

## ROYAL VETERINARY COLLEGE - CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

### 1 INTERPRETATION

#### 1.1 In these Conditions:

"BUYER" means The Royal Veterinary College, Royal College Street, London NW1 0TU or The Royal Veterinary College, Hawkshead Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts. AL9 7TO.

"CONDITIONS" means the standard terms and a condition of purchase set out in this document and (unless the context otherwise requires) includes any special terms and conditions agreed in Writing between the Buyer and the Seller.

"CONTRACT" means the contract for the sale and purchase of the Goods and the supply and acquisition of the Services.

"DELIVERY ADDRESS" means the address stated on the Order.

"GOODS" means the goods (including any installment of the goods or any part of them) described in the order.

"ORDER" means the Buyer's purchase order to which these conditions are annexed.

"PRICE" means the price of the Goods and/or the charge for the service.

"SELLER" means the person so described in the Order.

"SERVICES" means the services (if any) described in the Order.

"SPECIFICATION" includes any plans, drawings, data or other information relating to the Goods or Services.

"WRITING" includes telex, cable, facsimile transmission and comparable means of communication.

1.2 Any reference in these Conditions to a statute or a provision of a statute shall be construed as a reference to that statute or provision as amended, re-enacted or extended at the relevant time.

1.3 The headings in these Conditions are for convenience only and shall not affect their interpretation.

### 2 BASIS OF PURCHASE

2.1 The Order constitutes an offer by the Buyer to purchase the Goods and/or acquire the Services subject to these Conditions.

2.2 These Conditions shall apply to the Contract to the exclusion of any terms and conditions on which any quotation has been given to the Buyer or subject to which the Order is accepted or purported to be accepted by the Seller.

2.3 No variation to the Order or these Conditions shall be binding unless agreed in Writing between the authorized representatives of the Buyer and the seller.

### 3 SPECIFICATIONS

3.1 The quantity, quality and description of the Goods and the Services shall, subject as provided in these Conditions, be as specified in the Order and/or in any applicable Specification supplied by the Buyer to the Seller or agreed in Writing by the Buyer.

3.2 Any Specification supplied by the Buyer to the Seller, or specifically produced by the Seller for the Buyer, in connection with the Contract, together with the copyright, design rights or any other intellectual property rights in the Specification, shall be exclusive property of the Buyer. The Seller shall not disclose to any third party or use any such Specification except to the extent that it is or becomes public knowledge through no fault of the Seller, or as required for the purpose of the Contract.

3.3 The Seller shall comply with all applicable regulations or other legal requirements concerning the manufacture, packaging and delivery of the Goods and the performance of the Services.

3.4 The Seller shall not unreasonably refuse any request by the Buyer to inspect and test the Goods during manufacture, processing or storage at the premises of the Seller or any third party prior to despatch, and the Seller shall provide the Buyer with all facilities reasonably required for inspection and testing.

3.5 If as a result of inspection or testing the Buyer is not satisfied that the goods will comply in all respects with the Contract, and the Buyer so informs the Seller within 7 days of inspection or testing, the Seller shall take such steps necessary to ensure compliance.

3.6 The Goods shall be marked in accordance with the Buyer's instructions and any applicable regulations or requirements of the carrier, and properly packed and secured so as to reach their destination in an undamaged condition in the ordinary course.

#### 4 PRICE OF THE GOODS AND SERVICES

- 4.1 The Price of the Goods and the Services shall be as stated in the Order and, unless otherwise so stated, shall be:
- 4.1.1 exclusive of any applicable value added tax (which shall be payable by the Buyer subject to receipt of a VAT invoice); and
  - 4.1.2 inclusive of all charges for packaging, shipping, carriage, insurance and delivery of the Goods to the Delivery Address and any duties, imposts or levies other than Value Added Tax.
- 4.2 No increase in the Price may be made (whether on account of increased material, labour or transport costs, fluctuation in rates of exchange or otherwise) without the prior consent of the Buyer in Writing.
- 4.3 The Buyer shall be entitled to any discount for prompt payment, bulk purchase or volume of purchase customarily granted by the Seller, whether or not shown on its own terms and conditions of sale.

#### 5 TERMS OF PAYMENT

- 5.1 The Seller shall be entitled to invoice the Buyer on or at any time after delivery of the Goods or performance of the Services, as the case may be, and each invoice shall quote the number of the Order.
- 5.2 Unless otherwise stated in the Order, the Buyer shall pay the price of the Goods and Services within 30 days after the end of the month of receipt by the Buyer or a proper invoice or, if later, after acceptance of the Goods or Services in question by the Buyer.
- 5.3 The Buyer shall be entitled to set off against the Price any sums owed to the Buyer by the Seller.

