Nutreco General Purchase Terms and Conditions

Article 1 - Definitions

Agreement : The purchase agreement between Nutreco and the Seller

Conditions : The General Purchase Terms and Conditions set out in this document.

Contract : The purchase contract between Nutreco and the Seller consisting of the Agreement, these Conditions and any other document or part thereof specified in the Agreement and shall incorporate all terms and conditions implied by law.

Nutreco : Nutreco International B.V. and/or any of its (i) directly or indirectly owned and controlled (management control) subsidiaries and/or (ii) affiliated companies.

Order : Nutreco's purchase order(s) under the Contract, if issued, and including, without limitation, any Nutreco’s purchase order placed by electronic, voice or paper means.

Products : The goods or any of them described in the Order and/or services to be provided by the Seller for Nutreco including any of them described in the Order.

Seller : The person, firm or company who signed the Contract.

Specifications : The product specification or service specification developed and/or agreed with Nutreco and forming part of the Contract

writing : writing shall include telex, facsimile transmission, electronic mail or other non-printed means of recorded communication.

Article 2 - Applicability

2.1 These Conditions apply to all requests for offers made by Nutreco, offers made by Seller, all orders placed by Nutreco and all agreements for the purchase of Products.

2.2 Nutreco's agreement to purchase Products is expressly conditioned upon Seller's acceptance of these Conditions. Any terms and conditions proposed or stipulated by Seller shall not apply - not even in addition to these Conditions - and any applicability is expressly excluded and rejected unless otherwise expressly agreed in writing.

2.3 These Conditions cancel and replace any previous general terms and conditions, unless otherwise explicitly agreed in writing.

2.4 The commencement of any work by Seller or delivery by Seller in response to an Agreement or Order by Nutreco, is conclusive evidence of Seller’s acceptance of these Conditions.

2.5 If there is any conflict between the terms specified in the Agreement and any of these Conditions, the terms specified in the Agreement shall prevail.

2.6 Any deviation from and/or addition to and/or variation of the Contract shall not be deemed accepted by the parties, unless explicitly agreed beforehand in writing by both parties.

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

Article 3 - Orders and offers

3.1 Orders are only valid and have legal force when they are made and confirmed by Seller in writing.

3.2 Any deviation from and/or addition to and/or variation of an Order shall not be deemed accepted by Nutreco, unless expressly agreed beforehand in writing.
3.3 Seller will not be reimbursed for costs made to prepare and issue an offer, not resulting in a Contract.

Article 4 - Prices, Delivery and Payment

4.1 Unless otherwise expressly agreed in the Agreement, the prices shall be inclusive of all taxes and other governmental charges due in any country, including but not limited to social premiums and wage taxes related to persons used by Seller in performing its activities under the Contract and inclusive of all charges for packaging, packing, transport, insurance, delivery and commissioning of the Products to the place of delivery, but exclusive of any applicable value added tax.

Agreed prices are fixed and irrevocable. A price accepted by Nutreco may not be increased without Nutreco’s written prior consent.

4.2 Delivery of the Products shall be made in accordance with the date and location specified in the Agreement or, if issued, the Order. In this respect, time shall be of the essence, and Nutreco reserves the right to cancel without notice the whole or any unexecuted part of the Agreement or, if issued, the Order in the event of Seller failing to comply with these Conditions for whatever reason. Seller shall promptly inform Nutreco if Seller has serious reasons to expect that he will fail to comply.

4.3 Seller shall adequately pack and protect the Products against damage and deterioration and shall be responsible for ascertaining any special delivery requirements.

4.4 Property and risk of the Products shall pass to Nutreco when the Products are delivered in accordance with this article 4 and article 5.

4.5 Seller shall be entitled to invoice Nutreco on or at any time after delivery or completion of the Products and each invoice shall quote the number of the Order.

4.6 The Seller guarantees that all invoices are fully compliant with and according to the applicable (tax) legislation. Any extra tax, penalty or other costs as a result of wrong invoices will be for the account of the Seller.

