

Specific Terms and Conditions Event Participation

METSTRADE 2023

These Specific Terms and Conditions for Event Participation (the **Specific Event Terms**) apply to participation in **METSTRADE 2023** (the **Event**). In addition to these Specific Event Terms, the General Terms and Conditions of Event Participation (the **General Event Terms**) also apply. Terms in these Specific Event Terms with a capital letter have the same definition given to them in the General Event Terms.

Organisation

The Event is organised by RAI Amsterdam B.V. under the auspices of ICOMIA, the International Council of Marine Industry Associations.

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Venue and dates

The Event will be held in the RAI Amsterdam Convention Centre in Amsterdam from Wednesday 15 November 2023 to Friday 17 November 2023.

Opening hours

The Event will be open to visitors on Wednesday 15 November from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday 16 November from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday 17 November from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For Participants, the RAI Amsterdam Convention Centre will be accessible on Event days from two hours before the opening until two hours after the closing of the Event.

Construction and dismantling

Shell scheme ('ready-to-use') stands can be decorated between 8.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. on Monday 13 November 2023 and between 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on Tuesday 14 November 2023. Goods should be removed and stands dismantled and removed between Friday 17 November 2023 from 6.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. and Saturday 18 November 2023, 08.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. (noon). The dates and times mentioned are subject to change. RAI reserves the right to change the dates and times as stated in these terms and conditions from time to time.

Exhibition Committee

The Exhibition Committee consists of representatives of the above mentioned authorities and invited members. An Entry Committee has been appointed by the Exhibition Committee for assistance. The Exhibition Committee retains the right to review the acceptance of products at all times. The Exhibition Committee retains the right to review and to refuse products which are not consistent with the Event programme as described below. In case of doubt, it is advisable to seek advice from the organisation before registration.

Entry Committee

An Entry Committee has been appointed by the Exhibition Committee for assistance. The function and authority of the Entry Committee includes:

- Evaluating the exhibits as described under 'Event programme' following the ICOMIA product listing;
- Evaluating compliance with the rules as given under 'Participants';
- Maintenance and interpretation of the remaining provisions of both the Specific Terms and the General Terms;
- Monitoring compliance with the regulations relating to lay-out, decorations, safety, advertising, unfair competitions, noise nuisance, etc.

Event programme

The Event programme comprises:

- Equipment, materials and systems for the small boat and leisure craft trade and industry;
- Equipment, materials and systems for the design, construction and operation of leisure craft marinas.

The complete and official product description of products which are permitted to exhibit at METSTRADE is communicated to prospects and exhibitors on request by the organisation via metstrade@rai.nl. The complete and official product description/ Event programme is also available online via METSTRADE.com.

It is the exhibitor's responsibility to ensure that the products which are displayed comply with all national and regional standards applicable to the country of exhibit (Dutch and EU regulations).

- Exhibitors of propulsion engines represent and warrant that all marketed and physically displayed engine products comply with the EU essential requirements for exhaust emissions as expressed in Annex 1.B of EU Directive 2013/53/EU on recreational craft and personal watercraft.

- Exhibitors of outboard engines and sterndrives with integral exhausts also represent and warrant that they comply with the essential requirements for sound emissions as expressed in Annex 1.C of EU Directive 2013/53/EU on recreational craft and personal watercraft.

In order to verify that these conditions have been complied with, applicants for exhibition space agree to submit on request a copy of the EU Declaration of Conformity for the marine engine products that will be marketed and displayed at the show.

Exhibitors agree to cooperate fully with and respond to any questions from any authorities or others as appointed by the organisation. Exhibitors agree that it is their sole responsibility to comply with emissions or safety regulations; and that none of the show parties nor the show may be held responsible for any penalties, burdens or costs that are associated with or result from the enforcement of environmental or safety laws by the appropriate officials.

