

General Regulations

PART I - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1 - Title, Theme and Category

- An international registered exhibition shall be held in Osaka, Kansai, Japan. The title of this exhibition shall be Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan (hereinafter referred to as “the Expo”). The theme of the Expo will be “Designing Future Society for Our Lives”. The definition of the theme of the Expo, as well as the details of its development will be specified in Special Regulation No. 1 as stipulated in Article 34 herein. The Bureau International des Expositions (hereinafter referred to as “the BIE”) has registered this Expo in accordance with the provisions of the Convention relating to International Exhibitions, signed at Paris on the 22nd of November, 1928, as amended (hereinafter referred to as “the Convention”).

Article 2 - The Site

- The site of the Expo shall be located at Yumeshima Island, an artificial island on the waterfront of Osaka covering an area of approximately 390 hectares, of which 155 hectares shall be used as exhibition areas and for other activities.

Article 3 - Duration

- The Expo shall open on Sunday, 13 April 2025 and shall be closed definitively on Monday, 13 October 2025.
- In the event of one or more visiting days being organised before the official opening date, for special categories of guests such as press representatives, the dates for these shall be fixed with the agreement of the Steering Committee of the College of Commissioners General.

PART II - CONCERNED GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES IN THE ORGANISING STATE

Article 4 - Government Authority Responsible for the Expo

- The Expo shall be under the authority of the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry of the Government of Japan, a signatory government of the Convention who shall be responsible for preparing or undertaking the legal, financial and other measures necessary to ensure the success and prestige of the Expo. The Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry shall exercise its authority and its control over the Expo through the Commissioner General of the Exhibition.

Article 5 - The Commissioner General of the Exhibition

- The Government of Japan shall appoint the Commissioner General of the Exhibition.
- The Commissioner General of the Exhibition shall represent the government in all matters related to the Expo. He/She shall be responsible for ensuring that the commitments taken vis-à-vis the participants are duly honoured. He/She shall ensure that the programme of work is respected and that the general provisions of the General Regulations and Special Regulations are carried out. He/She shall exercise disciplinary powers over the Expo, and, in this capacity, he is authorised to suspend or stop any activity, and to effect at any time the withdrawal of items of whatever origin which are incompatible with the proper standing of the Expo and which are likely to be a risk or liability. If the Organiser or the Commissioner General of Section should contest the decision of the Commissioner General of the Exhibition, the provisions set out in Article 10, which the parties have promised to respect, shall be applied. This recourse has the effect of putting the decision in abeyance except where a matter of security is in question.
- The Commissioner General of the Exhibition can, under his/her own responsibility, delegate the exercise of his/her powers to his/her co-workers.
- The Commissioner General of the Exhibition may not carry out any function or mission on the Organiser's behalf, unless these functions, in law and in fact, are purely disinterested and non-profit making.

Article 6 - Relationship between the Commissioner General of the Exhibition and the Bureau International des Expositions

- The Commissioner General of the Exhibition shall communicate to the BIE as soon as he/she receives such information, the decisions taken by Governments regarding their participation, and more particularly the documents wherein Governments notify the Commissioner General of their acceptance, the nomination of Commissioners General of national sections, exhibition spaces selected by participating countries etc. and, as soon as they have been signed, the Participation Contracts.
- The Commissioner General of the Exhibition shall submit to the BIE, within the periods specified in Article 34, hereunder, the texts of the Special Regulations. He/She shall keep the BIE fully informed, chiefly by reporting at each of its sessions, of all developments and progress relating to the preparation of the Expo. He/She shall ensure that the use of the BIE flag and symbols comply with the regulations laid down by the BIE. He/She shall welcome the delegates sent by the BIE on official missions to the Expo.
- The Commissioner General of the Exhibition shall ensure that the Organiser indicates by all suitable means and particularly by mentioning it on all documents, that the Expo has been registered by the BIE in accordance with the regulations set down by the BIE.
- The Commissioner General of the Exhibition shall communicate to the BIE, in

due time and for the information of the participants, the legislative, statutory or other texts adopted by the organising State and local public Authorities, in order to facilitate the participation of foreign States and ensure the success of the Expo.

