stipulates a different VAT treatment. Should BioCore need additional information in order to justify the applied VAT exemption towards the competent tax authorities, the Buyer is obliged to provide all necessary information without undue delay.

- 3.3 BioCore reserves the right to increase the prices with immediate effect to reflect any government measure as a result of which unforeseen costs are incurred. Government measures may include:
- (A) the imposition of or changes made to taxes, import duties, charges, levies and other costs imposed by national, international and/or Community authorities, such imposition or changes being unforeseen at the formation of the Contract;
  - (B) the imposition of or changes made to taxes, import duties, charges, levies and other costs in relation to the raw materials from which the contracted goods have been obtained or of which they are composed.

Any price increases are for the buyer's account.

- 3.4 In the event of sale of goods for immediate shipment, steaming or for delivery subject to the condition free on truck (domestic), the price shall be based on the rates and tariffs for transshipment and transportation current at the time of conclusion of the Contract. Any increases of or supplements to these rates and tariffs between the day of the sale and the day of delivery shall be for the buyer's account.
- 3.5 In the event of sale of goods for immediate shipment, steaming or on delivery, the price shall be calculated on the basis of normal water level, normal waterway and normal shipping rates. Any increases of or surcharges to the freight between the day of the sale and the day of delivery and any additional costs resulting from changes to the price of crude oil shall be for the buyer's account.
- 3.6 If due to any cause whatsoever the sea-going vessel has to divert to a port other than the original port of destination, any additional costs incurred by BioCore shall be for the buyer's account.
- 3.7 Unless otherwise agreed, the goods supplied to the buyer shall be calculated at the prices current on the date of delivery.
- 3.8 Unless otherwise agreed between BioCore and the buyer, all prices shall be in euro.

#### 4. **PAYMENT**

- 4.1 Unless otherwise agreed in writing, the buyer shall effect payment of invoices sent by BioCore with respect to goods supplied to the buyer without any rebate, set-off, deduction or suspension within 7 (seven) days from the date of the invoice. All payments must be made at BioCore's offices in the Netherlands or by way of deposit into an account designated by BioCore.
- 4.2 If the parties agreed on payment by letter of credit, all costs incidental thereto shall be borne by the buyer.

- 4.3 From the due date of payment until the date of payment in full the buyer owes BioCore, without any letter of demand or notice of default being required, interest on the amount outstanding, such interest equalling the statutory interest rate plus 4% (four percent).
- 4.4 If the buyer fails to comply with BioCore terms of payment or if at BioCore's request no alternative and/or supplementary security is provided, BioCore reserves the right at all times to suspend the provision of any goods and/or services under the Contract. If the Buyer reasonably gives rise thereto, BioCore is entitled to require (additional) security or advance payment from the Buyer at any time during the term of the Agreement. If the Buyer does not comply with a reasonable request, BioCore is entitled to suspend the performance of its obligations until the Buyer has provided the required security or made an advance payment.
- 4.5 BioCore is at all times entitled to set off any claims (or those of companies belonging to the same group of companies) against the Buyer's claims against BioCore (or those of companies belonging to the same group of companies). This right of set-off also applies to all group entities which are affiliated with BioCore. The Buyer is not entitled to set off.
- 4.6 BioCore shall be entitled to recover from the buyer all costs incurred by BioCore as a result of the buyer's failure to pay or late payment, including legal and extrajudicial costs of collection. The extrajudicial costs of collection amount to 15% (fifteen percent) of the amount payable if the debt is owed by a Dutch buyer and to 20% (twenty percent) of the amount payable if the debt is owed by a foreign buyer, the costs to be recovered being not less than EUR 500.

## 5. **DELIVERY**

- 5.1 Unless otherwise agreed in writing, delivery shall be effected at a place, at a time and by means of a method of BioCore's choice.
- 5.2 If sale on arrival/delivery has been agreed, BioCore will determine the moment at which a choice is made between the two alternatives.
- (A) In the event of sale and delivery subject to the condition "free on board" (FOB), "free on truck" (FOT), "cost, insurance, freight" (CIF) or CPT, delivery will be deemed effected at the place where the goods are loaded.
- (B) In the event of sale and delivery subject to the condition "carriage paid", delivery will be deemed effected at the designated place of destination.
- (C) In the event of sale of loaded or lying goods, delivery will be deemed effected at the time of the conclusion of the Contract.
- 5.3 All Contracts providing for delivery in the winter months include what is known as the ice clause. The ice clause prescribes that the buyer is required, on demand, to take receipt of the goods purchased that are carried by water in any other port without being entitled to compensation for dead freight; it furthermore entails that if the buyer does not pick up the goods immediately at the alternative port of discharge, all additional costs incurred may be charged to the buyer.

- 5.4 The buyer shall ensure and guarantee that proper reception equipment and proper storage units are available.
- 5.5 If the buyer does not take receipt of the goods in time, BioCore is entitled to store the goods at a location to be determined by BioCore for the account and risk of the buyer.
- 5.6 If the buyer fails to take receipt of the goods for fourteen (14) days or longer, BioCore is entitled to terminate the contract without further notice of default and without prejudice to BioCore's right to recover damages.