Please note that:

- 1) **Boats** are **not** accepted, the only exception being small inflatable boats/tenders with a max. of 3.20 meters length.
- 2) The boats in question may not rise above the stand. Inflatable (auxiliary) boats of any size with integral inboard engines are also expressly forbidden
- 3) Services e.g. financial or advisory; as opposed to goods, are not accepted.
- 4) Boat trailers of a length exceeding 4 metres are expressly forbidden. It is not permitted to exhibit products in and/or on the trailer. It is permitted to stack several trailers on top of each other, always provided that they remain within the dimensions of the stand;
- 5) Marine accessories are accepted only if they are strictly marine related;
- 6) Semi manufactured products are accepted only if they are strictly marine related;
- 7) Cutlery is accepted only if they are strictly marine related;
- 8) Water sports accessories such as tubes, wakeboards and canoes are excluded from the METSTRADE Event programme;
- 9) Graphics on a stand may not show boats as main subject and water sport accessories such as tubes, wakeboards and canoes. Visuals on the outside walls of a stand may not contain your company logo.

Products that are excluded from the METSTRADE Event programme, but are despite of this rule displayed on site, will be removed from the stand on the risk and costs of the exhibitor.

Participants

The products described under Event programme may only be exhibited by companies who are either original equipment manufacturers and/or authorised distributors of these materials and equipment. (Authorised) distributors are accepted only under the condition that they can show a confirmation from their manufacturer stating that the manufacturer will not be present at METSTRADE and that this particular distributor is authorised by the manufacturer to exhibit at METSTRADE. If this is questionable, the organisers reserve the right to ask for written verification. Authorisation is at the full discretion of the organisers, who may refuse exhibitors without incurring any liability.

Demonstrations

Special activities at stands, such as product presentations, performances and shows, may only take place if written permission is granted by RAI. Please note that permission must be requested in writing at the latest 30 days before the beginning of the construction period. This permission is subject to various conditions, including that the activity must be situated in such a way that interested visitors do not block the corridor.

Participation package

A registration fee of € 495 is charged per application. The registration fee is non-refundable.

This registration fee includes:

- Name on participants list in the exhibition catalogue
- Name on participants list at the website METSTRADE.com
- Company name ('Company Profile') for company presentation at METSTRADE.com
- Access to the Exhibitor Portal and Web Shop and ability to use several offers from preferred suppliers
- Exhibitor badges (based on the size of stand)

For each additional company that exhibits within the space rented by a main Participant, a non-refundable registration fee of € 495 will be charged to the main Participant per additional company – with a maximum of two companies per 12 m2. This additional 'co-exhibitor' will receive the same package as the main Participant (see mentioned above) plus the mentioning of the company name and country on the fascia board of the stand, depending on the available space on the fascia board. Please fill in an additional registration form per co-exhibitor.

Costs of Stand Space

The tariffs for stand rental per m² are:

Stand package	Application before 1 March 2023	Application from 1 March 2023
Standard* package	€ 413.00/m ²	€ 440.00/m ²
Deluxe** package	€ 465.00/m ²	€ 492.00/m ²
Royal*** package	€ 495.00/m ²	€ 522.00/m ²

The above mentioned prices are excluding registration fee and VAT. The minimum stand space available is 12 m2 (4 m width x 3 m deep). Rental of stand space is possible per standard measurement of 4 m x 3 m or in multiples of these modules. Different stand dimensions can only be arranged in consultation with the organisers. Account is taken, wherever possible, of the exhibitors' wishes for the number of m2 and preferences for stand dimensions and location. However, the organisers cannot guarantee in advance that the exhibitors' wishes will be accommodated.

RAI reserves the right to increase the Participation Costs up to a maximum of € 50,- per square meter if, in the opinion of RAI, the increasing energy consumption costs cause to do so, without this giving the Participant any right to cancel its participation at the Event free of charge.

Shell scheme stand construction packages/ regulations

Exhibitors are not allowed to handle stand construction themselves. Nor are they allowed to attach any eye-catching objects outside or above the standard stand or to attach any other high or projecting objects in, on or around the stand. It may be possible to obtain an exception to this rule, depending on the exhibition material, after consultation with the organisers and with their written permission. The stand must however remain in its original state. With regards to the application of stand decorations it is mandatory to use the double sided tape provided by the organisers. Please note that the coloured piping of the aisle carpet is **not** part of your stand. All exhibits are displayed at the discretion of the Entry Committee, which retains the right to refuse and remove products.

