Governing Language

These Terms and Conditions are drafted in the German language and translated into English. **The German version is the sole legally binding version.** In the event of any contradictions, discrepancies, or ambiguities between the German version and this English translation, the German version shall prevail.

Technical Guidelines EXPOLIFE 2027

18–20 March 2027 · Messe Kassel

These guidelines contain event-specific requirements for planning, constructing, operating and dismantling your exhibition stand. They apply together with the EXPOLIFE General Terms and Conditions of Participation and the separate documents provided by Messe Kassel.

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1 Scope and House Rules

These Technical Guidelines apply to EXPOLIFE at Messe Kassel from 18 to 20 March 2027, including setup and dismantling periods. The Organizer is Sanopact GmbH, Max-Planck-Str. 4, 85609 Aschheim, Germany.

They supplement the EXPOLIFE General Terms and Conditions of Participation and the separately provided Technical Guidelines and Safety Regulations of Messe Kassel GmbH for parties involved in events (TRL-MK-VPART), published on 20 March 2026. The Messe Kassel House Rules and relevant provisions of its Fire Safety Regulations must also be observed.

The safety requirements of Messe Kassel may not be weakened or overridden by these event-specific provisions. Any contradictions or uncertainties must be clarified in writing with the exhibition Organizer and Messe Kassel before the relevant work begins. Exceptions to venue-operator requirements require written approval from Messe Kassel and any necessary official permits.

Exhibitors must pass on all documents relevant to their participation to their employees, co-exhibitors, stand builders, suppliers and other contracted service providers, and ensure compliance within their areas of responsibility. This also applies to parties based outside Germany.

Each exhibitor must appoint a responsible person who can be reached by telephone throughout the event, including setup and dismantling. Suitable risk assessments for their own activities must be available for possible inspection on site.

Instructions issued by the competent authorities, Messe Kassel and its representatives, and the exhibition Organizer within the scope of its delegated powers must be followed.

2 Opening Hours

2.1 Setup

Tuesday, 16 March 2027, 07:00–21:00.
Wednesday, 17 March 2027, 07:00–21:00.

Early stand setup on Monday, 15 March 2027, is possible upon request, subject to registration and a fee. Permitted times will be specified in the approval.

Exhibition stands whose construction has not commenced by 15:00 on Wednesday, 17 March 2027, will be arranged by the Organizer unless otherwise directed. The resulting costs will be borne by the exhibitor.

On Wednesday, 17 March 2027, stands must be sufficiently prepared by 16:00 at the latest to allow a meaningful safety inspection. From that time, a responsible and competent contact person must be present at the stand. Required safety and material certificates must be available. Further inspections may take place.

2.2 Exhibition Hours

Thursday, 18 March 2027: 09:00–17:00.
Friday, 19 March 2027: 09:00–17:00.
Saturday, 20 March 2027: 09:00–14:00.

The exhibition closes at 14:00 on Saturday. Full or partial dismantling before this time is prohibited. The provisions and contractual penalties under Section 7 of the General Terms and Conditions of Participation apply.

Exhibitors holding an exhibitor pass may enter the halls from 08:00 on exhibition days.

The exhibition party takes place on Friday, 19 March 2027, from 17:00 in Hall 8+9. Admission is free with a visitor ticket or exhibitor pass, without advance registration.

2.3 Dismantling

Saturday, 20 March 2027, from 14:00 until Monday, 22 March 2027, at 12:00.

Stand spaces and all areas used by exhibitors must be completely cleared by the end of the dismantling period. The stand area must be restored to its original condition. Exhibitors are liable for damage caused by improper treatment in accordance with the General Terms and Conditions of Participation.

Alternative delivery times and any storage or temporary storage arrangements must be agreed in advance with the exhibition Organizer and the official exhibition freight forwarder named in the Exhibitor Shop.

3 Tickets and Exhibitor Passes

3.1 Visitor Tickets

Admission is free for trade visitors. To obtain a ticket, visitors must register online in advance on the exhibition website and provide their contact details. Exhibitors are asked to include the trade visitor registration link in their invitation campaigns and forward it to customers. Visitor tickets grant access to the exhibition halls and exhibition party.

