



**CREDIT APPLICATION FORM**  
 We are an Accredited Logistics Provider

Company Name:	
Trading Address:	
Company Registration No:	Date Started Trading:

<b>If you are a Sole Trader or Partnership - Please supply full names and addresses</b>	
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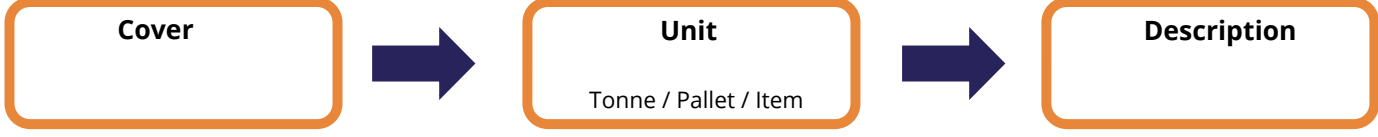
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**PLEASE ENTER THE AMOUNT OF MONTHLY CREDIT REQUIRED £**

**DECLARATION** (Please read carefully) We understand that should our Credit Application be accepted we agree to settle our account with yourselves in accordance with the credit terms which are payment due by the end of the month following the month of the invoice.

We also acknowledge that P W Gates Distribution Ltd trade strictly in accordance with the standard trading conditions of the Road Haulage Association Ltd, and copies of the Conditions of Carriage (2020 edition) and Conditions of Storage (2021 edition) are attached. Please note that under our insurance cover, the limitation of liability in clause 12. (1) (c) of the Conditions of Carriage only is increased to £5000 per tonne at no extra cost. Customers should effect their own cover for goods in store.

Should you require a higher level of cover, please insert the amount per tonne / pallet and a brief description of goods below. We will advise acceptance and any special terms by email within 5 days.



SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

By inserting your name above, you are hereby signing this document.

NAME IN CAPITALS: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_



# Road Haulage Association Limited

## CONDITIONS OF CARRIAGE 2024

Effective January 2024

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CUSTOMER WILL NOT IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES BE ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION, OR TO FULL COMPENSATION, FOR ANY LOSS AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS AND INDEMNITIES. THE CUSTOMER SHOULD THEREFORE SEEK PROFESSIONAL ADVICE AS TO APPROPRIATE INSURANCE COVER TO BE MAINTAINED WHILE CONSIGNMENTS ARE IN TRANSIT.

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(hereinafter referred to as "the Carrier") is not a common carrier and accepts goods for carriage only upon that condition and on the conditions set out below (the Conditions). No servant or agent of the Carrier is permitted to alter or vary these Conditions in any way unless expressly authorised to do so in writing by a Director of, Principal of, or Partner in the Carrier, or by another person separately authorised by such a person in writing. If any provision or part-provision of these Conditions is or becomes invalid, illegal or unenforceable, it shall be deemed modified to the minimum extent necessary to make it valid, legal and enforceable. If such modification is not possible, the relevant provision or part-provision shall be deemed deleted. Any modification to or deletion of a provision or part-provision under this clause shall not affect the validity and enforceability of the rest of these Conditions. These Conditions apply to the Contract to the exclusion of any other terms that the Customer seeks to impose, have agreed or incorporate, and to the exclusion of any terms which might be implied by trade, custom, practice or course of dealing. It is expressly stated to be the Customer's responsibility to read and understand these Conditions which will form the basis of the Contract under which any claims or disputes are settled. Customers are recommended to take professional advice and must arrange adequate insurance to provide full cover for the Consignment, and any liabilities they may be under in respect of it, when the Consignment is in transit.

### 1. Definitions

In these Conditions:

"Customer" means the person or company who contracts for the services of the Carrier, including any other carrier who gives a Consignment to the Carrier for carriage.

"Contract" means the contract of carriage between the Customer and the Carrier.

"Consignee" means the person or company to whom the Carrier contracts with the Customer to deliver the Consignment.

"Consignment" means goods -- whether sent as a single item or in bulk or contained in one parcel, package or container, as the case may be, or any number of separate items, parcels, packages or containers -- sent at one time in one load by or for the Customer from one address to one address.

"Dangerous Goods" means those substances and articles the carriage of which are prohibited by the provisions of the European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) as applied in the United Kingdom, or permitted to be carried only under the conditions prescribed therein, as well as all other substances and articles of a nature or having characteristics which represent a hazard or danger to persons or property, or which include any radioactive or explosive material.

"Demurrage" means any cost or expense the Carrier suffers as a result of the improper, excessive or unreasonable detention of any vehicle, trailer, container or other equipment belonging to or under the control of the Carrier.

"Force Majeure Event" shall have the meaning set out in Condition 10(2)(c)

"In writing" includes, unless otherwise agreed, the transmission of information by electronic, optical or similar means of communication, including, but not limited to, facsimile, electronic mail or electronic data interchange (EDI), provided that the information is readily accessible and durable so as to be usable for subsequent reference.