Shell scheme stand construction packages/ types

Three different shell scheme stand packages are available. Full details and artist impressions are available via METSTRADE.com and can be obtained from the organisers. The following fittings and facilities are included in the shell scheme stand construction packages (based on the minimum stand size of 12 m²):

STAND PACKAGE	Standard		Deluxe		Royal	
	< 36 m ²	≥ 36 m ²	< 36 m ²	≥ 36 m ²	< 36 m ²	≥ 36 m ²
Standard partition walls (250 cm high)	White		grey		beech + colour of your choice ¹	
Fascia board with stand number, company name, country	White		white		white	
Lockable storage (100 x100 cm)	Yes		yes		yes	
Carpet tiles, available in various colours (standard colour = anthracite)	Yes		yes		yes	
Company logo (full colour) on carpet tile	-		1		-	
Track lights 15W LED (1 track of 60 cm has 2 lights)	4 (2 tracks)	8 (4 tracks)	4 (2 tracks)	8 (4 tracks)	4 (2 tracks)	8 (4 tracks)
Table	1	2	1	2	1	2
Chairs	3	6	3	6	3	6
Reception counter	1	2	1	2	1 ²	2
Brochure rack	-	-	1	2	1	2
Double wall socket (220 V, 2 kW daytime power) incl. power consumption	1		1		1	
Daily basic cleaning of the stand	Yes		yes		yes	
Invitations (to be ordered in the Exhibitor Portal/Web Shop)	200		200		300	
Free Wi-Fi (for email purposes only)	Yes		yes		yes	
Daily lunch package including orange juice, delivered to your stand ³	-		yes		yes	
Twice daily coffee and tea, delivered to your stand	-		-		yes	
Mineral water (12 bottles), delivered on the first day of the show	-		yes		-	
Refrigerator filled with drinks, replenished daily	-		-		yes	

¹ Within the Royal Stand Package you can choose anthracite, silver, red or blue walls complimentary to the beech walls.

² Within the Royal Stand Package you will have 1 reception counter in the chosen colour of your wall with company logo. If you have more than 36 m² the second counter is without the logo.

³ The catering of the stand packages has been determined on a fixed amount of food and/or beverages per day, based on your stand size:

0 - 17 m ² :	4 persons
18 - 35 m ² :	8 persons
36 m ² and more:	12 persons

Please note an artist impression of the different stand packages is available via METSTRADE.com.

All packages are subject to change. If applicable the project team will be in touch with all exhibitors at the earliest opportunity to explain the changes.

Space allocation

Space is allocated at the organisers' discretion, based on the availability of space and taking the wishes of each exhibitor as much into account as possible. If a waiting list needs to be established as a result of lack of space, this will be handled by date of receipt of the registration form. No rights can be claimed from allocations of prior METSTRADE exhibits. Account is taken, wherever possible, of your wishes for the number of m² and preferences for stand dimensions and location. However, the organisers cannot guarantee in advance that your wishes will be met.

Invitations

Exhibitors can order invitations for distribution to their clients. The first 200 (Standard and Deluxe package) or 300 (Royal stand package) ordered invitations are free of charge and can be ordered via the Exhibitor Portal/Web Shop. Purchased invitations cannot be refunded by RAI Amsterdam.

Terms of Payment

In accordance with the provisions of article 7 of the Standard Terms, the uniform stand construction package costs should be paid in two instalments, namely:

- 1st advance invoice of 25% of the total number of square metres reserved, plus the registration fee: within 21 days of the date of the first advance invoice (advance invoices are sent from 365 days before the exhibition).
- 2nd advance invoice of 100% (minus the 25% of the first advance invoice): within 21 days of the date of the second advance invoice (these are sent from 90 days before the exhibition).

No advance invoices are sent from 90 days before the exhibition. In the event of application less than 90 days before the first build-up day of the exhibition the amount owed should be paid **in full** together with the application, but at least four days before the first build-up day.

Media Solutions

To put your company in the spotlight before, during and after the Event, RAI offers participants several Media Solutions such as online advertising, advertisements in the show catalogue, advertising in- and around the RAI Convention Centre, video and narrowcasting.

VAT Regulations

Due to VAT rules regarding the place of supply of services, whereby RAI does not have to invoice Dutch VAT on stand rental and stand construction, Participants must enter their full VAT number on the Registration Form or enclose a statement from the tax authorities that qualifies them as a taxable person. If this information is not provided, we are obliged to charge Dutch VAT on all our invoices. This rule only applies to non-Dutch Participants.