- The Commissioner General of the Exhibition shall agree with the BIE on the methods and procedures by which the percentage of 2 %, in accordance with the BIE regulations, of the total receipts deriving from ticket sales (gross receipts exclusive of consumption tax and local consumption tax) at the Expo is to be paid to the BIE (hereinafter referred to as "Royalty on Gate Money"). The amount of the gate money should under no circumstances be inferior to that foreseen as compensation for the cancellation of an exhibition as stipulated under Article 38 of the present Regulations.

Article 7 - The College of Commissioners General and the Steering Committee

- At the earliest possible opportunity, the Commissioner General of the Exhibition shall convene a meeting of Commissioners General of Section representing the participating countries to nominate a Chairperson and a Steering Committee to represent them, to consider matters of mutual interest, and to exercise the powers laid down in Article 10 hereunder.
- When the number of States officially participating doubles after the elections, the elections shall be considered no longer valid, and new elections shall be held.
- Should the Chairperson of the Steering Committee be prevented for any reason from fulfilling his/her responsibilities, he/she shall delegate his/her powers to another member of the Steering Committee.
- The rules governing the functioning of the Steering Committee shall be set out in Special Regulation No. 3 referred to in Article 34 of the present Regulations.

Article 8 - Exhibition Organiser

- In accordance with the Act on Special Measures Necessary for Preparing for and Managing the International Exposition in 2025 and having regard to the authority of the Commissioner General, the preparation, organisation, operation and management of the Expo shall be the responsibility of the Japan Association for the 2025 World Exposition, Public Interest Incorporated Association (hereinafter referred to as "the Organiser").
- The Commissioner General of the Exhibition shall communicate to the BIE, for the information of the participants and the formal records of the BIE, the constitutional proceedings and composition of the bodies directing the Expo, as well as the basic terms of the guarantees, benefits or constraints arising from the conventions signed by the State and, if the case arises, other public authorities.

PART III - OFFICIAL PARTICIPANTS

Article 9 - Official Participants

1. Official Participants are those foreign governments and international organisations that have accepted an official invitation from the Government of Japan to participate in the Expo. The governments of all participating countries in the Expo shall be represented by a Commissioner General of Section accredited to the Government of Japan. Any participating international organisation may also appoint a Commissioner General of Section.

Official Participants shall each conclude a Participation Contract with the Organiser to be signed by the Commissioner General of Section and the Organiser and initialled by the Commissioner General of the Exhibition.

The Commissioner General of Section is solely responsible for the organisation and operation of his/her national section, which includes all the exhibitors and the managers of the commercial activities referred to in Chapter III of Part IV hereunder, but not the concessionaires referred to in Part V.

The Commissioner General of Section shall guarantee that the members of his/her national section will abide by the regulations issued by the Organiser and approved by the BIE.

In order to enable the Commissioner General of Section to carry out his/her responsibilities, he/she shall be entitled to the advantages listed in Special Regulation No. 12, referred to in Article 34.

The personnel of the foreign national sections shall benefit from the accommodation facilities listed in Special Regulation No. 6, referred to in Article 34.

2. All Official Participants shall abide by the same rules as regards both their rights and obligations. The Organiser shall not permit any exemptions to this Article, except for justified technical and financial supports granted to developing countries.

These terms should be explicitly included in the Participation Contract submitted to the BIE for the participating countries and international organisations.

3. Information relating to the financial assistance for developing countries will be detailed in Special Regulation No. 2 and relevant participation guidelines to be established by the Organiser with the cooperation of the BIE.

Article 10 - Settlement of Disputes

- Any disputes between an Official Participant and, either another Official Participant, or the Organiser, will be settled in the following manner:
 1. If the dispute concerns the interpretation of the present General Regulations, the Special Regulations or the Participation Contract, considered in the light of the Convention or the compulsory rules of the BIE, the Steering Committee of the College of Commissioners General will be arbitrator after having, if the case arises, sought the opinion of the President of the BIE who, with the assistance of the Vice Chairperson (Chairpersons) concerned and

the Secretary General, will make a recommendation. The Commissioner General of the Exhibition or the Organiser may also seek the above-mentioned opinion.

