# GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS for members of RAI CarrosserieNL (division of RAI Vereniging)



## 1. Definitions

Several major concepts in these Conditions are defined as follows:

- 1.1 *User*: any company, affiliated to RAI CarrosserieNL, which uses these *conditions* as part of the *agreement* with its *counterparties*.
- 1.2 *Counterparty*: the client, *company* or *consumer*, *who/which in connection with the* agreement *gives* instructions to the *user* to carry out *activities*.
- 1.3. *Company*: the *counterparty* acting in the course of its professional or business operations.
- 1.4 *Consumer*: the *counterparty* being a natural person and not acting in the course of professional or business operations.
- 1.5. *Parties*: the *user* and the *counterparty*.
- 1.6 Offer: a written invitation from the *user* to the *counterparty* in order to enter into an *agreement*.
- 1.7 *Agreement*: an arrangement between the *parties* concerning *activities* of the *user* for the *counterparty*.
- 1.8 *Conditions:* these General Conditions of RAI CarrosserieNL, forming part of the *agreement*.
- 1.9 *Object* : the movable property to which the *agreement* relates, such as a car, light goods vehicle, trailer and any part of or for a vehicle.
- 1.10 *In writing*: via e-mail, app, text message, mail, fax or other readable means of communication.
- 1.11 *Activities*: all acts, services, items and supplies of the *user* for/to the *counterparty* in connection with the *agreement*.
- 1.12 *Additional work*: extra *activities* performed by the *user* for the *counterparty*, which occur after the *agreement* has been formed.

# 2. Applicability

- 2.1. The *conditions* are applicable to and form an integral part of the *agreement* and any subsequent *agreement* between the *parties*.
- 2.2. Before the *agreement* and every time the *conditions* are renewed the *user* will provide the *counterparty* with the *conditions* such that the *counterparty* can take note of the *conditions*.
- 2.3. The *user* is obliged to apply the *conditions* as part of every *agreement* with a *counterparty*.
- 2.4. The *user* himself or itself cannot change the *conditions*.
- 2.5. In the event of any contradiction between the *agreement* and the *conditions*, the *agreement* will prevail.
- 2.6. The *user* rejects the applicability of any general terms and conditions of the *counterparty*.
- 3. Offer / agreement

- 3.1. *Offers* by the *user* to the *counterparty* are in *writing* and are without any obligation and do not lead to any obligations for the *parties*.
- 3.2. By the *written*, unaltered and unconditional acceptance of the *offer*, the *counterparty* has given an assignment to the *user* and the *agreement* is formed.
- 3.3. If the *counterparty* changes or adds anything to the *offer*, this does not constitute an acceptance and no *agreement* is formed.
- 3.4. An *offer* by the *user* will lapse four weeks after its date. Subsequent acceptance does not result in an *agreement*.
- 3.5. In the event of clauses 3.3, 3.4 and 4 the *user* will provide the *counterparty* with a replacement or additional *offer*, which will lead to the *agreement* by acceptance (clause 3.2).
- 3.6. Any deviations, amendments and additions to the *agreement* are laid down as much as possible in accordance with clauses 3.1 and 3.2, subject to clauses 4.3 and 4.8.
- 3.7. The *user* is not liable for obvious mistakes and typing errors in the *offer*.

## 4. Activities / contract variations / provisional sums

- 4.1. The *user* will perform the *activities* properly with good workmanship according to the generally applicable standards and in accordance with the *agreement*.
- 4.2. The *user* shall ensure that the *activities* carried out and, on completion, the *object* comply with the applicable legal requirements, unless this was neither the case before the *activities* nor explicitly agreed between the *parties*.
- 4.3. The *user* may exceed or fall below any amounts in the *agreement* by no more than 10% without any grounds for complaint by the *counterparty* or termination of the *agreement* or the necessity of a new *agreement* in accordance with clause 3 unless there are also other changes.
- 4.4. Clause 4.3 also applies in the event of provisional sums, hourly estimates and quantities included in the *agreement*, which the *user* can only determine definitively after its *activities*.
- 4.5. After the *user* has established or foreseen that these will be higher or lower than the numbers, according to clauses 4.3 and 4.4, the *user* must explain this higher or lower deviation to the *counterparty*.
- 4.6. If a deviation above or below the numbers in accordance with clauses 4.3 and 4.4 exceeds 10%, the *user* must consult the *counterparty*. The parties will then be able to continue the agreement and form a new agreement in accordance with clause 3 in connection with the deviation higher or lower than the numbers.
- 4.7. If there is *additional work* the *parties* will enter into a new *agreement* for those *activities* in accordance with clause 3.