3.2 Exhibitor Passes

Exhibitor passes are issued as personalized e-tickets and are valid only for the named individual. Information on availability and registration is provided by the exhibition Organizer or through the Exhibitor Portal.

Exhibitor passes grant access to the exhibition halls and exhibition party and must be shown upon request. They are free of charge. No exhibitor passes are required during setup or dismantling.

4 Traffic on the Exhibition Grounds

4.1 Traffic Regulations

To ensure smooth traffic during setup, dismantling and the exhibition, all traffic control regulations and instructions from security and traffic personnel must be strictly observed. German road traffic regulations apply throughout the grounds and on venue-owned car parks. Closed areas and routes must not be used, and pedestrians must be given maximum consideration. The maximum permitted speed on the grounds is 20 km/h. Vehicles may enter halls only with authorization from Messe Kassel staff, the exhibition Organizer or their representatives. Inside halls, vehicles must travel at walking speed only. Illegally parked vehicles, trailers, swap bodies, containers, receptacles and empty packaging of any kind will be removed at the owner’s expense and risk.

Walking speed also applies outdoors when approaching people, stand areas, loading zones and material-handling areas. Aerial work platforms and industrial trucks have priority. The 20 km/h maximum applies only where walking speed is not required.

Vehicles may enter halls only through designated gates; driving through doors or onto tiled foyer areas is prohibited. Gas-powered vehicles and machinery are prohibited indoors. Engines must be switched off immediately when stopping or parking; ignition keys must be removed when leaving vehicles.

Vehicles may remain inside halls only for the immediate duration of continuous loading or unloading. Parking heaters must not be operated. Wheels and supports must not be placed on floor duct covers.

Every vehicle, trailer or container on the grounds must be identifiable. Company name, stand number and a telephone number reachable on site at all times must be clearly displayed or provided.

Stopping is strictly prohibited, in particular, in the passage between Rothenbach Hall and Halls 5 and 8/9 and at bends along the access road. Fire brigade access areas, gates and doors must remain clear at all times.

4.2 Access to the Grounds

Vehicles may not be parked on the grounds. On exhibition days, the fenced grounds must be kept free of vehicles. Exhibitors and visitors may park free of charge in the designated car parks outside the grounds. Exceptions apply to vehicles with special parking permits, issued to persons with mobility impairments and, to a limited extent, service vehicles.

4.3 Vehicle Access During Setup

During setup days, drivers may stop at designated locations near the halls for loading and unloading. Vehicles must be removed immediately after loading or unloading and may be parked free of charge in the designated car parks outside the grounds. Fire access roads and escape routes must remain clear.

Cars/vans: maximum stay 1.5 hours + DEPOSIT EUR 50
Trucks: maximum stay 3 hours + DEPOSIT EUR 100

4.4 Vehicle Access on Exhibition Days

On exhibition days, before opening, cars and vans may enter through Gate F for loading and unloading between 08:00 and 09:00 at the latest. Vehicles must be removed immediately afterward and parked in the designated car parks outside the grounds. Fire access roads and escape routes must remain clear.

Cars/vans: stay from 08:00 until 09:00 at the latest + DEPOSIT EUR 50

4.5 Escape and Rescue Routes

Escape and rescue routes on the exhibition grounds and inside halls must remain unobstructed at all times. Hall aisles, safety areas, access and maneuvering areas for fire and rescue vehicles, and hall approach routes must not be blocked. Doors along escape routes must open easily from inside, without tools, to their full width. Exit doors, emergency exits and their signs must not be obstructed or concealed. Vehicles and objects placed on or protruding into escape routes, safety areas or aisles will be removed at a charge. During setup and dismantling, materials or exhibits may be placed briefly in hall aisles provided the required safety aisle widths are maintained and logistics are adequately considered. Regardless of aisle width, at least 1.50 m must remain clear. Areas in front of emergency exits and aisle intersections must remain clear across their full width at all times. Hall aisles and hall connections may not be used as assembly areas or for machinery such as woodworking equipment or workbenches. Messe Kassel, the Organizer or their representatives may demand immediate clearance of an aisle for logistical reasons as well.

The minimum clear width of 1.50 m applies to free passage areas during setup and dismantling. Mandatory escape and rescue routes and any greater aisle widths required by authorities or planning must not be reduced.