This decision of the Steering Committee is immediately applicable and without recourse. During its next session the General Assembly of the BIE will make known whether it approves the interpretation of the office of the College of Commissioners General, which will thus constitute a precedent applicable to similar future cases; otherwise, it will indicate the interpretation which should have been given.

2. If the dispute concerns products exhibited, the Steering Committee will inform the College, according to paragraph 3 of clause 19 of the Convention.
3. If the case must be resolved by the Commissioner General of the Exhibition according to the provisions of these General Regulations, any party may demand that advice of the Steering Committee be sought beforehand.
4. For any other dispute each party can demand arbitration:
 - in the first instance, from the Commissioner General of the Exhibition alone;
 - in the second instance, from the said Commissioner General deciding after consultation with the Steering Committee of the College of Commissioners General;
 - in the third instance, from the Steering Committee of the College of Commissioners General.The decision will be made at the level demanded by the party which chooses the highest level.
5. The above-mentioned rulings must be made within ten days. Otherwise, the dispute - if it comes under points 1, 3 or 4 above - will be brought before the College of Commissioners General, which will decide within five days. Otherwise, the request of the party which raised the dispute will be considered unjustified.

PART IV - GENERAL CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

CHAPTER I - ADMISSION

Article 11 - Admission of Items and Exhibition Materials

- Only those items and exhibition materials which relate to the theme as described in Article 1 of the present Regulations shall be admitted to the Expo.
- The origin of these products shall be governed by the provisions of Article 19 of the Convention.
- The procedure for compliance to the theme of the Expo shall be described in Special Regulation No. 1, referred to in Article 34.

Article 12 - Admission of Exhibitors

- The exhibitors in national sections shall be selected by the Commissioner

General of Section and come under his/her sole authority.

- Exhibitors who do not come under any section shall deal directly with the Organiser, who shall inform the Government of the State of origin of the exhibitor concerned of their intention as soon as contact is established with such exhibitors.

Article 13 - Exhibition Spaces

- There shall be the following categories of exhibition spaces:
 1. Type A (plot): Participants will build their own pavilions on the plot provided by the Organiser. The exhibition by corporations will be included in this category.
 2. Type B (module): Participants rent exhibition modules set up by the Organiser.
 3. Type C (shared pavilion): Participants rent exhibition space in pavilions built by the Organiser.
 4. The Japan Pavilion and Municipal Pavilion: Exhibitions by the Government of Japan and by local governments in Japan
 5. NPO Room: A facility for NPOs that is intended to promote participation and exhibition of citizens, who are building future society
 6. Theme Pavilion: Pavilions built by the Organiser where visitors are provided with various experiences planned by the Organiser according to the theme.
 7. Best Practice Area: Space for exhibition prepared for wide-ranging stakeholders as a place to showcase the outputs of co-creation projects, which will start prior to the opening of the Expo. Such participants may include non-government organisations, small businesses and citizens.
Space rented to BIE member states will be subject to a 15 % discount on rent. For countries that are eligible for the Assistance Programme to developing countries, space will be provided free of charge.

CHAPTER II - SITES - INSTALLATIONS - CHARGES

Article 14 - Sites

- The total usable space which is placed at the disposition of the foreign national sections shall be at least equal to the space allocated to the section of the organising state. If, however, this space has not been fully allocated 24 months before the opening of the Expo, the Organiser shall recover the right to dispose
- freely of the unreserved space.
- The plots required by the Official Participants to erect their own pavilions shall be made available by the Organiser free of charge.
- Confirmation of the allocation of space to Official Participants shall be subject to the approval of the proposed Theme Statement as specified in Special Regulation No. 1, referred to in Article 34.

Article 15 - General Services

- The Organiser shall provide at the expense of each participant, the services of gas, electricity, telecommunications, water inlets and outlets, garbage removal, etc. Rates charged for such services shall conform to local rates.
- Participants shall carry out all the cleaning, maintenance, garbage disposal, and other activities ordinarily required for the operation of their site. Should a participant fail to do so, the Organiser is authorised to carry out these activities itself and charge all expenses incurred therefrom.
- The terms for the provision of general services shall be described in Special Regulation Nos. 4, 5 and 10, as referred to in Article 34.