## 6. **QUANTITIES**

- 6.1 In the event of the sale or delivery of pellets, flakes, chips or chunks, broken pellets, flakes, chips, chunks and/or meal shall be received and paid as pellets, flakes, chips or chunks.
  - (A) If the sale has been effected subject to the condition "free on board" (FOB), "free on truck" (FOT), "cost, insurance, freight" (CIF), CPT or carriage paid, the delivered weight as determined by BioCore, the supplying plant or the silo company shall be final and definitive.
  - (B) However, if pursuant to the contract of purchase BioCore is compelled to accept a weight determination method other than the usual method, the buyer will also be required to accept this weight determination as final and definitive.
  - (C) If the sale comprises the takeover of a lighter or a silo, the quantity of the loaded or stored goods shall be final and definitive.

## 7. **RETENTION OF TITLE**

- 7.1 Documents and/or goods supplied under a Contract shall remain the property of BioCore until such moment as the buyer has fulfilled all obligations arising out of or in connection with the Contracts under which BioCore undertakes to effect delivery. Until that moment, the buyer shall hold the goods supplied by BioCore separated from other goods and properly identifiable as property of BioCore.
- 7.2 As long as he has not acquired title to the documents and/or goods, the buyer is not authorised to pledge or otherwise encumber for the benefit of third parties the documents and/or goods.

## **8. BUYER'S INABILITY TO PAY**

- 8.1 If the buyer fails to effect timely payment of his debts or compounds with his creditors, or if the buyer is subject to measures which can be taken under the applicable law in relation to debtors who are unable or unwilling to pay all their debts, or if the buyer were to fail to perform his payment obligations under any agreement with BioCore, BioCore will be authorised to terminate, by simple oral or written notice, with retroactive effect any and all of the Contracts with the buyer, without prejudice to any of BioCore's remaining rights under any contract with the buyer.
- 8.2 If a circumstance as described in the preceding paragraph should occur, BioCore will also be entitled to reclaim the documents with immediate effect or to take back the good forthwith. BioCore is at all times entitled to set off any claims (or those of companies belonging to the same group of companies) against the Buyer's claims against BioCore (or those of companies belonging to the same group of companies). This right of set-off also applies to all group entities which are affiliated with BioCore. The Buyer is not entitled to set off.

## **9. LIABILITY**

- 9.1 Raw feed material may be used only as raw material for compound feeds.
- 9.2 BioCore shall not be liable for damage suffered by the buyer, unless such damage is the result or consequence of intent or gross negligence on the part of BioCore. The burden of proving intent or gross negligence rests on the buyer.
- 9.3 BioCore's total liability shall not exceed the invoice price, exclusive of value added tax, paid by the buyer for the goods and/or services supplied.
- 9.4 BioCore shall not be liable for any consequential loss sustained by the buyer or by third parties, including but not limited to consequential damage, nonmaterial damage/losses, trading loss or environmental damage and loss of profits.

## **10. FORCE MAJEURE**

- 10.1 BioCore shall not be liable to the buyer for any damage or loss the buyer may sustain if the performance of any obligation arising out of or in connection with the Contract on the part of BioCore is prevented, impaired, delayed or reasonably impracticable as a result of events of force majeure, and their consequences, that are beyond the control of BioCore, irrespective of whether such event could have been foreseen at the formation of the Contract.
- 10.2 Events which may be deemed to constitute force majeure as referred to in Article 10.1 shall include, but not be limited to: fire, strike, war, blockades, perils of the sea, storm, lock-out, stagnation of production at BioCore's plant or of production at BioCore's suppliers and/or in the transportation provided by BioCore or third parties on BioCore's instructions, and/or government orders or regulations, both in the Netherlands and elsewhere.
- 10.3 The term for shipment or delivery or arrival, as the case may be, can be extended for the duration of the time that navigation on rivers and canals is impeded by ice.

- 10.4 BioCore shall also be allowed to rely on the strike, force majeure or prohibition clauses in its purchase contract, including any extensions stipulated thereunder, as events of force majeure.
- 10.5 If sale on arrival/delivery has been agreed, BioCore shall at all times be entitled to opt for the associated shipment period and to rely on the strike, force majeure or prohibition clauses in its purchase contract.
- 10.6 If the event of force majeure has lasted thirty (30) days, BioCore will be entitled to cancel the Contract without being liable to pay any compensation.

## 11. **APPLICABLE LAW AND JURISDICTION**

- 11.1 All Contracts within the meaning of these Conditions shall be governed by the laws of the Netherlands. The United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (Vienna, 11 April 1980) (as published in the Dutch *Tractatenblad* 1081, 184) shall not be applicable.
- 11.2 If these Conditions are supplemented by the standard contract referred to in Article 1.2, any dispute between the parties will be settled in accordance with the disputes and arbitration clauses laid down in the standard contract. In the event of any dispute and/or arbitration, all Contracts concluded subject to the condition “free on truck” (FOT) will be considered to have been concluded subject to the condition FOB Rotterdam-Europoort/Amsterdam and/or any other ports.
- 11.3 Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 11.2, any dispute between the parties will be settled by submitting the dispute to the exclusive jurisdiction of the court having competency in the place where BioCore has its registered office or any other place, at BioCore's option.

## 12. **VARIANCE**

- 12.1 To be valid, stipulations varying from any of these Conditions must be agreed upon in writing.