5 Safety Equipment

Fire protection equipment, hall gate locking systems and all other safety equipment must remain accessible at all times. They must not be obstructed or built over. Escape route signs and other safety signs must remain visible and must not be hidden by stand structures or exhibits. Service shafts and ducts must remain accessible.

6 Stand Numbering

All stands are marked with standardized stand numbers. Stand numbers must remain clearly visible on the stands throughout the event and must not be removed.

7 Security

The Organizer arranges general security for the grounds and halls. This does not include individual stand security and does not replace the need to protect exhibits.

Additional stand security may be ordered through the Exhibitor Shop or exhibition Organizer. Only security companies authorized by Messe Kassel may be used. The General Terms and Conditions of Participation remain authoritative.

8 Emergency Evacuation

For safety reasons, Messe Kassel, the Organizer, the police or fire brigade may order the closure and evacuation of rooms, buildings or outdoor areas. All persons present must comply. Instructions may be issued over public-address systems or by emergency personnel. Each exhibitor is responsible for evacuating their stand.

Before the exhibition first opens to visitors, exhibitors' responsible persons must participate in the written safety briefing arranged by the Organizer and pass relevant conduct rules on to their stand personnel. Messe Kassel instructions concerning alarms, fire and emergencies apply.

9 Hall Specifications

9.1 Halls

Detailed hall specifications are available at messe-kassel.de.

9.2 General Lighting

General hall lighting is provided by LED lighting and, in some areas, daylight through side windows.

9.3 Electricity and Water Supply

Stand electricity and water are generally supplied through service ducts in the hall floor or above the floor along the rear stand boundaries. Electricity and water connections are available in all halls.

9.4 Suspensions from the Ceiling

Ceiling suspensions may be requested in all halls except Hall 3+4. Technical feasibility depends on the exact location, available suspension points and intended loads, and requires written coordination with and approval from Messe Kassel.

Orders must be placed exclusively through Messe Kassel service partners. Required documents include a dimensioned drawing showing clear stand orientation, the location and number of suspension points, details of the proposed suspension, and a load plan showing total, individual and

distributed loads. Binding information on suspension height and permissible loads is provided by the responsible service partner for each project.

9.5 Electrical Equipment and Utility Connections

Utility connections must be ordered from Messe Kassel service partners via the Exhibitor Shop. The published order deadlines apply. Services ordered late are not guaranteed and may incur additional charges.

Electrical installations and connected equipment may be used only if they are in perfect technical condition and have documented inspections. Inspection records meeting Messe Kassel requirements, in particular BetrSichV, DGUV Regulation 3, DIN EN 50699 and DIN EN 50678, must be available. This also applies to equipment used during setup and dismantling and to equipment of contracted third parties.

Electrical equipment not strictly required must be physically disconnected from the power supply outside visitor opening hours and overnight. Standby mode is insufficient. Exceptions must be requested in writing from Messe Kassel at least ten working days (Monday to Friday) before the event period; a risk assessment may be required.

Engine-powered generators are prohibited throughout the grounds. Conductive structures to which electrical equipment is attached or connected require the prescribed equipotential bonding.

Water may not be taken from hydrants without written authorization and an approved meter. Wastewater may be disposed of only through designated facilities. Wastewater containing pollutants must not be discharged; suitable separators are required for wastewater containing grease or oil. Road drains, outdoor surfaces and the environment must not be used for wastewater disposal.

9.6 Rechargeable Batteries and Battery Storage

Battery and storage systems are additionally subject to Section 16.01 of Messe Kassel's TRL-MK-VPART. Damaged or improperly repaired products may neither be used nor kept indoors.

AC/DC battery energy storage systems must be registered in writing with Messe Kassel in advance. Messe Kassel documentation specifies indoor capacity limits of approximately 5,000 Wh for LiFePO4 and approximately 1,000 Wh for Li-ion. Charging or recharging these systems indoors is prohibited. These capacity limits do not apply outdoors, but registration remains mandatory.

Charging or recharging batteries rated at 10,000 mAh or 40 Wh or above is generally permitted only under supervision. LiPo batteries of any capacity must be registered in writing with Messe Kassel before use, together with a risk assessment.