4.7 Unless otherwise stated in the Agreement, Nutreco shall pay the price of the Products within 90 days after the end of the month of receipt by Nutreco of a proper invoice as mentioned in article 4.6 or, if later, after acceptance of the Products by Nutreco.

4.9 The issuing of any receipt or other acknowledgement by Nutreco for Products shall not constitute a waiver by Nutreco of any of its rights or obligations of Seller under these Conditions or any other terms and conditions implied by law.

4.10 Nutreco shall not be deemed to have accepted any Products until Nutreco has had a reasonable time to inspect them following delivery / performance or, if later, within a reasonable time after any latent defect has become apparent.

4.11 Nutreco shall be entitled to set off against the price of the Products any sums owed to Nutreco by Seller now or in the future whether under the Contract or otherwise, after Nutreco has issued a written statement to this effect.

Article 5 – Import / Export Terms

5.1 In the Contract "INCOTERMS" means the most recent rules for the interpretation of trade terms of the International Chamber of Commerce as in force at the date when the Contract is signed. Unless the content otherwise requires, any terms or expressions which are defined in or given a particular meaning by the provisions of Incoterms shall have the same meaning in the Contract, but if there is any conflict between the provisions of Incoterms and the Contract, the latter shall prevail.

5.2 Unless otherwise agreed in writing between Nutreco and Seller, Seller shall be responsible for complying with any legislation or regulations for both the export of the Products from the country of origin and the import of the Products into the country of destination and for the payment of any duties thereon.
Article 6 – Specifications

6.1 Any specifications referred to in the Agreement by Nutreco are deemed to be an integral part of the Contract and, if issued, Orders under the Contract.

6.2 All the Products must comply with the Specifications where indicated.

6.3 Any Products in accordance with the Specifications shall not be disclosed or quoted to a third party unless legally required.

Article 7 – Alterations

Seller shall consult with Nutreco in advance on any alteration in the quantity, quality, composition, properties or production method of the Products to be delivered (incl. their packaging) or performed. If no consultation takes place or Nutreco does not agree to the alteration, Nutreco will be entitled to fully or partially cancel the Contract or, if issued, Orders at no costs to Nutreco without prejudice to Seller’s liability for all damage caused to Nutreco and third parties as a result of the alteration, dissolution or cancellation. If Nutreco has agreed to the alteration, this merely means that, as regards the alteration, the Products need not conform to the specifications in the Contract, whereas this shall not affect the Seller’s obligations to fulfill the obligations under articles 8 and 9 of these Conditions.

Article 8 – Inspection / test / shortcomings

8.1 Nutreco may inspect / test all Products at any time prior to or upon delivery/performance by Seller or in case of raw materials/semi-products also after delivery but before use. Nutreco may reject Products which do not comply with the terms of the Contract. Neither Nutreco’s inspection / testing nor failure to inspect / test the Products shall relieve Seller of any obligation or liability.

8.2 If the Products delivered or performed by Seller do not conform to the Contract, Nutreco shall be entitled to require, at its discretion, that the Products delivered or performed be repaired or replaced or that the missing component be supplied within a reasonable term to be set by Nutreco, without prejudice to its other rights by law or by virtue of these Conditions.

8.3 In the event that the Products do not conform to the Contract, Nutreco is entitled to return these Products to Seller at Seller’s expense or to keep them in its custody until Seller has given further instructions as to how these Products are to be dealt with. Any costs incurred by Nutreco in this respect shall be for Seller’s account. Nutreco shall in no event be responsible for keeping the Products in good condition.

8.4 Acceptance or payment of all or part of the Products shall not be deemed a waiver of any claim based on delay of delivery or other failure to perform in accordance with these Conditions or the Contract and nothing herein shall exclude or limit any warranties.

8.5 Any advice or notice given by Nutreco with regard to the Products to be delivered or performed shall not release Seller in any way whatsoever from its own responsibility or liability with respect to the proper fulfillment of its obligations.

