General Purchase Terms and Conditions for Bayer companies in Finland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania

1. These terms and conditions (“Purchase Terms and Conditions”) are incorporated by reference into the purchase agreement or other agreement entered into for the purchase of goods and/or services (“Agreement”) between Bayer Nordic SE, Bayer AB, Bayer AS, Bayer A/S, Bayer Norway AS, Bayer Oy, UAB Bayer, SIA Bayer and Bayer OÜ, in each case and/or its affiliated companies (“Purchaser”) and the contractual partner (“Supplier”).

2. Supplier’s conflicting or differing terms and conditions or other terms and conditions or other general business terms and conditions are not accepted. Conflicting or differing terms and conditions shall apply only if the Purchaser has expressly accepted them in writing in each individual case.

3. Individual contractual agreements between Supplier and Purchaser have priority over these Purchase Terms and Conditions.

4. No oral side agreements or assurances made by Purchaser before the conclusion of the Agreement are legally binding unless expressly agreed in writing by Purchaser.

5. 5.1 If a specified period of time has been stipulated for the performance, unless otherwise agreed, this period begins with receipt of the purchase order by Supplier.

5.2 As soon as Supplier becomes aware that it is not able perform its contractual obligations in whole or in part, or not in a timely manner, it must immediately notify Purchaser in writing of this indicating the reasons for and the projected duration of the delay.

5.3 If Supplier does not perform within the stipulated time, it shall be liable in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations. Supplier is also authorized, in the event of delays in performance or delivery, after prior written notification to Supplier, to impose a contractual penalty in the amount of 0.5%, not to exceed 5% of the amount of the purchase order, for each week or portion thereof the performance or delivery is delayed. Any contractual penalty paid in accordance with this provision shall be set off against the compensation for delayed performance owed by Supplier. The contractual penalty can be asserted until final payment is due, with no retention needed.

5.4 Partial services and/or deliveries shall be accepted only by express written agreement.

5.5 If a delivery deadline is stipulated, Purchaser reserves the right to return goods delivered early at Supplier’s expense. If Purchaser decides not to return early deliveries, the goods shall be stored until the stipulated delivery date at Supplier’s expense and risk.

6. PLACE OF PERFORMANCE

The place of performance for all claims arising under this Agreement is for both parties the destination specified by Purchaser (i.e. the delivery address indicated in the purchase order or otherwise stipulated).

7. COOPERATION BY PURCHASER

7.1 Purchaser shall provide the contractually stipulated cooperation. Unless agreed otherwise, this cooperation is an obligation.

7.2 If Purchaser fails to provide or adequately perform required cooperation services, Supplier must register its complaint immediately and in writing. If Supplier does not fulfill this requirement to register its complaints, Purchaser shall not be in default of its duty of cooperation and Supplier cannot plead a lack of cooperation.

8. TESTS AND INSPECTIONS

If tests and inspections are stipulated for the goods or services to be supplied, Purchaser shall bear the material and its personnel costs of the tests and inspections. Purchaser shall bear the costs of its testing and inspection personnel. Supplier must send binding notification to Purchaser that the service or goods are ready for testing or inspection at least one week before the date stipulated for the test or inspection. Supplier must also agree on a test date with Purchaser. If the item to be tested is not presented on this date, Purchaser’s testing personnel costs shall be charged to Supplier. If defects are identified and repeated or additional tests are therefore necessary, Supplier shall be responsible for all material and personnel costs. Supplier shall bear the material and personnel costs of the material certificates for the primary materials.

9. PACKING AND SHIPMENT

9.1 Separately from the goods and the invoice, Supplier must send a complete shipping notice for each individual shipment on the date of dispatch. Bills of lading and packing lists must be included with each shipment. For shipments by ship, the name of the shipping company and the vessel must be indicated in the shipping documents and the invoice. The Supplier must select the best and most appropriate means of transport for the Purchaser. The purchase order references and information on the unloading point specified by Purchaser must be indicated in full on the shipping notices,
bills of lading, packing lists, consignment notes, invoices and on the external packaging.