Vehicle traction batteries are additionally subject to Section 10.2. The classification of special exhibits must be clarified with Messe Kassel in advance.

9.7 Internet Connections

Any public Wi-Fi hotspot provided is intended for private use under Messe Kassel rules. Commercial or data-intensive use is not permitted. Bandwidth and continuous availability are not guaranteed. A suitable connection for business-critical applications and product demonstrations must be ordered in good time from the responsible service partner.

10 Stand Construction Regulations

All exhibition stands must have clearly recognizable boundaries. Except for island stands, all stands must be enclosed with appropriate exhibition walls according to the stand type. Exhibitors must cover stand floors with a consistent floor finish. Exhibitors are required to design their stands carefully and attractively. Stands whose inadequate design detracts from the overall appearance of the exhibition

or hall will not be approved by the exhibition Organizer and will be subject to corrective requirements. The same applies to impermissible advertising claims.

Floors, hall walls, columns, installation and fire protection facilities, and other permanent hall fittings may not be painted or wallpapered.

Exhibition stands, including equipment, exhibits and advertising structures, must be erected safely in every respect so as not to endanger public safety and order, particularly life, health and the natural environment. Exhibitors are responsible for the structural stability of all structures, fittings and exhibits, including during setup and dismantling. Work must be planned and carried out so that potential hazards remain confined to the exhibitor's own stand area and do not affect adjacent aisles or neighboring stands. All components and materials must have adequate load-bearing capacity. Overall stability must be ensured through load-bearing materials and secure force-transmitting connections. Chipboard, fiberboard and similar panels may not be used to support or transfer loads unless certified for the relevant load-bearing application. Panels must be marked with the applicable load-bearing class.

Upright structural elements in halls that could topple (e.g. freestanding walls, tall exhibits or decorative structures) must be designed for at least the following equivalent horizontal area loads:

h1 = 0.125 kN/m² up to 4.00 m above finished hall floor level
h2 = 0.0625 kN/m² above 4.00 m above finished hall floor level

Exceptions may be made in justified individual cases, subject to more detailed structural verification.

Messe Kassel / the exhibition Organizer reserves the right to commission a structural engineer to inspect stability. The cost of this inspection will be charged to the exhibitor.

10.1 Stand Construction Approval

Single-storey standard stands up to a construction height of 4.00 m do not require separate stand construction approval from the Organizer, provided the Technical Guidelines are observed. The separately provided Messe Kassel safety requirements must still be followed.

The permitted construction height at each stand location is shown on the hall plan. Local height restrictions apply regardless of the general approval threshold and must not be exceeded, particularly in parts of Halls 1+2 and 3+4. Contact the exhibition Organizer before planning if anything is unclear.

Stand structures above 4.00 m and special buildings or structures must be submitted for prior review and approval. Stages, platforms, scaffolding and seating are also subject to Messe Kassel submission requirements. Depending on the design, documents may include 1:100 floor plans, elevations, construction descriptions, construction logbooks and structural calculations. Necessary approvals must be obtained before setup and supporting documents kept on site.

Regardless of the above, floor plans and elevations for stands of 50 m² or more must be submitted to the exhibition Organizer for design review six weeks before the exhibition, by 4 February 2027. This design review does not replace any required technical approval.

10.2 Vehicles on Exhibition Stands

Vehicles displayed inside halls or outdoors must be registered in writing with Messe Kassel, accompanied by a risk assessment, at least 20 working days (Monday to Friday) before the event begins. The registration form is available from Messe Kassel; the exhibition Organizer must be involved.

Unintentional or unauthorized starting or movement must be prevented. Under Section 9 of TRL-MK-VPART, displayed vehicles may not be moved during visitor opening hours. Planned driving demonstrations and the classification of electric rehabilitation products must therefore be expressly clarified with Messe Kassel in advance.

Gas-powered motor vehicles are prohibited indoors. Fuel tanks of combustion-engine vehicles must contain only a minimal amount of fuel, with the reserve warning light illuminated. Fuel caps should be locked where possible. Additional measures such as inerting or disconnecting batteries may be required. Engines, parking heaters and motor-driven auxiliary units must not be operated indoors.