Disputes

Any complaints should be made within 30 days of the last day of the exhibition. Complaints brought to our attention beyond this deadline will not be addressed.

Protecting Your Intellectual Property

Exhibitions have proven to be an excellent platform to showcase new innovations for technology and products to the market for the first time. Research has shown that learning about new innovations is one of the most important reasons for visitors to attend an exhibition. But when your company is investing time, money and resources in research and development you want to make sure you can protect your innovations and receive the full benefits of the investments made. RAI Amsterdam understands how important this is for you and is pleased to provide some practical tips on how to protect your Intellectual Property (**IP**) rights in The Netherlands and avoid IP conflicts.

What is IP?

Intellectual property refers to "*creations of the mind: inventions; literary and artistic works; and symbols, names and images used in commerce.*" In this context, we refer to, for example, patents, trademarks or industrial designs:

- **A patent** is an exclusive right granted for an invention, for example a product or process that provides a new (technical) solution to a problem. Registering a patent would provide the owner of the patent with protection for their inventions.
- **A trademark** is a distinctive sign that identifies certain goods or services provided or produced by a company or individual. By registering a trademark, it ensures that the owners of the trademark have the exclusive right to use them on their goods, products and services.
- **An industrial design** refers to the ornamental or aesthetic aspects of a product or design. It can refer to threedimensional features, like shape or surface, or to two dimensional features, like patterns, lines or colors.

Registering your IP

How, when and where to register your innovations (products and brands) differs per country and region. As an international business, it may very well be prudent to register your IP in all of the countries in which you do business. Please note that registering your IP rights takes time and that this is preferably taken care of well in advance of any exhibition in which you intend to participate. For more information, we refer to the links provided at the end of this document.

What you can do

Protecting IP is the responsibility of the exhibitors themselves. As an exhibition organiser, RAI Amsterdam does not have specific knowledge of product development and IP protection in your industry. Furthermore, METSTRADE 2023 is an independent platform for the industry, and can only advise and assist you in case of (suspected) infringement. Your innovations are best protected by registering patents, trademarks and/or design rights and by identifying and warning (possible) infringers with a cease and desist letter before the exhibition starts. Of course we understand that conflicts may arise during the exhibition, and for that purpose RAI Amsterdam has set up an IP Legal Desk to provide you with preliminary advice in urgent matters. More information on how the IP Legal Desk can help you before and during the exhibition is described hereafter.

Global tradeshow – European patents!

Even though METSTRADE 2023 is an international trade show serving a global marketplace, Dutch (or European Union) regulations and laws apply to the show.

Only exhibit products of which you hold the IP rights!

If you have a product that possibly infringes anyone's IP rights, don't exhibit this product, especially if you have received a warning from the IP right holder. RAI Amsterdam will always follow and comply with a court decision. So avoid disappointment and problems during the show.

Before the Exhibition - Three steps to avoid IP issues

As an exhibitor, you do not want the hassle of dealing with IP rights issues during the trade show. You want to spend your valuable time meeting clients and prospects, and doing business. It is therefore best to avoid any IP conflict at the exhibition altogether. There are several ways you can prevent an IP conflict, by taking some time in advance of the exhibition to identify possible infringers of your IP rights and by taking action to prevent them from exhibiting the (possibly) infringing product(s).

- 1. Review the exhibitor list:** The exhibitor list at [METSTRADE.com](https://www.metstrade.com) is regularly updated. Most companies even list (some of) the products they will be exhibiting on their own webpage which is linked to the exhibitor list. Review this list in advance to see if there are any companies of which you suspect that they might infringe on your IP.
- 2. Warn suspected infringers:** If you see a company on the exhibitor list that might infringe your IP, send them a cease and desist letter warning them not to exhibit these products at METSTRADE 2023, or face immediate legal action from you. A template letter is available in the Exhibitor Portal. Please keep in mind that RAI Amsterdam is not an IP mediator and that you will have to make your own consideration as to when to send a letter and its contents. In view hereof, you will also find a list of attorneys in the Netherlands in this document which we recommend you contact in order to assist you on a more tailor made letter, or can help you prepare legal action in case the products are (threatened to be) exhibited after all.
- 3. Request a border seizure and/or preliminary injunction:** If you suspect that products infringing your IP will be brought into the Netherlands, you are entitled to request that the Dutch Customs confiscate these goods. If the Customs agree with your request, they will stop these goods at the border and ask you to look at the products to see if they really infringe your intellectual property. The contact details of the Dutch Customs Agency can be found at the end of this document. In some cases it is also possible to request an injunction from the Dutch courts in advance of an exhibition, preventing the threatened infringement. Moreover, this is sometimes possible without notifying the suspected infringer in advance.