Article 16 - Buildings and Installations

- No participant may make alterations within the exhibition grounds without the Organiser's prior approval of the project. Earthworks, landscaping and generally speaking all improvements around the buildings must also be approved in advance by the Organiser. Similarly, improvement plans drawn up by the Organiser may not be modified unless the participants concerned are in agreement, or permission has been granted by the Steering Committee of the College of Commissioners General.
- The conditions for all construction and improvements shall be set forth in Special Regulation No. 4 referred to in Article 34 of the present Regulations.
- The special conditions which apply within the exhibition grounds, taking into account the temporary nature of the buildings to be erected and the improvements to be made, shall also be indicated therein.
- In addition, participants may request the Commissioner General of the Exhibition to waive the regulations. In that event the Commissioner General shall either decide the matter or arrange for the competent authorities to make a decision.
- Special Regulation No. 5, referred to in Article 34, mentions the conditions for the installation and operation of any machines, apparatus or equipment which may be used by the participants.

Article 17 - Occupation of the Sites

- Actual construction work shall be completed by 13 July 2024, internal conversion and finishing work by 13 January 2025 and the installation of exhibits by 13 March 2025.
- In order that such a timetable is honoured, plots for construction shall be handed over to participants (or authorised representatives) from 13 April 2023; space for exhibition in pavilions built by the Organiser by 13 July 2024; and the entry of items to be shown shall be authorised from 13 November 2024.
- The plots allocated to participants for construction must be vacated and returned in the original conditions by 13 April 2026 at the latest. Pavilions built by the Organiser must be vacated and returned in the original conditions by 13 January 2026.

Article 18 - Exhibits

- No exhibit or part thereof may be removed from the Expo without the permission of the Commissioner General of the Exhibition.
- If a participant is unable to fulfil his/her commitments towards the Organiser, the Commissioner General of the Exhibition may proceed at the closing date of the Expo and at the participant's cost and risk, with the dismantling, removal, storage, attachment and sale of the participant's goods located within the exhibition grounds, with the exclusion of items considered of national heritage and the amount due to the Organiser of the Expo shall be deducted from the proceeds of such sale.

CHAPTER III - COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES AND MISCELLANEOUS

Article 19 - General Provisions

- Commercial or other activities carried out in the national sections must be authorised in accordance with these General Regulations, or by the Participation Contract or by the Commissioner General of the Exhibition. An Official Participant may avail himself of any special benefits obtained by another Official Participant.
- Such activities, including those concerning electronic commerce, fall exclusively within the jurisdiction of the appropriate Commissioner General of Section. If these commercial or other activities give rise to the payment of royalties, in accordance with the terms laid down in the Participation Contract, these royalties shall be collected by the Commissioner General of Section.
- The space devoted to commercial activities and accessible to the public must not exceed 20 % of the total covered exhibition space in order to ensure that the national presentation complies with the provisions in Article I of the Convention.

Article 20 - Commercial Activities

- In accordance with the conditions set out in Special Regulation No. 9, referred to in Article 34, Official Participants may open restaurants in which the national food of their country will principally be served.
- In accordance with the conditions laid down in Special Regulation No. 9, referred to in Article 34, Official Participants may sell to the general public photographs, including slides and postcards, sound and video recordings (on films, CD's, DVD's or other electronic media), books and stamps from their countries. Subject to the Organiser's approval, Official Participants may also sell a limited number of articles which are truly representative of their country. Such articles may be replaced during the course of the Expo. This principle also applies to electronic sales.
- Items exhibited in the national sections, as well as materials used to install presentations may be sold ready for delivery after the Expo closes; by so doing the exhibitor shall relinquish his/her right to the benefit of temporary import and shall be subject to taxation and customs regulations. No dues shall be payable

to the Organiser on such sales.

- In the case where the Organiser has granted exclusive commercial rights to certain suppliers for the sale of goods or services, these rights must not be allowed to hinder the commercial activities of the Official Participants, whether these activities are restaurants, or the sale of articles included in the national sections.
- Concessions made by the Organiser should respect the principle of non-discrimination between nationals and foreigners; avoid all risk of imbalance between the number and nature of concessions, and the eventual number of visits and all excesses of commercialisation leading to alterations in the objectives of an international exhibition, as established by the BIE.