- 4.8. In the event that the *counterparty* does not respond to an *offer* with regard to *additional work* and is unavailable while *additional work* is required under time pressure, the *user* can nevertheless carry out the *additional work* as an *agreement* without applicability of clauses 3.1, 3.2 and 3.4, provided this *additional work* is necessary and/or logical, is obviously reasonable and constitutes added value for the *counterparty* and his *object*.
- 4.9. In the event of clauses 4.6 and 4.7 the *counterparty* can terminate the *agreement*. The *agreement* is valid until its termination and the *counterparty* shall pay the agreed fee for the *activities* with application of clause 4.3, after which the *user* shall complete the *object* as much as possible in an assembled and usable condition.

### 5. Prices / invoices

- 5.1. The *user* must state as much as possible in the *offer* and the *agreement* and on its invoice the prices of labour, costs, parts as well as any duties and VAT.
- 5.2. Price and wage changes at the user and price changes of labour, materials and knowledge to be purchased can be passed on to the *counterparty* provided they are regular and reasonable.
- 5.3. The *counterparty* must notify the *user* of any objections to the price changes and invoices within 20 working days after receipt of the notice or the invoice stating the reasons.
- 5.4. Any objections in accordance with clause 5.3 do not grant a right to suspend payment.

### 6. Payment

- 6.1. The user can invoice its *activities* periodically, inbetween, through an advance or on completion of the *object*.
- 6.2. The *user* can apply to its invoices a payment period between 14 and 30 days and stipulates this period in its *offer*.
- 6.3. In the event of invoicing upon completion of the *object* the *user* may demand immediate payment by the *counterparty*.
- 6.4. The *user* may demand security from the *counterparty* for payment of its invoices.
- 6.5. The *user* will already state its payment conditions as much as possible in the *offer*.
- 6.6. Payment of the invoice of the *user* is immediately due and payable by the *counterparty* without any notice of default being required and with immediate default, if:
  - a. with regard to the *counterparty* a moratorium or bankruptcy has been applied for or granted or there is an assignment of the estate or a death;
  - b. with regard to the *counterparty* an asset has been or will be attached;
  - c. the company or the shares of the *counterparty* are transferred, disposed of, discontinued, etc.
- 6.7. If the *counterparty* does not pay an invoice of the *user* on time and in full, the *user* will initially send a written

reminder to the *counterparty* with a payment period of 14 days, the second time the *counterparty* will demand payment with a period of 7 days and the third time summon the *counterparty* with a period of 2 days. In this connection the *user* will each time send a notice of default to the *counterparty* and point out clause 6.8.

- 6.8. In the event of a default, after the demand for payment of clause 6.7 the *counterparty* will be liable for 1% interest per month (or part of a month) over the unpaid principal amount until payment in full, as well as for extrajudicial collection costs of 15% over the unpaid principal amount plus interest due, with a minimum of €250 for each unpaid invoice, insofar as this is legally allowed.
- 6.9. In the event of a continued default after the demand of clause 6.7 the *user* may take legal action against the *counterparty*. The *counterparty* will be liable for all associated costs of the *user* including integral lawyers' fees.
- 6.10. Payments by the *counterparty* go first to reducing the costs of the *user*, subsequently the collection costs, then the interest and only after this the unpaid principal sum of the *user* in the order of the oldest to the most recent.
- 6.11. The *user* may offset any payment by the *counterparty* against its older unpaid invoices, regardless of the intention of the *counterparty* with regard to the payment.