For electric vehicles displayed indoors, Messe Kassel limits traction battery charge to a maximum of 10%. The same 10% limit is specified for displayed electric leisure and sports devices such as e-bikes and e-scooters. Messe Kassel specifies no state-of-charge limit for auxiliary and starter batteries, although disconnection may be required. Maintenance charging and recharging indoors must not take place unattended and must remain within the permitted charge levels.

Rescue information sheets must be available for displayed electric vehicles. Special technical requirements and the handling of other vehicle categories must be agreed before delivery.

10.3 Construction Heights

The halls have different roof structures, resulting in different maximum construction heights. Detailed hall specifications are available at messe-kassel.de.

For approval by the exhibition Organizer, the 4.00 m threshold for single-storey standard stands under Section 10.1 applies. The locally permitted height is shown on the hall plan. Lower local height restrictions must be observed even for stands below 4.00 m.

Structural restrictions may exist within stand areas. Please check the hall plan and request further information from the exhibition Organizer.

Rear walls facing neighboring stands must be opaque, single-colored, clean and neutral above a height of 2.50 m. A minimum clear room height of 2.30 m is required.

11 Fire Protection and Safety Regulations

11.1 Stand Construction and Decorative Materials

Materials used for stand construction and decoration must be at least flame-retardant and must not produce burning droplets, meeting DIN 4102-1 B1 or EN 13501-1 C-s2,d0. Materials that produce burning droplets or toxic gases are generally prohibited. Special requirements (e.g. non-combustibility) may be imposed on load-bearing structural components for safety reasons.

Rigid polystyrene foam (Styrofoam), bamboo, reeds, hay, straw, bark mulch, peat and similar materials generally do not meet these requirements. Deciduous and coniferous plants may be used only with moist root balls.

Plastic cable ties may not be used to secure structurally loaded components.

Valid fire safety test certificates must be available on site and presented upon request. Materials without adequate proof must be removed or suitably and verifiably upgraded following consultation. Messe Kassel may arrange additional fire behavior tests.

11.2 Welding, Cutting and Related Processes

Welding, cutting, grinding and comparable work producing flames, heat or sparks is generally prohibited. Where such work is necessary during setup or dismantling, a written exemption or hot-work permit must be obtained from Messe Kassel before work begins. Required protective measures and relevant occupational safety and equipment safety regulations must be observed. An internal company permit does not replace Messe Kassel approval.

11.3 Storage on Stand Areas

Storage of empty packaging inside halls, including stand areas, is prohibited. Escape routes and safety areas must not be blocked by empties. Storage can be arranged through the authorized

exhibition freight forwarder named in the Exhibitor Shop. The Organizer may remove improperly stored empties at the exhibitor's expense and risk. Combustible materials in service rooms must be limited to very small quantities, at most one day's requirement, and stored separately from electrical equipment. Service rooms larger than 5 m² must be reported to the exhibition Organizer and equipped with suitable fire extinguishers.

11.4 Fire Extinguishers

The exhibitor or their representative is responsible for assessing and providing fire extinguishers in accordance with the German Technical Rules for Workplaces ASR A2.2, "Measures Against Fires". For stands of 100 m² or more, at least one suitable extinguisher complying with DIN EN 3 must be available during the exhibition and setup/dismantling. Foam and water-based extinguishers must have a minimum capacity of 6 liters; CO_2 extinguishers must contain at least 5 kg. Powder extinguishers are not permitted indoors.

In kitchen or catering areas where food is prepared using heated fats or oils, suitable Class F extinguishers must be provided. Extinguishers must be clearly visible, readily accessible and securely installed against tipping on floor stands or wall mounts. Locations must be marked according to DIN EN ISO 7010.

The 100 m² threshold does not exempt smaller stands from measures required by their particular fire hazards. The type and number of suitable extinguishers must be determined by risk assessment. Relevant personnel must receive at least basic instruction in using extinguishers.

11.5 Flying Objects and Balloons

Flying objects, such as drones and quadcopters, are generally prohibited inside halls and outdoors. Exceptions require prior examination and written approval from Messe Kassel and the exhibition Organizer. Distribution of balloons filled with balloon gas is prohibited.