Article 9 – Warranties

In addition to any other warranties, express or implied, Seller explicitly represents and warrants as follows:

9.1 Seller warrants, without any verification by Nutreco being required, that it has all necessary permits and licenses or any other needed authorisation to perform its obligations under the Contract and that all Products delivered or performed conform to the Contract shall be in all respects of sound materials and workmanship. This means that the Products (including their packaging) are fit, safe and suitable for use intended by Nutreco. In so far as the use intended by Nutreco is unknown to Seller, Seller shall obtain such information from Nutreco in writing beforehand. In addition Seller warrants the merchantability of the Products and that the Products conform to the agreed specifications and approved samples or analyses. If any, and that they are free from defects - including but not limited to faults in design, material and manufacturing - and, furthermore, that they comply with all applicable statutory requirements and all relevant
environmental, health and (food) safety guidelines and relevant industry standards, including the statutory rules and regulations of the country of delivery and, in so far as known to Seller, the country of destination.

9.2 Nutreco shall be entitled to reject any Products that do not comply with condition 9.1.

9.3 Seller warrants that the Products delivered or performed do not constitute an infringement of intellectual property rights, including but not limited to patents, copyrights or trademarks, in the country of manufacture, the country of delivery, or the country of destination/use (the latter if and in so far as known to Seller), and that they do not infringe on any other third party’s industrial rights. Seller undertakes vis-à-vis Nutreco and its customers that it shall fully indemnify Nutreco and its customers from third parties and fully reimburse any damage suffered by Nutreco and its customers as a result of such an infringement. Nutreco may participate in the defense of any claim or suit arising hereunder without relieving Seller of any obligation or liability hereunder and Seller shall not enter into a settlement or other agreement that includes or imputes an admission of liability by Nutreco without Nutreco's prior written consent.

Article 10 - Force Majeure

Either party may, for the duration of the event, postpone the carrying out of its performance of the obligations under the Contract on account of an event occurring which the party could not reasonably anticipate or control and which prevents the performance of the obligation. Such event could be, but is not limited to war, riots, fire, floods, sabotage, import and export restrictions, government regulations and shortage of energy.

However, for the sake of clarity, failures shall be attributed to Seller if they are caused by transport problems, illness of personnel, strikes and stagnation in Seller’s business or in the business of any of its suppliers.

A party shall as soon as possible, after the event constituting force majeure is considered to exist, inform the other party in an appropriate manner. The party claiming the benefit of this article 10 shall use all diligence to fulfil the obligations assumed under the Contract with the shortest delay possible.

Nutreco is entitled to cancel the Contract in the event the force majeure. Cancellation should be notified to the Seller in writing.

Article 11 - Liability and Indemnification

11.1 Seller shall be liable for every claim for damage resulting directly or indirectly from or related to Seller’s non-performance of the Contract, its failure to perform timely or properly or its breach of any contractual or non-contractual obligation vis-à-vis Nutreco or third parties or of any applicable rules and regulations. In addition, Seller indemnifies Nutreco against any claims from third parties in respect of damage resulting directly or indirectly from or related to Seller’s non-performance of the Contract, its failure to perform timely or properly or its breach of any contractual or non-contractual obligation vis-à-vis Nutreco or third parties or of any applicable rules and regulations.

11.2 Seller guarantees the fulfillment of obligations by third parties on Seller’s part (such as employees of Seller or third parties or their employees hired directly or indirectly by Seller) in the same way as it guarantees the fulfillment of its own obligations.

Seller shall be liable for all work done and Products supplied by all subcontractors and shall furnish Nutreco with copies of all subcontracts upon Nutreco’s request at any time.

11.3 In no event shall Nutreco be liable for any lost revenues, lost profits, incidental losses, indirect or consequential losses and special or punitive damages.

Article 12 - Confidentiality

12.1 Seller shall keep in strict confidence all business information, technical or commercial know-how, specifications, inventions, processes or initiatives which are of a confidential nature and
12.2 The obligations of confidentiality in this Contract will survive termination of this Contract and will continue for a period of five (5) years after termination.