Article 21 - Catering Services for Own Personnel

- Any national section may organise a restaurant and refreshment services for the exclusive use of its own personnel. These activities shall not require the payment of any dues to the Commissioner General of the Exhibition or to the Organiser.

Article 22 - Distribution of Free Samples

- Subject to the approval of the Commissioner General of the Exhibition, Commissioners General of Section or exhibitors coming under their authority may distribute free samples of their products or allow them to be tasted free of charge, within their own section.

Article 23 - Entertainment, Special Events

- Official Participants may arrange shows, special events, presentations or meetings related to the theme of the Expo.
- Conditions in each case shall be agreed mutually between the Commissioner General of the Exhibition, the Organiser and the Commissioner General of Section.

Article 24 - Publicity

1. Participants may place signboards, posters, notices, printed matter and similar such material on their exhibition spaces or in their pavilions.
2. The use outside this exhibition space or pavilion of any publicity material shall be subject to the prior approval of the Commissioner General of the Exhibition. The Commissioner General of the Exhibition may require the removal of any such signs for which he/she has not given approval.
3. Brochures and leaflets can only be distributed within the enclosure of the section.
4. All publicity concerning special events etc. on the site must be authorised by the Commissioner General of the Exhibition. All noisy advertising is prohibited.

5. The name, image, logo, marks, mascots, content, etc. of the Expo may not be used either inside, or outside the Expo site, without prior approval of the Organiser, whether for commercial purposes or not, be they in the form of boards, signs, printed publications, photos, drawings, electronic images, internet or any other form.
6. Commissioners General of Section may use the symbols of the Expo solely for non-commercial purposes directly related to the Expo after having concluded the Participation Contract with the Organiser and receiving permission of the Commissioner General of the Exhibition. This right of use is not transferable.

CHAPTER IV - COMMON SERVICES

Article 25 - Customs Regulations

- In accordance with Article 16 of the Convention, and its appendix concerning Customs regulations and the Customs system to which it will refer, Special Regulation No. 7 as set out in Article 34 shall determine the appropriate Customs regulations to be applied, as necessary, to goods and articles of foreign origin intended for the Expo.

Article 26 - Handling and Customs Operations

- Exhibitors may carry out freely all handling and customs operations; however, the Organiser shall inform them of the names of those brokers whom he/she has approved as being competent for this purpose and over whom he/she exercises a control.
- Each exhibitor must handle his/her own on-site acceptance of goods and the reshipment of crates as well as the checking of their contents. If exhibitors and their brokers are not present when the crates arrive within the exhibition grounds, the Commissioner General of the Exhibition can have them warehoused at the risk and expense of the interested party.

Article 27 - Insurance

1. Compulsory insurance required by the law
 - 1) Workman's compensation:

Each Commissioner General of Section must insure his/her personnel and the personnel of his/her exhibitors against accidents at work in accordance with the conditions laid down in Special Regulation No. 8, referred to in Article 34 of the present Regulations.
 - 2) Motor insurance:

In accordance with the laws and regulations of Japan, all vehicles belonging to a national section, its members, its employees, its exhibitors and, more generally, any person coming under the authority in any capacity of a Commissioner General of Section must be insured against the damage they may cause to third parties under the conditions laid

down by Special Regulation No. 8, referred to in Article 34.

2. Compulsory insurance required by the present Regulations

1) Civil liability:

The Organiser shall underwrite and approve a group policy covering the risks involving his/her civil responsibility and listed in Special Regulation No. 8 referred to in Article 34 of the present Regulations. This insurance policy shall be taken out with the underwriter offering the most favourable terms.

The costs incurred shall be determined on a pro-rata calculation of the area (square meters) occupied by each participant.

All Official Participants may choose whether to take out coverage under this group policy or to provide evidence that they have taken out a policy with another insurance company approved by the Organiser covering the same risks.

2) Insurance of goods:

A) Goods belonging to the government of the host State or the Organiser
Subscription to any insurance against theft, deterioration or destruction of such goods (building, furnishings, equipment and other items) shall be the sole responsibility of the owner, and may not be passed on to an Official Participant in the form of a surcharge on the rent payable, even if the Official Participant obtains permanent or partial coverage from such insurance.