11.6 Glass and Acrylic Glass

Only safety glass suitable for the intended application may be used. Glass edges must be finished or protected to eliminate injury risks. All-glass elements must be marked at eye level. Normally flammable acrylic glass must be enclosed in metal frames or have polished edges.

11.7 Other Fire Hazards and Activities Requiring Approval

Smoking, including e-cigarettes, is prohibited indoors. Fire, open flames, and special-effect devices or materials such as fog machines, lasers, confetti or soap bubbles are generally prohibited under Messe Kassel requirements. Necessary exceptions must be requested from Messe Kassel in writing in advance; any official permits remain additionally required.

Sections 20.05 and 20.09 of TRL-MK-VPART apply in particular to compressed gas cylinders and hazardous substances. Products containing hazardous substances with GHS labeling must be registered in writing in advance even in limited quantities (LQ); quantities above LQ limits must be registered at least 20 working days (Monday to Friday) in advance. Registration does not replace required approval. Type, quantity and use must be agreed with Messe Kassel in advance.

Flammable and oxidizing gases may not be stored indoors. Any intended use must be clarified with Messe Kassel in advance in writing, together with a risk assessment. Such use is prohibited without its express written consent.

12 Escape Routes and Doors

12.1 Escape Routes

Enclosed stand areas exceeding 100 m² must have at least two exits to escape routes, located as far apart and opposite each other as possible. The number and clear width of escape routes (exits, stairs and corridors) must be at least:

- up to 100 m²: 1 escape route, 0.90 m wide
- over 100 m² up to 200 m²: 2 escape routes, each 0.90 m wide
- over 200 m² and under 400 m²: 2 escape routes, each 1.20 m wide

12.2 Doors

Doors on escape routes must open in the direction of escape. While people are present on the stand, these doors must open easily from inside, without tools, to their full width at all times. Doors must not swing into hall aisles or escape routes; recesses must be provided where necessary.

Stairs must comply with DIN 18065. Ladders, stairs and walkways must comply with accident prevention regulations.

13 Stand Design

13.1 Appearance

Stand construction must be visually open toward all aisle boundaries. Walls facing aisles should be broken up with openings, glass surfaces, displays or similar features. Long, closed stand structures along aisles are permitted only with approval from the exhibition Organizer. All visible surfaces must be finished. Stand boundaries not facing aisles must have stand walls or similar elements preventing visibility and passage; these must be at least 2.50 m high. Visible rear surfaces must be single-colored, neutral and clean.

Closed stand ceilings are prohibited. Two-storey stand structures are not permitted.

13.2 Inspection of Stand Space

The rented stand area will be marked by the exhibition Organizer or its representatives. Each exhibitor must check the location, dimensions and any built-in features. Stand boundaries must be strictly observed. Exhibits and construction elements, including lights and signs, must not extend beyond them. Machines and other exhibits must be positioned so that sufficient space for operation and presentation remains within the stand. Space required for safety barriers must be taken into account.

Hall structures and technical installations must not be damaged, soiled or altered in any way (e.g. by drilling, nailing or screwing). Painting, wallpapering and applying adhesive coverings are also prohibited. Hall structures such as columns and technical installations must not bear loads from stand construction or exhibits.

13.3 Hall Floors

Floor coverings must be installed safely to prevent accidents and must not extend beyond stand boundaries. All materials used must be removed without residue. Oils, grease, paints and similar substances must be removed immediately from hall floors.

Floor duct covers must not be used as the sole support for heavy loads. Permissible floor and point loads must be checked against current hall documentation in advance.

13.4 Suspensions

Ceiling suspensions are available on request in all halls except Hall 3+4, subject to written coordination and approval by Messe Kassel. Installation and modifications may be carried out only by authorized Messe Kassel service partners. The requirements of Section 9.4 apply.

Suspended loads and ground-supported truss systems must meet applicable safety requirements, particularly Messe Kassel requirements relating to DGUV Information 215-313, Loads Above Persons. Building structures must not be used as attachment points without authorization.

13.5 Stand Partition Walls

No stand partition walls are provided. Partition and cubicle walls can be ordered from the exhibition Organizer if required.