9.2 Supplier shall always pack, label, store, stav and ship product in accordance with applicable laws and according to product specification including product specific requirements for packaging, warehousing, and transportation. If required by applicable laws the accompanying documents shall show the risk category and all further particulars. This may include the delivery of a valid and complete material safety data sheet.

9.3 Goods must be packed to prevent damage during transport. Packing materials must be used only to the extent necessary to achieve this purpose. Supplier must take back the packing material as required by law and the applicable regulations. If, under the terms of an express agreement, Purchaser pays separate compensation for the packing material, it is entitled to return the packing material in good condition for a refund of 75% of the invoiced price, freight prepaid, to Supplier. The maximum weight of each package is 10 kg.

9.4 In general, Supplier must pack, identify and ship hazardous products / dangerous goods ("Dangerous Goods") in compliance with the applicable national/international requirements concerning classification, labelling packaging, storing and transportation of Dangerous Goods ("Transport and Handling"). The same applies to the creation and signing of mandatory transport documentation related to Dangerous Goods, irrespectively of the agreed Incoterm. Where such regulations do not exist, the UN Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Model Regulations shall apply.

9.5 Supplier shall be liable for damages and shall assume all costs incurred as a result of failure to comply with these regulations. Supplier shall also be responsible for compliance with these regulations by its subcontractors.

9.6 All shipments that cannot be accepted as a result of Supplier's failure to comply with these regulations shall be placed in storage at Supplier’s expense and risk. Purchaser is entitled to ascertain the content and condition of such shipments.

10. COMPLIANCE WITH REACH REGULATION

10.1 If Supplier is a supplier within the meaning of Art. 3, No. 32 of the REACH Regulation (Regulation (EC) 1907/2006), it is responsible for compliance with its obligations with reference to the delivery of the goods. In particular it must in all cases covered by Art. 31, paras. 1 to 3 of the REACH Regulation provide the Purchaser with a Safety Data Sheet pursuant to Art. 31 of the REACH Regulation in the language of the receiving country and comply with its duty of information pursuant to Art. 32 of the REACH Regulation for materials, both individually and in mixtures for which no Safety Data Sheet is required.

10.2 Supplier must ensure that all the substances contained in the goods are effectively registered in compliance with the applicable requirements of Art. 6 of the REACH Regulation for the applications indicated by Purchaser, unless they are exempt from the registration obligation, and that they have the necessary authorizations. The above requirement applies as appropriate for substances released from products within the meaning of Art. 7 of the REACH Regulation.

10.3 Supplier must immediately notify Purchaser if ingredients of an item supplied by Supplier contain a substance in a concentration greater than 0.1 percent by weight (w/w) that meets the criteria of Articles 57 and 59 of the REACH Regulation or is listed in Annex XIV of the REACH Regulation. The same requirements apply for packing materials.

11. INSURANCE

11.1 In accordance with the transfer of risk under the stipulated INCOTERMS/delivery conditions, the respective Party bears the risk for the loss of or damage to the goods.

11.2 Supplier must, at its expense, purchase sufficient liability insurance in an amount standard in its sector to cover damage caused by services or work performed or property owned by it, its personnel or its subcontractors as a result of services performed or work or goods delivered. Proof of coverage must be provided to Purchaser on request. More extensive damage claims to which Purchaser may be entitled in excess of insurance coverage remain unaffected.

11.3 The purchase of special erection/installation insurance coverage in addition to the liability coverage stipulated in Section 11.2 must be coordinated between Purchaser and Supplier in each individual case.

11.4 Objects loaned to Purchaser, including but not limited to machines and equipment that are used on operating sites, must be insured by Purchaser against the standard risks. Purchaser shall have no further liability for loss of or damage to these objects except in cases of malicious intent or gross negligence.