### Completion

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- 7.1. A completion period for the *object* specified by the *user* is without any obligation and is not a deadline within the sense of Section 6:83 under a of the Dutch Civil Code.
- 7.2. The *user* will inform the *counterparty* as soon as it reasonably expects the completion period will be exceeded and confirm the arrangements *in writing*.
- 7.3. A completion period being exceeded as a result of changes to the *agreement*, *additional work* or non-fulfilment of the (payment) conditions of the *agreement* by the *counterparty* does not constitute a deadline.
- 7.4. The *user* will deliver the *object* to the *counterparty* immediately after completion of its *activities* in accordance with the *(additional work) agreement.*
- 7.5. In the absence of taking receipt of the completed *object* in accordance with the arrangements, the *user* may charge the *counterparty* storage costs amounting to not more than €50 per day. The *user* will notify the *counterparty* of this within good time.

#### 8. Warranty

- 8.1. The *user* grants a warranty of one year on its *activities* from the completion of the *object* onwards.
- 8.2. With regard to *activities* by third parties for the benefit of the *object* on the instructions of the *user*, the warranty of clause 8.1 will apply.
- 8.3. The warranty does not apply in the event of:

- a. defects being the consequence of an act connected with the *object* not being carried out by or on behalf of the *user* and/or of the *object* being exposed to extreme circumstances and/or of construction faults with regard to the *object* and/or of the use of parts or materials which are not original and/or not supplied by the brand importer and which the *counterparty* made available to the *user*;
- b. colour differences in the coating of the *object* undetectable in daylight;
- c. deterioration of the coating of the *object* caused:
  - by an external cause;
  - to parts not fitted by the *user* or not worked on by the *user*;
- defects of the *object* as a result of necessary acts not carried out by the *user* on the instructions of the *counterparty*;
- e. services, acts or deliveries with regard to the object which the user explicitly advised the counterparty against;
- f. an *object* in a poor condition or worked by third parties such that the *user* cannot remedy the damage within the scope of the *agreement* or can render the *object* into the condition to be expected;
- 8.4. The entitlement to warranty will lapse if:
  - a. the *counterparty* does not make the *object* available for an assessment/check of the complaint of the *counterparty* within the period indicated by the *user*;
  - with regard to visible defects the *counterparty* does not submit its complaint in writing to the *user* with a clear description of the complaint within one month after it arose;
  - c. with regard to non-visible defects the counterparty who is not a consumer does not submit to the user its complaints in writing with a clear description of the complaints within 14 days after discovery of these defects;
  - d. the *counterparty* does not give the *user* the opportunity to remedy the defect;
  - e. there are complaints associated with *activities* with regard to the *object* performed by third parties, unless this was necessary and those third parties are generally recognised as experts, for instance in connection with a breakdown service.

### 9. Liability / indemnity

9.1. The liability of the *user* for any damage to the *object* or items of the *counterparty* is limited to 25% of its most recent invoice to the *counterparty* with regard to the *object*.

- 9.2. The liability of the *user* is limited to the amount that its liability insurer as the case may be will pay to it, to be increased by the excess.
- 9.3. The *counterparty* must ensure that no items of value are situated in/on the *object* when it is offered to the *user*.
- 9.4. The *user* is not liable for any damage such as by theft or fire with regard to the *object* or items belonging to the *counterparty* or third parties in the *object* or at the *user*, such as a cargo, fittings, money, documents and securities.
- 9.5. The *user* is not liable for indirect and consequent loss as a result of a delay in the completion of the *object*.
- 9.6. The limitations of liability with regard to the *user* are not applicable in the event of any contradiction between mandatory law or intention or conscious recklessness of the *user*.
- 9.7. The counterparty indemnifies the *user* against, and will compensate the *user* for, claims by third parties with regard to the performance of the *agreement*.