B) Goods belonging to Official Participants

Insurance of goods (buildings, furnishings, equipment, personal property and other such items) against the risks of theft, deterioration or destruction of these goods shall be the sole responsibility of the owner of these goods.

C) The Commissioner General of the Exhibition, the Organiser, the Commissioner General of Section and their exhibitors mutually waive any claim which they may be entitled to make against each other as a result of material damage caused by fire or other casualty. Such a claim would not be waived in the case of foul play.

This waiver should take effect automatically for each Commissioner General of Section as from the date his/her Participation Contract enters into force. All contracts relating to the insurance of buildings, furnishings, equipment and any other items belonging to the persons mentioned in the previous paragraph, whether they take the form of a contract for the extension of coverage under a group policy or of a separate policy, must explicitly mention this waiver, which shall also be mentioned in the Participation Contract.

3. Other insurance:

The Organiser may provide participants with assistance if they choose to take out additional insurance against other risks.

4. Special Regulation No. 8 referred to in Article 34 of the present Regulations shall clearly set out all conditions for insurance-related matters, in addition to those set out in this Article, and including applicable insurance obligations under the laws of Japan.

Article 28 - Security

- In accordance with the conditions laid down in Special Regulation No. 10 referred to in Article 34, the Organiser shall set up an overall security system to maintain peace and security, to deter violations of the law and to enforce the regulations.
- Commissioner General of Section may, under the conditions laid down in the Special Regulation mentioned above, organise special surveillance of their respective sections.

Article 29 - Catalogue

1. Each participant shall cooperate with the Organiser as regards all publication, production and communication appropriate to the promotion of the Expo. The contents of such material must have received the approval of the Commissioner General of Section concerned.
2. The Commissioner General of each section shall be entitled to have printed and published, at his/her own expense, an official catalogue of the items on display in his/her section.

Article 30 - Admissions to the Site

1. The conditions of admission are laid down by Special Regulation No. 13 referred to in Article 34.
2. The Commissioner General of the Exhibition (the Organiser, with the agreement of the Commissioner General of the Exhibition) shall determine the entrance fees for the Expo.
No other entrance fee may be charged inside the Expo, without the approval of the BIE.
3. Standing invitations or invitations for a limited period, complimentary entrance cards for exhibitors or concessionaires, and employees' service cards shall be issued in accordance with the conditions laid down in Special Regulation No. 13 mentioned above.

CHAPTER V - INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

Article 31 - General Regulations

- Special Regulation No. 11, referred to in Article 34, on the protection of patent rights and copyrights shall specify:
 - The adherence of Japan to:
 - Berne Convention of September 9th, 1886 on the Protection of Works of Art and Literature
 - Geneva Convention of September 6th, 1952 on Author's Rights
 - Paris Convention of March 20th, 1883 on the Protection of Industrial Property

- References of applicable laws in Japan
- Special measures taken regarding the Expo
- Measures for the protection of all patents as well as those for anti-counterfeiting
- Security personnel shall be instructed not to allow anyone to draw, copy, measure, photograph, cast etc. with a profit-making aim, items on display in the Expo without the written permission of the exhibitor.

Article 32 - Photograph or Other Views of the Expo

- The reproduction and sale of views of the pavilions of each Official Participant must be approved by the Commissioner General of the section concerned. However, the Organiser reserves the right to authorise the reproduction and sale of photographic or other views of the Expo. Participants may not object to such reproduction or sale.

CHAPTER VI - AWARDS

Article 33 - Awards

- In accordance with Articles 23 and 24 of the Convention, the judging and ranking in order of merit of exhibits shall be entrusted to one or more international juries whose rules of operation shall be laid down in Special Regulation No. 14, referred to in Article 34.
- If an exhibitor in a national section has decided not to take part in the competition, the Commissioner General of the section shall inform the Commissioner General of the Exhibition to this effect.