13.6 Advertising and Presentations

Promotional activities are permitted only within the exhibitor's own stand area. Sufficient space for spectators must be demonstrated within that area. Advertising must not obstruct or disturb aisles or neighboring stands. Advertising facing neighboring stands must be at least 1.00 m away from them.

Dangerous products and special uses such as fundraising campaigns, paid prize draws, political or religious content and handling live animals are subject to the special requirements of Section 12 of TRL-MK-VPART. Required approvals must be obtained in advance. The general ban on animals under the EXPOLIFE General Terms and Conditions of Participation remains in force.

13.7 Accessible Stand Construction

Accessibility should be considered when constructing stands. Stands and their facilities should be accessible and usable by people with disabilities without assistance. Appropriate ramps must be provided (maximum gradient 6%, minimum width 1.20 m, non-slip flooring). Doors require a clear passage width of 0.90 m.

13.8 Kitchens and Food Areas

Catering activities must be agreed with Messe Kassel in writing in advance. Under Messe Kassel requirements, this expressly includes serving beverages free of charge. Registration with the exhibition Organizer does not replace the required coordination with Messe Kassel.

When constructing rooms or areas where food is handled, such as kitchens, food stores and serving counters, the requirements of Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 on food hygiene must be observed. For safety reasons, gas-powered kitchen appliances may not be operated inside halls or outdoors. Kitchen vapors must not be discharged into halls, and odors must not cause a nuisance. Cooking oils, deep-frying fats and similar substances must be disposed of separately for environmental reasons; suitable containers must be provided at the stand. Grease separators are required if wastewater containing fats is discharged.

13.9 Restoration of Stand Areas

Exhibitors must return their stand areas clean and in their original condition by the end of dismantling at the latest. All restoration work, including complete removal without residue of structures, adhesive tape, paint residues and similar materials, must be completed by then. Otherwise, cleaning and restoration will be carried out at the exhibitor's expense. Exhibitor liability for accidents and consequential damage ends only after proper cleaning and restoration.

14 Freight Forwarding and Handling Equipment

Freight forwarding services and the provision of cranes, forklifts, aerial work platforms and other equipment must be coordinated with the contacts listed in the Exhibitor Shop and ordered in good time.

On the exhibition grounds, cranes, powered ride-on forklifts, truck-mounted forklifts, and electric high- and low-lift pallet trucks with standing or seated operator positions, as well as comparable industrial trucks, are reserved for authorized freight forwarders. Electric high- and low-lift pallet trucks without standing or seated operator positions may be used solely for assembly work on rented stand areas; loading, unloading and transport around the grounds using them are prohibited.

Use of exhibitors' own machinery must be agreed in advance with the exhibition Organizer and Messe Kassel. Documented inspections, technically sound equipment and demonstrably qualified operators are required. Gas-powered machinery may not be used indoors.

Empty packaging and packing materials may not be stored inside halls or on stand areas, including concealed areas. Storage must be arranged through the authorized exhibition freight forwarder.

15 Delivery of Goods

Direct deliveries to stand areas are possible from the regular start of setup on Tuesday, 16 March 2027, during permitted delivery hours. Deliveries for approved early setup on 15 March 2027 require separate coordination. Access routes and gates must be agreed with the exhibition Organizer and Messe Kassel in advance.

The exhibitor must provide an authorized recipient on site. Messe Kassel does not accept or store goods and does not issue delivery acknowledgments. Section 12 of the General Terms and Conditions of Participation applies to the exhibition Organizer.

For earlier deliveries, temporary storage and subsequent delivery to the stand, the freight forwarder named in the Exhibitor Shop must be commissioned in good time.

Delivery address:
EXPOLIFE 2027
Exhibitor and recipient name
Hall and stand number
Recipient's mobile phone number
c/o Messe Kassel GmbH
Agreed gate number or access route
Damaschkestraße 55
34121 Kassel
Germany

16 Music Playback

Music playback of any kind requires permission from the German Society for Musical Performing and Mechanical Reproduction Rights (GEMA) under German copyright law. Unregistered music playback may lead to claims for damages by GEMA (Section 97 of the German Copyright Act). Registration and inquiries: www.gema.de/messen

Required registration confirmations must be available. Loudspeakers and sound reinforcement systems, including voice amplification, require prior express written consent from Messe Kassel and the consent of the exhibition Organizer required under the Terms and Conditions of Participation. Volume must be adjustable, and neighboring stands and circulation routes must not be adversely affected.