Be prepared: Bring your patents, registrations and trademarks to the show.

The IP Legal Desk or a law firm you may contact can only assist you if you can show your patents, registrations, trademarks etc. It is therefore important to bring these documents with you to the show.

The IP Legal Desk at METSTRADE 2023

Our in-house counsel will be available during to advise you on what steps you can take to protect your products, brands and trademarks. If need be she can refer you to specialized IP attorneys. These specialized attorneys can also advise you what to do if you decide to go to court in the Netherlands for suspected or detected IP infringement during the exhibition. The IP Legal Desk can be contacted through Organiser's Office.

During the Exhibition - What to do if your IP is infringed

If you see or suspect infringement of your IP rights during the exhibition you can approach the (suspected) infringer to notify them of your IP rights. If that does not have the desired result, it is possible to send a cease and desist letter. If that also does not work, it is possible to go to a Dutch court to obtain an injunction, which is a provisional decision obliging the other party to stop the infringement, for example by no longer displaying and offering the product(s) during the exhibition.

IP Legal Desk

Contact the IP Legal Desk (available on call) and present your case in the Organiser's Office (Monday 14 November & Tuesday 15 November 2023) who will carry out a *prima facie* review of your case. If necessary, they will refer you to someone who can further assist you.

RAI Amsterdam does not have the means to enforce the removal of any products from an exhibition without a court ruling. We can only request the product to be removed, and ban an exhibitor and a specific product from the exhibition floor, if a court ruling has been granted.

Cease and desist letter and preliminary proceedings

- 1. Deliver a cease and desist letter:** As described above, it is generally advisable to first deliver a cease and desist letter to an infringing exhibitor, demanding that they stop exhibiting the infringing product(s) or face immediate legal action. A template letter is available in the Exhibitor Portal. The IP Legal Desk can assist and advise you.
- 2. Go to court for injunctive relief:** If the exhibitor refuses, you can go to a Dutch court in a Preliminary Proceeding. Basically, you would be asking the court to make an urgent provisional ruling that demands that the product(s) can no longer be exhibited. If the court rules in your favor, RAI Amsterdam will always cooperate with bailiffs and comply with court-imposed measures. A list of recommended attorneys based in the Netherlands can be found at the next page of this document. The IP Legal Desk, which can be contacted through the Organiser's Office can also assist and advise you.
- 3. Enforce the injunction:** if the court has granted an injunction, the decision can be enforced with a bailiff. He will then go to the infringer on your behalf and notify the infringer of the decision that obliges the infringing acts to be stopped immediately. If the infringing acts nevertheless continue, it can be possible to remove the products from the exhibition by way of a seizure (for which court permission is also necessary). The bailiff will then confiscate the product(s) and related promotional materials at the exhibition.

The recommended IP law firms listed below can assist you with these steps.

Useful contact information
Patent institutions, customs and recommended attorneys

Patent Institutions

European Patent Office www.epo.org

World Intellectual Property Organization www.wipo.int

European Union IPR Helpdesk www.iprhelppdesk.eu

Dutch Patent Office
<https://www.rvo.nl/onderwerpen/innovatief-ondernemen/octrooien-ofwel-patenten>

Trademark and Design Institutions

European Intellectual Property Office
www.euipo.europa.eu

Benelux Office for Intellectual Property
www.boip.int

World Intellectual Property Organization www.wipo.int

Dutch Customs

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Recommended IP law firm in the Netherlands

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This Intellectual Property Policy is part of the Specific Event Terms for METSTRADE 2023 as well as the Standard Event Terms of RAI Amsterdam. RAI Amsterdam cannot be held liable for any damages as a result of its assistance in protecting IP Rights, or the outcome of a court decision and/or settlement between parties involved in an IP conflict.