12. PURCHASER’S DOCUMENTS

12.1 Purchaser reserves title to all industrial property rights and copyright to all documents physically or electronically transmitted to Supplier. Purchaser retains title to all drawings, standards, guidelines, analysis methods, formulas and other documents that are transmitted by Purchaser to Supplier for the manufacture of the item to be delivered. Purchaser’s documents are also covered by the requirements set forth in Section 23. The documents to which Purchaser retains title and/or that contain its business and operating secrets in drawings, standards, guidelines, analysis methods, formulas and other documents may be used, copied or made accessible to third parties by Supplier only for Purchaser’s contractually stipulated purposes. Other requirements apply only with written consent of Purchaser. On request, all copies and reproductions that are necessary for the performance of the Agreement or are no longer required under statutory retention obligations must be immediately returned to Purchaser and/or - in the case of electronic documents - deleted.

12.2 Documents of all types that are required by Purchaser for the use, setup, erection or installation, processing, storage, operation, maintenance, inspection, service and repair of the items supplied must be made available by Supplier promptly, unsolicited and free of charge.

12.3 Purchaser’s internal standards (company standards) and guidelines must be requested by Supplier in good time, to the extent that they have not already been made accessible or transmitted.

12.4 Documents transmitted by Purchaser must be returned unsolicited and/or - in the case of electronic documents - deleted by Supplier, subject to the obligation set forth in Section 13 and/or existing statutory retention obligations, not later than at the time of the completion of the order.

13. SUPPLIER’S DOCUMENT RETENTION OBLIGATION

All documents created by Supplier in the context of the Agreement (e.g. drafts, clean drawings, film copies, audio takes and final proofs) and the data transmitted to Purchaser must be retained by Supplier for an additional three (3) years after the expiration or cancellation of the Agreement and made available at no charge in response to a special request by Purchaser.

14. QUALITY ASSURANCE

14.1 Supplier must establish and maintain an effective Quality Assurance program (e.g. in accordance with ISO 9000 et seq. or equivalent). Supplier must demonstrate the corresponding measures to Purchaser on request.

14.2 Purchaser itself is entitled to verify the Quality Assurance measures by appointment or to have them verified by third parties engaged by Supplier.

14.3 Supplier shall notify Purchaser before making any changes to raw materials, source of raw materials, methods of manufacture, production equipment or locations involved into the performance of a purchase order and shall obtain Purchaser’s agreement that such changes do not make the delivery of goods and/or services unsuitable for Purchaser before making
any such change(s). Purchaser may terminate the purchase order if the parties cannot agree on the changes.

14.4 Supplier shall ensure that all equipment, and containers are cleaned with the utmost care before any change of products. Supplier shall operate in accordance with all applicable laws including the latest guidance on contamination prevention in the Manufacture of Crop Protection products, to be found on https://croplife.org/?s=guidelines and shall - to the extent legally possible and where applicable - indicate to Purchaser which other product has been handled, processed or stored in the equipment and containers before. Further, Supplier shall promptly inform Purchaser of any risk of contamination or any suspicion of contamination.

15. COMPENSATION

15.1 Unless expressly agreed otherwise in writing, the compensation owed is a fixed price. Fixed prices also include expenses, energy cost, raw material costs, third-party costs, travel costs and out-of-pocket expenses as well as packing and freight-paid delivery. Fixed prices also include compensation for sketches and drafts (including clean drawings or drawing stored on electronic media, including image data). Fixed price agreements are also valid for estimates prepared by Supplier before the conclusion of the Agreement, unless such estimates are explicitly identified as non-binding. Any increased costs necessary to perform the service shall be borne by Supplier.

15.2 Unless a fixed price has been stipulated, travel costs are reimbursable only on the basis of Purchaser’s prior written consent according to Purchaser’s conditions for the reimbursement of travel costs.

15.3 If Supplier’s prices are reduced or Supplier’s conditions improve during the period between the purchase order and delivery, the prices and conditions in effect on the date of delivery also apply for Purchaser. The above provision applies accordingly for individually approved third-party services, costs and expenses.

16. PAYMENT TERMS

16.1 Invoices must contain the purchase order number indicated in the purchase order and describe the components of the service or goods in detail. Invoices must also correspond to the language, order of invoice items and prices indicated in the purchase order. Any additional or reduced services or goods must be listed separately in the invoice.