17 Evening Events

Evening events on an exhibitor's own stand (e.g. stand parties, happy hours or get-togethers) must be registered with and approved in writing by the exhibition Organizer. Only the rented stand area may be used for such events; stand furniture must not be placed in aisles, and escape and rescue routes must remain clear.

The rules on permitted length of stay and remaining on one's own stand during the exhibition party under Section 12 of the General Terms and Conditions of Participation must be observed. Any required venue-operator approvals, particularly for sound, catering and safety measures, must also be obtained.

18 Food Hygiene

The following requirements apply when handling food. Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 on food hygiene must be observed. Food may be produced, handled or placed on the market only in ways that prevent harmful contamination or other adverse effects.

- Floors in rooms and areas where food is handled (kitchens, storage rooms, serving counters, etc.) must have smooth, easily cleaned, washable surfaces. Carpets are not permitted in these areas.
- Surfaces of appliances and furnishings must also be smooth and washable and must not consist of untreated wood.
- Sufficient sinks with hot and cold water or dishwashers must be provided for washing dishes.
- Easily accessible handwashing basins with running hot and cold water and facilities for hygienic hand cleaning and drying must be provided.
- Where food is washed, an additional separate sink must be provided for that purpose.
- Adequate refrigeration facilities with thermometers or temperature displays must be provided for foods requiring refrigeration (including filled sandwiches).
- Kitchen staff must carry current proof of instruction under the German Infection Protection Act (formerly a health certificate).
- Requirements for allergen labeling and declaration of food additives must be observed.

HACCP plans and documentation required for catering operations must be available on site. Messe Kassel may conduct qualified hygiene inspections and, in the event of deficiencies, require measures up to and including discontinuation of food service. Food waste must be disposed of properly by the provider.

19 Waste Disposal

Under the German Circular Economy Act, Commercial Waste Ordinance (GewAbfV) and Waste Framework Directive (Directive 2008/98/EC as amended by Directive (EU) 2018/851), waste generated during setup, the exhibition and dismantling must primarily be avoided. Exhibitors and their contractors are obliged to contribute effectively to this goal at every stage. Waste prevention must be considered from the planning stage and pursued through cooperation among all parties. Reusable and environmentally responsible materials should generally be used for stand construction and operation. Exhibitors must separate recyclable materials from waste intended for disposal. Exhibitors are responsible for waste disposal at their stands, including waste generated by contracted stand builders, during setup, the exhibition and dismantling.

Materials that endanger safety or obstruct setup must be removed. If a request by Messe Kassel, the exhibition Organizer or their service partners is not followed, such materials will be treated as waste and disposed of at the exhibitor's expense without assessing their value. Messe Kassel / the exhibition Organizer reserves the right to charge exhibitors for additional costs. The same applies to materials left on stands or the Messe Kassel grounds after the dismantling deadline.

Hazardous substances must not be disposed of through Messe Kassel waste disposal services. Stand areas must be left broom-clean and free of sharp or pointed objects such as nails and screws.

20 Theft Prevention

During setup: Once exhibits have been delivered after stand construction, do not leave your stand unattended. Although halls are locked and guarded after setup hours, additional stand security is recommended for valuable, easily portable exhibits, including overnight during the event. Valuable items should always be locked away at night.

During dismantling: Most thefts occur during the first three to four hours of dismantling. Do not leave your stand until valuable exhibits have been loaded. If this is not possible for particular reasons, arrange stand security from the end of the exhibition until your dismantling begins.

During the exhibition: Never leave your stand unattended, including during lunch breaks. Lock away personal belongings. Exhibits at risk of theft should be specially secured, for example with thin chains or nylon cords, or displayed in locked showcases.

21 Insurance Cover

Exhibitors must maintain adequate liability insurance for their participation, including setup and dismantling. Proof must be provided to Messe Kassel in text form upon request. Responsibility for the type and scope of cover remains with the exhibitor. The liability provisions of the General Terms and Conditions of Participation remain authoritative.