#### 10. Force majeure

- 10.1. The *user* will not be blamed for a failure if this is the result of force majeure.
- 10.2. The term 'force majeure' means: a failure which cannot be attributed to the *user* because the *user* cannot be blamed for it and in addition it should not be at its expense according to legislation, the law or the generally prevailing opinion.
- 10.3. Some examples of force majeure are:
  - operational breakdown, disruption in business operations, wildcat strikes, which the user could not reasonably prevent;
  - b. late delivery by a supplier of the user of parts which are necessary in order to carry out the agreement;
  - c. transport problems or restrictions by which the transport to or from the *user* is impeded;
  - d. war, riots, sabotage, flood, fire, terrorism, an internal accident with serious injuries and other serious disturbances/breakdowns and duress/threats as well as a real chance of this, as well as directions from the competent authority, consequences of unlawful or unjustified acts by bailiffs, banks and other parties, sit-down strikes, work strikes and government measures;
  - e. a situation in which the *user* is unable to carry out the *agreement* due to the failure or negligence of a third party.
- 10.4. In the event of force majeure the *user* will be entitled within 3 weeks after it arose to change the completion period or to dissolve the *agreement* extra-judicially, without being obliged to pay any compensation.
- 10.5. After the dissolution of the *agreement* due to force majeure the *user* will be entitled to reimbursement of

the costs incurred and the activities carried out until that time, in accordance with the *agreement*.

### 11. Replaced parts

11.1. The (old) parts and/or materials left behind in connection with the *activities* and after the completion will become the property of the *user*, unless the *parties* have agreed otherwise *in writing*. In that case the *counterparty* must take these parts and/or materials immediately on completion of the *object*.

## 12. Advice and information

- 12.1. The *counterparty* cannot derive any rights from the advice and information of the *user* beyond the scope of the *agreement*.
- 12.2. In performing the *agreement* the *user* can assume the accuracy and completeness of the information provided by the *counterparty*.
- 12.3. The *counterparty* indemnifies the *user* against every claim by third parties in connection with information provided by or on behalf of the *counterparty*.
- 12.4. All information of the *user* or made in its assignment, including offers, drawings, photographs, designs, images, plans, prototypes and other physical and digital records is and remains its (intellectual) property to the exclusion of the *counterparty*.
- 12.5. This information cannot be used, reproduced or otherwise appropriated by the *counterparty*, not even for the benefit of third parties, regardless as to whether the *counterparty* paid a fee to the *user* in this connection.
- 12.6. If the *parties* have agreed otherwise this must be laid down explicitly, without any doubt and *in writing*.
- 12.7. Apart from the compensation payable by law the counterparty will owe to the user a penalty immediately due and payable of €25,000 for each violation of clause 12.
- 12.8. In accordance with this clause the *counterparty* must return to the *user* the information provided to the former at the first request within the period stipulated by the *user*. Failing this, the *counterparty* will owe to the *user* a penalty immediately due and payable of €1,000 per day, apart from the compensation payable by law.

#### 13. Dissolution

- 13.1. Dissolution of the *agreement* is possible by means of a written notice to the other *party* but only after the other *party* has first been given a written notice of default and has had a reasonable period and the opportunity to fulfil its obligations or to remedy the failure established.
- 13.2. In the event of clause 6.7 the *user* can also apart from clause 6.9 terminate the *agreement* in full or in part without judicial intervention.
- 13.3. If the *counterparty* is a *consumer* and has died, the heirs or the executor may continue or terminate the *agreement* with application of clause 4.9.
- 14. Retention of title and right of retention

- 14.1. After completion of the *object* the *user* reserves the title with regard to all repairs it has carried out and parts it has fitted until the *counterparty* has paid the invoices of the *user*.
- 14.2. The *counterparty* shall respect this retention of title and manage those parts with due care and neither dispose of or encumber the parts or the *object*.
- 14.3. Insofar as the parts are quite accessible and easy to dismantle according to clause 14.1, in the case of clause 6.9 the *user* can proceed to retrieve those parts.
- 14.4. Upon completion the *user* will have the right of retention with regard to the *object* including all repairs it performed and parts it fitted until the *counterparty* has paid the *user* in accordance with clause 6.
- 14.5. In the event of clauses 14.2 and 6.9 the *user* will be entitled to disassemble the parts fitted to the *object* and to use them elsewhere, whereby the *counterparty* is liable for the costs of the *user*.

### 15. Disputes

15.1. Any disputes with regard to the *agreement* will be settled by the competent court in Amsterdam.

#### 16. Applicable law

16.1. The *conditions* and *agreements* as well as all disputes arising from them will exclusively be governed by Dutch law.

These conditions are effective from 1 January 2019 onwards and are filed at the Commercial Register of the Ch. of Comm. in Amsterdam under number 40530216.