16.2 Invoices not denominated in local currency must show the conversion rate between the foreign currency/local currency or the VAT amount in the local currency.

16.3 If in the specific instance the parties agree in writing, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 15.1, that Supplier shall reimburse out-of-pocket expenses, costs of third-party services and other expenses, these expenses must be shown in the invoice, broken out by item, quantity, unit and total prices and documented by copies of the corresponding invoices or vouchers.

16.4 Payment periods begin to run from a specific date, although not earlier than the receipt of the goods or their acceptance, and in no case before receipt of the invoice and - if stipulated - the transmission of analysis certificates and/or manufacturing documentation.

16.5 Payments are due within 30 (thirty) days net after receipt of the invoice, unless the provision in Section 16.4 results in a later payment date.

16.6 The Parties may deviate from the payment terms as set forth in Section 16.5 if explicitly agreed, for example in the text field of a purchase order.

16.7 Purchaser’s payment shall be late only if Purchaser received an express warning after the date payment was due and/or a fixed payment deadline was stipulated. The lump-sum late interest rate applicable in the event of late payment is 9 percentage points over the base interest rate, unless Purchaser demonstrates that the actual pecuniary damage incurred by Supplier was less.

16.8 In the event of defective deliveries, Purchaser is entitled to withhold payment proportionally until proper performance.

16.9 Payment does not constitute any acknowledgment of terms, conditions or prices. The payment date has no effect on the beginning of the warranty periods and represents neither unrestricted acceptance of the item delivered nor a waiver of potential warranty claims.

17. RETENTION OF TITLE

17.1 Title to goods must be transferred to Purchaser without restrictions and without regard to payment of the price.

17.2 If, under the terms of an individual agreement, the seller offers to transfer title conditional on payment of the purchase price, Supplier’s reservation of title expires not later than payment of the purchase price for the goods delivered. Purchaser also remains authorized, even before payment of the purchase price, to resell the goods in the ordinary course of business, including the advance assignment of the claim resulting from resale; alternatively the simple retention of title extended to the resale applies. However, all other forms of retention of title are excluded. The above provision applies in particular for expanded and forwarded retention of title and retention of title extended to include reprocessing.

18. GRANTING/TRANSFER OF RIGHTS

18.1 The parties agree that all rights to the contractual works, designs, including but not limited to figures and graphics, photographs, software, data collections and/or other work results created by Supplier individually for Purchaser, including the associated drafts, documentation and information (together “Work Results” below) are the exclusive property of Purchaser. The parties further agree that Purchaser is entitled to use, exploit, add to, modify and otherwise process these Work Results (including for purposes beyond the business purposes of the Purchaser and the objective pursued with the specific order) in any conceivable manner and otherwise to process them and connect or combine them with other works or items and to transfer them in modified or unmodified form to affiliated companies and other third parties.

18.2 By entering into this Agreement Supplier grants exclusive, irrevocable rights of use to the Work Results referenced above created by Supplier and protected under copyright law as well as to all revisions and/or modifications of these Work Results with no temporal, geographic or content-related restrictions, which rights of use may be transferred and/or sub-licensed in whole or in part. This granting of rights includes all rights of exploitation and use, including but not limited to the right of reproduction, dissemination, exhibition, presentation, performance and display, broadcasting, display, rental, leasing and database rights, cinema and video presentation rights (including all audiovisual storage systems), merchandising rights, as well as the right to playback via interactive and non-interactive video or audio media, the playback of wireless transmissions and public access, digitization, on-line availability, transmission and playback, other public playback and access. Also included is the right to modify and process the Work Results (in particular to translate them into other languages and to synchronize them) and to combine or connect them with other works or items. The above granting of rights includes all known types of use, including but not restricted to use, application and/or exploitation for advertising purposes (such as in the form of postcards, brochures, invitations, letters, reproductions on the Intranet and/or Internet, on websites, in apps and by all other digital media), in the context of books, press releases and/or other written works, in the context of television films, company videos, photographs and/or other recorded images, in all digital forms (such as in the context of multimedia products, on websites, in apps, availability on the Intranet and/or Internet) and/or in artistic and/or graphic images (including logos) that portray or integrate the Work Results. The above granting of rights to the use of the Work Results further includes rights for unknown types of use as well as use in processed form.