Article 13 - Intellectual Property rights

13.1 Nutreco is entitled to all documents, drawings, specifications, calculations and other information carriers with respect to the performance of the activities of Seller under the Contract.

13.2 Nutreco shall be solely entitled to all intellectual property rights (including patents) created during the performance of the obligations under the Contract. In case the intellectual property rights are with both Seller and Nutreco, Seller shall assure and guarantee that Nutreco has a full license to use these without any conditions for an indefinite period of time.

Article 14 - Judicial and Extra-Judicial Costs

Should Seller fail to fulfill any of its obligations, all costs incurred by Nutreco in obtaining settlement out of court shall be for Seller's account. Seller shall also reimburse Nutreco for all costs reasonably incurred in connection with legal proceedings where judgment is fully or substantially awarded against Seller. These costs shall in any case include the fees of outside experts, bailiffs and lawyers, even if these costs exceed the amount awarded by the court.

Article 15 – Assignment

Seller shall not assign the Contract in whole or in part nor shall Seller subcontract any part of the Contract without Nutreco's prior written consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

Seller may, however, assign the Contract to a successor in ownership of all or substantially all its business assets, provided that such successor shall expressly assume in writing the obligation to perform in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract.

Nutreco may assign the Contract in whole or in part or subcontract a part of the Contract to any person, firm or company.

Article 16 – Insurance

Seller shall be at all times adequately insured with reputable insurers against the insurable risks under the Contract, amongst others but not limited to general / employers and products liability and property damage / business interruption. Upon request Seller shall provide certificates signed by the insurers as proof of insurance.

Article 17 - Termination

17.1 If Seller defaults in any of its obligations under the Contract, or becomes insolvent, or has a receiver appointed of its business, or is compulsorily or voluntarily wound up, or if Nutreco in good faith believes that any of such events may occur, Nutreco shall be entitled at its discretion, and without prejudice to any other remedy, to suspend the performance of or terminate the Contract and in the event of termination to keep or take possession of any Products or of any items belonging to Nutreco and to enter any premises of Seller for that purpose.

17.2 If Nutreco terminates the Contract Seller shall return to Nutreco all payments made and if Nutreco rejects any Products Seller shall return all payments made for the rejected Products. Where upon termination Nutreco elects to keep or take any Products, it shall account to Seller
for them at a proportion of their price or their value to Nutreco, whichever is less, but otherwise no compensation shall be payable to Seller on termination or rejection.

Article 18 - Governing Law and Competent Court

The Contract and all ensuing agreements are governed by the laws of the country where the relevant Nutreco company has its registered office. Applicability of the United Nations Convention on contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG) is explicitly excluded. Any dispute arising from the Contract or from any ensuing further agreements shall be settled by the competent court of the place where the relevant Nutreco company has its registered office. The aforesaid does not affect Nutreco's right to submit the dispute to a court of law of a jurisdiction which would have been competent by law or under an international convention had this provision not been included, and to accord preference, if it elects, to application of the law in force in that jurisdiction.

Article 19 – Code of Ethical Conduct

19.1 The Seller declares to be familiar with the content of Nutreco’s Code of Ethical Conduct, which can be found on www.nutreco.com/ corporate governance or asked for to Nutreco, and will execute this Contract in accordance with this Code.

19.2 In case the Seller is acting against this Code, Nutreco is entitled to cancel the Contract after having notified the Seller in writing about his actions against the Code and having given the Seller reasonable time to adjust his actions.

Article 20 - General

20.1 These Conditions shall continue in full force and effect notwithstanding any termination or completion of the Contract.

20.2 If one or more provisions of these Conditions for some unknown reason cannot be put into force or become invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect. The closest possible interpretation of the intention of the provision involved shall then be used.

20.3 Nothing in these Conditions shall prejudice any other conditions or warranty (express or implied) to which Nutreco may be entitled.

20.4 No failure or delay on the part of Nutreco to exercise any of its rights in respect of any default under the Contract by Seller, shall prejudice Nutreco’s rights in connection with the same or any subsequent default.

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