#### 6 DELIVERY

- 6.1 The Goods shall be delivered to, and the Services shall be performed at, the Delivery Address on the date or within the period stated in the Order, in either case during the Buyer's usual business hours.
- 6.2 Where the date of delivery of the Goods or performance of the Services is to be specified after placing of the Order, the Seller shall give the Buyer reasonable notice of the specified date.
- 6.3 The time of delivery of the Goods and of performance of the Services is of the essence of the Contract.
- 6.4 A packing note quoting the number of the Order must accompany each delivery or consignment of the Goods and must be displayed prominently.
- 6.5 The Buyer shall be entitled to reject any Goods delivered which are not in accordance with the Contract, and shall not be deemed to have accepted any Goods until the Buyer has had a reasonable time to inspect them following delivery or, if later, within a reasonable time after any latent defect in the Goods has become apparent.
- 6.6 The Seller shall supply the Buyer in good time with any instructions or other information required to enable the Buyer to accept delivery of the Goods and performance of the Services.
- 6.7 The Buyer shall not be obliged to return to the Seller any packaging or packing materials for the Goods, whether or not any Goods are accepted by the Buyer.

#### 7 RISKS AND PROPERTY

- 7.1 Risk of damage to or loss of the Goods shall pass to the Buyer upon delivery (or upon completion of installation, testing and handing over to buyer satisfaction, where applicable), in accordance with the Contract.
- 7.2 The property in the Goods shall pass to the Buyer upon delivery, unless payment for the Goods is made prior to delivery, when it shall pass to the buyer once payment has been made and the Goods have been appropriated to the Contract.

#### 8 WARRANTIES AND LIABILITIES

- 8.1 The Seller warrants to the Buyer that the Goods:
- 8.1.1 will be of merchantable quality and fit for any purpose held out by the Seller or made known to the Seller in Writing at the time the Order is placed;
  - 8.1.2 will be free from defects in design, material and workmanship;
  - 8.1.3 will correspond with any relevant Specification or sample; and
  - 8.1.4 will comply with all statutory requirements and regulations relating to the sale of the Goods.
- 8.2 The Seller warrants to the Buyer that the Services will be performed by appropriately qualified and trained personnel, with due care and diligence and to such high standard of quality as it is reasonable for the Buyer to expect in all the circumstances.

- 8.3 Without prejudice to any other remedy, if any Goods or Services are not supplied or performed in accordance with the Contract, then the Buyer shall be entitled
- 8.3.1 to require the Seller to repair the goods or to supply replacement goods or services in accordance with the Contract within 7 days; or
  - 8.3.2 at the Buyer's sole option, and whether or not the Buyer has previously required the Seller to repair the Goods or to supply any replacement Goods or Services, to treat the Contract as discharged by the Seller's breach and require the repayment of any part of the Price which has been paid.
- 8.4 The Seller shall indemnify the buyer in full against all liability, loss, damage, costs and expenses (including legal expenses) awarded against or incurred or paid by the Buyer as a result of or in connection with:
- 8.4.1 breach of any warranty given by the Seller in relation to the Goods or the Services:
  - 8.4.2 any claim that the Goods infringe, or their importation use or resale, infringes, the patent, copyright, design right, trade mark or other intellectual property rights of any other person, except to the extent that the claim arises from compliance with any Specification supplied by the Buyer;
  - 8.4.3 any liability under the Consumer Protection Act 1987 in respect of the Goods;
  - 8.4.4 any act or omission of the Seller or its employees, agents or sub-contractors in supplying, delivering and installing the Goods; and
  - 8.4.5 any act or omission of any of the Seller's personnel in connection with the performance of the Services.

## 9 TERMINATION

- 9.1 The Buyer shall be entitled to cancel the Order in respect of all or part only of the Goods and/or the Services by giving Notice to the Seller at any time prior to delivery or performance, in which event the Buyer's sole liability shall be to pay to the Seller the Price for the Goods and Services in respect of which the Buyer has exercised its rights of cancellation, less the Seller's net saving of cost arising from cancellation.
- 9.2 The Buyer shall be entitled to terminate the Contract without liability to the Seller by giving notice to the Seller at any time if:
- 9.2.1 the Seller (being an individual or a partnership) has his estates sequestrated or grants a trust deed for his creditors or (being a company (a) enters into any composition or arrangement (including a voluntary arrangement under the Insolvency Act 1986) with its creditors (b) has an administration order or a winding up order made in respect of it or (c) passes a resolution for voluntary wind up (other than for the purposes of reconstruction or amalgamation)
  - 9.2.2 a Receiver is appointed over any of the property or assets of the Seller; or
  - 9.2.3 the Seller ceases, or threatens to cease, to carry on business; or
  - 9.2.4 the Buyer reasonably apprehends that any of the events mentioned above is about to occur in relation to the Seller and notifies the Seller accordingly.

## 10 GENERAL

- 10.1 Order is personal to the Seller and the Seller shall not assign or transfer or purport to assign or transfer to any other person any of its rights or sub-contract any of its obligations under the Contract.
- 10.2 Any notice required or permitted to be given by either party to the other under these Conditions shall be in Writing addressed to that other party at its registered office or principal place of business or such other address as may at the relevant time have been notified pursuant to this provision to the party giving the notice.
- 10.3 No waiver by the Buyer of any breach of the Contract by the Seller shall be considered as a waiver of any subsequent breach of the same or any other provision.
- 10.4 If any provision of these Conditions is held by any competent authority to be invalid or unenforceable in whole or in part the validity of the other provisions of these Conditions and the remainder of the provision in question shall not be affected thereby.
- 10.5 The laws of England and Wales shall govern the Contract