18.3 If third-party copyright arrangements allow it, Supplier also assigns to Purchaser the copyright to the Work Results as such. Supplier assigns to
19.1 For image material, Supplier must obtain in advance any required permission of persons portrayed in the image and for its publication and exploitation as stipulated in Section 18.2.

19.2 If third parties such as photographers, illustrators, models, speakers, singers etc. are hired, Supplier shall extend to Purchaser the opportunity to restrict the scope of the service before they are hired, with regard to the determination of fees and legal safeguards.

19.3 Supplier must ensure that all creators or ancillary copyright holders who are involved in producing the services and items to be provided in the framework of this Agreement on the basis of an agreement concluded with it, or whose services or works it has used, receive an appropriate share of the proceeds therefrom within the meaning applicable copyright law.

19.4 If Supplier is the (co-) author with reference to all uses of Purchaser’s work, Supplier waives the requirement for attribution and shall require the third parties involved by it in the performance of its services to likewise waive their rights to attribution. Purchaser shall decide on the attribution of Supplier and/or any (co-) authors by name, as well as on any design of the citation.

19.5 Supplier shall ensure by means of corresponding agreements (in particular with any employees or subcontractors commissioned by it) that the contractual use of the Work Results and other objects conveyed by it may not be adversely affected by any (co-) authorship rights or other IP rights and that Purchaser is granted the rights described in Sections 18.1 to 18.7. Supplier must if necessary acquire the necessary rights and/or licenses. Supplier shall pay any license fees.

20. IP INFRINGEMENTS

20.1 Supplier shall hold Purchaser harmless from all third-party claims, subject to the provisions of Section 20.2, that are brought on grounds of infringement of third-party IP rights by the Work Results and/or objects supplied when used as stipulated by the Agreement. This hold-harmless obligation includes all expenses that are incurred by Purchaser from or in connection with the third-party claim.

21. CORPORATE DESIGN

Supplier shall use Purchaser’s current Corporate Design appropriately, in particular in the creation of communications and public relations services (e.g. advertising material, signs, films, television or radio spots, product packaging, business letters, business reports or similar materials, regardless whether for Purchaser’s internal use or for external purposes directed at third parties). In this regard, Purchaser must transmit the Corporate Design to Supplier in a suitable format or enable it to have access.

22. COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FAIR TRADE LAWS IN ADVERTISING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS SERVICES

22.1 Supplier shall be liable for the compliance of advertising and public relations measures proposed by it with the provisions of fair trade laws applicable to these measures. Supplier shall bear any costs incurred by Purchaser as a result of a failure by Supplier to properly examine or verify the admissibility of the proposed public relations measure under fair trade laws.

22.2 Supplier shall not be liable for the accuracy of objective statements made about Purchaser’s products and services in the proposed public relations measure if and to the extent that Purchaser has approved this content for publication.

23. CONFIDENTIALITY

23.1 Supplier must use all information received orally or in writing from Purchaser only for the purposes stipulated in this Agreement, keep it confidential and not disclose it to third parties without Purchaser’s prior written
consent. Supplier must further make the information accessible only to those employees and subcontractors, if any, who are bound by a confidentiality agreement equivalent to that stipulated in Section 23 and who are required to have the information to perform the Agreement between Supplier and Purchaser. At Purchaser’s request, Supplier must confirm to Purchaser in writing the conclusion of corresponding agreements.

23.2 The confidentiality requirement stipulated above extends as appropriate to the request for quotation and purchase order as well as to the work performed in this regard.

23.3 The above obligations do not apply to information that
- at the time of its disclosure was already known to Supplier without any obligation to the Purchaser to keep it confidential, or
- was disclosed to Supplier by third parties who received and forwarded this information without violating any confidentiality obligation, or
- at the time of its disclosure by Purchaser was already in the public domain, or
- entered the public domain thereafter through no fault on the part of Supplier.