CHAPTER VII - SPECIAL REGULATIONS

Article 34 - List of Regulations and Time Schedules

- The host government shall submit to the BIE for approval, the drafts of the Special Regulations. These regulations shall, in particular, concern:
 1. the definition of the theme of the Expo and the means of its implementation by the Organiser and the Participants;
 2. the conditions for the participation of States, international organisations and private exhibitors;
 3. the rules of the Steering Committee of the College of Commissioners General;
 4. the rules concerning construction or improvements, and fire protection;
 5. the rules concerning the installation and operation of machines, apparatus and equipment of all types;
 6. the accommodation facilities for the personnel of the official foreign sections;
 7. the regulations governing customs and handling, and any particular rates and charges;
 8. insurance;

9. the conditions under which Official Participants may operate restaurants or carry out sales;
 10. the provision of general services:
 - health and hygiene
 - security and surveillance
 - distribution of water, gas, electricity, heating, air-conditioning, etc.
 - telecommunications
 11. the protection of intellectual property rights.
This regulation must specify that each Commissioner General of Section shall have free nonlucrative use of the title, logo and other attributes for the Expo.
 12. the privileges and advantages of Commissioners General of Section and of their staff;
 13. the regulations governing admissions.
 14. the conditions governing the attributing of awards, if any.
- The above regulations numbered 1 to 10 inclusive shall be submitted at least three years before the date of the opening of the Expo. Those regulations mentioned under 11 to 14 inclusive shall be submitted at the latest eighteen months (18 months) prior to the opening of the Expo.
 - These regulations shall be communicated to the Steering Committee of the College of Commissioners General as soon as it has been formed. The Steering Committee will study them and inform the BIE of its observations.
 - All other regulations and directives which the Organiser may lay down for the requirements of the Expo shall come into force only after being examined by the General Assembly of the BIE. Notwithstanding the time scale established for the approval of these Special Regulations, the organising committee shall make available early guidelines on costs or provisions necessary in assessing the financial implications of participation.

PART V - SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR CONCESSIONAIRES

Article 35

- “Concessionaires” in the sense of these General Regulations are those who have been granted by the Organiser rights to conduct commercial activities within the Expo site.
- Concessionaires shall conclude a Concessionaire Contract with the Organiser that covers the conditions for the commercial activities to be conducted within the Expo site.
- The above provisions apply to concessionaires with the exception of those which only concern Official Participants and which are the following:
 - Articles 6, 7, 9 and 10;
 - Chapter I of Part IV;
 - Article 14;
 - Chapter III of Part IV, with the exception of Article 24;

- Chapters IV, with the exception of Article 27, 2, 2), C) and VI of Part IV;
- the Special Regulations referred to in Article 34 under the numbers 1, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12 and 14.
- The other conditions for participation shall be laid down in the Participation Contract. They shall comply with the provisions of Articles 17, 18 and 19 of the Convention.

Article 36

- Individuals and firms whose countries are officially participating in the Expo shall only be admitted as concessionaires subject to the agreement of the Commissioner General of Section of their country of origin, who may establish special conditions for their admission.

PART VI - INDEMNITIES IN CASE OF CANCELLATION OF EXHIBITIONS

Article 37

- In the event of the renunciation of organising a registered exhibition, the Organiser must compensate those countries who have accepted to participate, for expenses incurred and duly justified arising directly from their participation in the Expo.
- Nevertheless, no compensation shall be due if the cancellation is caused by "force majeure" due to a natural disaster considered as such by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the Executive Committee.
- Indemnities shall be set by the General Assembly, whose decision will be final, on the proposition of the Executive Committee which had overseen the claim with the documents and evidence supplied by the host State, the Organiser and all other parties involved.

Article 38

- Moreover, the Organiser must compensate the BIE for the loss corresponding to the percentage of gate money for an amount established by the General Assembly according to the proposition of the Administration and Budget Committee.
- Nevertheless, no compensation shall be due if the cancellation is caused by "force majeure" due to a natural disaster considered as such by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

Article 39

- The Organiser should undertake to fulfil the obligations defined by Articles 37 and 38 which shall be guaranteed by the State demanding the registration of the Expo.
- The maximum amount of these indemnities shall be set by an agreement

between, on the one hand the BIE, on the other hand the Organiser and the host State.

- These engagements shall form a part of the required documentation for registration.