23.4 Nor does the confidentiality obligation apply if disclosure of the information to a court or a government authority is required by an order of the court or other government authority for the execution of the order. If permitted under the specific circumstances, Supplier shall immediately notify Purchaser before information is forwarded to a court or government authority.

24. DATA PROTECTION

24.1 Each party must at all times comply with its respective obligations under the applicable data protection laws and regulations (including but not limited to the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 “General Data Protection Regulation” GDPR).

24.2 Information according to Art. 13 GDPR on how Purchaser processes personal data of natural persons in the context of this Agreement can be found on the following website: https://www.bayer.com/en/corporate-compliance/data-privacy-information-for-specific-processing-activities.

25. LIABILITY FOR DEFECTS AND OTHER WARRANTIES

25.1 Supplier warrants that the goods and or services owed do not have any defects that would adversely affect their value or suitability for use, that they have the contractually stipulated or required qualities and are suitable for the use specified in the Agreement. Supplier further warrants that the goods or services owed correspond to the generally accepted rules of the art, the latest requirements of government authorities, the Product Safety Act, the respective applicable safety requirements and the occupational safety and accident prevention requirements.

25.2 Supplier’s liability also extends to the parts manufactured and/or supplied by subcontractors and the services performed by subcontractors.

25.3 Purchaser must report defects in the contractual goods to Supplier as soon as they are identified in the ordinary course of business. The complaint period shall be determined on the basis of the individual circumstances. For apparent defects the complaint period is at least five (5) days from the date of shipment. For concealed defects the complaint period is at least five (5) days after the discovery of the defect.

25.4 Purchaser shall retain possession of and title to defective parts until they are replaced. Defective parts shall be returned to Supplier in exchange for the delivery of and transfer of title to the replacement.

25.5 Supplier shall bear the costs of testing, inspection and rectification (including any costs of removal, installation and transport). The above requirement shall also apply if it is determined that no defect actually existed. Any potential liability for damages on the part of the Purchaser in the event of unjustified warranty claims remains unaffected. Purchaser shall to this extent be liable only if it was aware or was grossly negligently unaware that no defect actually existed.

25.6 In urgent cases if a rectification by Supplier cannot be expected, notwithstanding its statutory rights under the warranty, Purchaser can also have the defect rectified itself or by third parties at Supplier’s expense and demand reimbursement from Supplier of the expenses incurred. Purchaser also has this right if Supplier negligently fails to cure the defect in spite of being given an extended deadline, the deadline extension is superfluous or the attempted rectification is ultimately unsuccessful.

25.7 If Supplier has provided a guarantee for the properties or durability of the object supplied, Purchaser can file claims under the guarantee in addition to its rights arising from defects.

26. SUPPLIER’S RECOURSE

26.1 In addition to its claims arising from defects, Purchaser also has unrestricted access to Supplier’s statutory recourse claims within a supply chain (supplier’s recourse). In particular, Purchaser is entitled to specify the exact type of cure (repair or replacement) that the seller owes its customer in the specific case.

26.2 Before Purchaser accepts or honors a warranty claim brought by one of its customers Supplier shall notify Purchaser with a brief description of the situation and request a written response. If the response is not received within a reasonable period and agreement on a solution cannot be reached, the warranty claim actually honored by Purchaser shall be owed to its customer. In this case, Supplier must present proof to the contrary.

26.3 Purchaser’s claims from supplier recourse are valid even if the goods were subjected to further processing before they were sold to a consumer by Purchaser or to one of its customers (e.g. by incorporation in another product).

27. CANCELLATION

27.1 If the Agreement is a continuous obligation, Purchaser, in the case of the exercise of its ordinary cancellation rights, is also entitled to partial cancellation, if it can reasonably be expected of Supplier.

27.2 If the Agreement is a continuous obligation it can be canceled without notice for cause. Sufficient cause exists in the following cases in particular:
- Supplier defaults on a contractual obligation and does not cure the default within a reasonable period of time set by Purchaser, accompanied by the threat of cancellation.
- If the deadline for compliance cannot be extended depending on the type of breach and Supplier has not successfully cured the breach in spite of a warning.
- Supplier has not complied with its obligation to withhold taxes and/or social security contributions.
- There has been significant deterioration of Supplier’s financial situation that endangers performance of the Agreement.

28. LIABILITY

28.1 Supplier must hold Purchaser harmless from producer liability claims and claims under the Product Liability Act if the cause is within the area of control or operation of Supplier or its subcontractors.

28.2 In the framework of its own liability for damages pursuant to Article 28.1, Supplier must also reimburse any expenditures as per applicable law incurred by Purchaser or in connection with a recall campaign conducted as required by law. The above also applies for precautionary recall campaigns.

28.3 Apart from that, Supplier shall be liable in accordance with the statutory provisions.

29. WITHHOLDING TAX

29.1 Purchaser has the right to withhold from the compensation owed under this Agreement any taxes due at the source, the withholding of which is
Purchaser’s statutory responsibility, including any solidarity surtax legally due on such taxes. Any tax withheld shall be treated for all purposes of this Agreement as if it has been paid by Purchaser to Supplier. Supplier must as soon as possible receive a tax receipt from Purchaser indicating the amount of the tax withheld and deducted.

29.2 If Purchaser cannot deduct the withholding tax, including any solidarity surtax, from the payment because the compensation is paid by offsetting of mutual claims, Supplier must pay the withholding tax, plus any solidarity surtax, to Purchaser separately. If Purchaser has neglected to deduct withholding tax although it is required under the law to pay withholding taxes to the tax authorities for Supplier’s account, Supplier shall assist Purchaser with regard to all procedures that are necessary to obtain a refund from the tax authorities. If the tax authorities do not refund the subsequently paid withholding taxes including any solidarity surtax, Supplier shall immediately refund to Purchaser the amount of the tax owed by law, including any solidarity surtax.

30. VAT
All stipulated compensation amounts are net amounts. If owed by Supplier under the law, value-added tax must be paid after receipt of a correct invoice within the meaning of the Value-Added Tax Act in addition to the stipulated compensation.

31. ORIGIN OF GOODS/CUSTOMS STATUS

31.1 Origin of goods
The goods supplied must meet the origin requirements of the EU Generalized System of Preferences unless not expressly stipulated otherwise in the order acknowledgment. Supplier must issue all supplier declarations required by the Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2447 and confirm the preferential status of the products supplied by it. This requirement is not satisfied by the indication of the country of origin on the invoice. Supplier is responsible for the accuracy of the supplier's declaration and shall be liable to Purchaser for any damage incurred. A long-term supplier’s declaration may be issued; at Purchaser’s request, however, an individual supplier’s declaration must be issued in each case. At Purchaser’s request, however, a certificate of origin must be issued in each case, if necessary.

31.2 Customs status
Unless otherwise agreed between Supplier and Purchaser, Supplier must always supply Union goods for deliveries from an EU loading point. Supplier must indicate the customs status of the goods in its shipping documents (e.g. bill of lading). Unless otherwise indicated: goods that are shipped from an EU loading point are Union goods.

31.3 Customs and Foreign Trade
In addition the “BAYER Supplier Instruction - Customs and Foreign Trade Terms and Conditions” apply.

32. SUSTAINABILITY

32.1 Supplier is obligated to organize its business with Purchaser in compliance with Bayer’s human rights-related and environment-related expectations as well as other sustainability topics as outlined in Bayer’s Supplier Code of Conduct (“Bayer SCoC”), Version dated December 31, 2022, which can be accessed through https://www.bayer.com/en/procurement/supplier-code-of-conduct. Purchaser reserves the right to amend this Sustainability Clause as well as the Bayer SCoC if Purchaser’s human rights-related and environment-related expectations change and will inform Supplier thereof as soon as reasonably possible. Supplier shall acknowledge continued compliance to such amended SCoC or clause, as the case may be.

32.2 Supplier will address the substantive provisions of the Bayer SCoC to its suppliers and ensures that the substantive provisions of the Bayer SCoC are adhered to by itself and its suppliers, including access to Bayer’s complaint portal specified in the Bayer SCoC.

32.3 Purchaser reserves the right to evaluate, control or audit (onsite or remote audit, online or paper questionnaire, recognized certification systems or audit-systems, etc.) to ensure and verify compliance with the aforementioned. An evaluation, control or audit can be executed directly by Purchaser or by a qualified third party.

32.4 Supplier shall, without undue delay, (i) report to Purchaser in writing any identified risks for and violations of the principles outlined in Bayer SCoC and (ii) take appropriate remedial actions to prevent, end, or minimize the violation. Purchaser reserves the right to (i) apply a concept for ending or minimizing a violation and (ii) ask for Supplier’s cooperation in this respect. If Supplier fails to comply with the requirements of the Bayer SCoC, and after a grace period of three months has lapsed without the violations having been eliminated, Purchaser reserves the right to either (i) suspend the agreement until such violations have been remedied, or (ii) give extraordinary notice of termination after the aligned timeline for execution has lapsed unfruitful and at Purchaser’s exclusive discretion.

32.5 Supplier acknowledges and supports Bayer’s Supplier Inclusion & Diversity efforts, its commitment to the participation of diverse businesses and the prohibition of discriminatory treatment in the supply chain as outlined in Bayer SCoC. Supplier will use reasonable efforts to employ qualified diverse suppliers and subcontractors where appropriate and feasible, keep record of their use, and be able to produce a report upon Purchaser’s request of spend percentages with diverse suppliers.

32.6 Supplier shall indemnify and keep Bayer and its affiliates, including Bayer AG (all Bayer affiliates listed at https://www.bayer.com/sites/default/files/GDIS_Companies_EN.pdf) harmless from any damages, 3rd party claims, fines, or losses arising out of violations of the obligations described either herein or in the SCoC.

33. FINAL PROVISIONS

33.1 Supplier is permitted only with Purchaser’s prior express written consent to cite the business relationship with Purchaser or to refer to it in informational and advertising material.

33.2 Purchaser may transfer the Agreement and the rights and obligations related to it at any time and without Supplier’s consent to Bayer affiliated company in connection with the sale or transfer of all or substantially all of (i) its business, (ii) a given business unit or (iii) a given site, or in connection with a merger or other consolidation of Purchaser or any of its affiliated companies with another entity.

33.3 Supplier must immediately notify Purchaser in writing of any transfer of the Agreement by operation of law and of any change in its company name. Otherwise, any assignment or transfer of the Agreement without prior written consent of Purchaser shall be void.

33.4 Force Majeure: Where a Party is unable, wholly or in part, by reason of fire, flood, explosion, earthquake, riot, act of God, war or terrorist activities, through no fault of the Party declaring Force Majeure and not resulting in any way from its negligence or wilful misconduct to carry out its obligations under this Agreement, excluding payment obligations (“Force Majeure Event”), such obligations shall be suspended so far as they are affected by the Force Majeure Event and, in relation to such suspended obligations, neither Party shall be liable to the other or be deemed to be in breach of this Agreement for reason of delay in performance or failure of performance.

33.5 The governing law of the Purchaser shall be applied for any and all disputes arising or resulting from this agreement, excluding any conflict of law rules. The UN Convention of April 11, 1980, on agreements for the International Sale of Goods shall not apply.

33.6 Place of Disputes: Any and all disputes between the parties shall be finally settled by competent court at the place of business of the Purchaser.
33.7 If a purchase order references INCOTERMS without indicating the year, INCOTERMS apply in the version in force at the time of the purchase order.

33.8 Bayer AG is not obliged and willing to participate in dispute resolution procedures within the meaning of the German Consumer Dispute Settlement Act. The EU Commission provides an online dispute resolution platform (OS platform) for consumer disputes resulting from online purchase agreements and online service contracts. You can access this platform via http://ec.europa.eu/consumers/odr/.

33.9 If individual provisions of the Agreement are or become invalid or unenforceable in whole or in part, the remaining provisions shall be unaffected thereby.

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