### 2. Parties and Sub-Contracting

- (1) The Customer warrants that he is either the owner of the Consignment or is authorised by the owner to accept these Conditions on his behalf; and that he is similarly authorised by all those having a proprietary or possessory interest in the Consignment, to accept these Conditions on their behalf.
- (2) The Carrier and any other carrier employed by the Carrier may employ the services of any other carrier for the purpose of fulfilling the Contract in whole or in part; and the name of every other such carrier shall be provided to the Customer upon request. The Carrier may at any time assign, mortgage, charge, delegate, declare a trust over or deal in any other manner with any or all of its rights and obligations under the Contract, to the extent permitted by law.

- (3) The Carrier contracts both for itself and also as agent of and trustee for its servants and agents and all other carriers referred to in (2) above, and also as agent of and trustee for such other carriers' servants and agents; and every reference in these Conditions to "the Carrier" shall be deemed to include every other such carrier, servant and agent with the intention that they shall have the full benefit of the terms of this Contract, and collectively and together with the Carrier shall be under no greater liability to the Customer or any other party than is the Carrier hereunder.

- (4) Notwithstanding Condition 2(3), the carriage of any Consignment by rail, sea, inland waterway or air has been or will be arranged by the Carrier solely as agent of the Customer, and any such carriage shall be subject to the conditions of the rail, shipping, inland waterway or air carrier contracted to carry the Consignment. The Carrier shall be under no liability whatsoever, howsoever caused, to any person for such carriage: Provided always that where the Consignment is carried partly by road and partly by such other means of transport any loss, damage or delay shall be deemed to have occurred while the Consignment was being carried by road unless the contrary is proved by the Carrier.

### 3. Dangerous Goods

If the Customer does not disclose in writing and in advance that a Consignment contains Dangerous Goods, the Carrier shall be entitled to rescind the Contract. If the Carrier agrees to accept for carriage any Dangerous Goods so disclosed then the Customer must arrange for and ensure that the Dangerous Goods are classified, packed, marked, labelled and documented in accordance with all applicable statutory regulations for the carriage by road of the substance declared.

### 4. Loading and Unloading

- (1) Unless otherwise agreed in writing the Customer will be responsible for the loading of goods onto the vehicle and will also be responsible for the Consignee unloading the goods off the vehicle. The Carrier will not be responsible for any loss or damage to the goods arising from loading the goods onto or unloading them off the vehicle, or from the overloading of the vehicle or from the unsafe loading of the vehicle. The Carrier may, at its sole discretion, through its servants and agents provide assistance in loading or unloading the goods if requested to do so by the Customer or the Consignee or the agents of either. The Customer shall indemnify the Carrier from and against all and any loss, damage, death or injury that may arise whilst the loading or unloading operations are taking place, or as a result of how the vehicle has been loaded, whether or not such loss, damage, death or injury is attributable to the negligence of the Carrier, its agents or servants.
- (2) The Customer shall ensure that any cranes, fork lift trucks, slings, chains or other equipment used in loading or unloading the vehicle are suitable for that purpose, are well maintained and are only operated by personnel who have been suitably trained on the use of such equipment. The Customer will indemnify the Carrier against any and all consequences of failure of, misuse of or unsuitability of such equipment.
- (3) The Customer shall ensure that there is adequate access to the loading and the unloading points and that the roadways to and from the public highway are of suitable material and that unloading will take place on good sound hardstanding, where there will be sufficient space to load or unload the vehicle in safety.
- (4) The Carrier shall not be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever, howsoever caused, if the Carrier's personnel are instructed by the Customer or the Consignee or their servants or agents to provide service to an area which does not comply with Condition 4(3) above, whether or not against the recommendations of the Carrier or the Carrier's personnel.
- (5) The Customer shall indemnify the Carrier against all liability or loss or damage suffered or incurred (including but not limited to damage to the Carrier's vehicle) as a result of the Carrier's personnel complying with the instructions of the Customer or the Consignee or their servants or agents, or where the Carrier has not been allowed reasonable opportunity to inspect a load which has been loaded by the Customer or the Consignee or their servants or agents.
- (6) The Customer shall make available to the Carrier upon request details of any risk assessments which may have been carried out at the collection and/or delivery addresses and/or in relation to any equipment used in loading or unloading the vehicle. The responsibility for carrying out such risk assessments shall be that of the Customer and not of the Carrier. The Carrier may refuse to enter any site which the Carrier, at the Carrier's sole discretion, considers to be unsafe.

### 5. Obligations of the Customer

The Customer warrants that:

- (1) The Consignment does not and will not: cause pollution of the environment or harm to human health; require any official consent or licence to handle, possess, deal with or carry; at any time whilst in the care or control of the Carrier constitute waste (unless the Carrier has been previously advised otherwise); and that the Consignment is of a nature that can be legally transported in the United Kingdom;
- (2) It will comply, and will procure that all of its agents, employees and sub-contractors also comply, with any reasonable regulations of the Carrier relating to handling, health and safety, and security, of which they are notified or have been notified; and

- (3) It will provide the Carrier with such information and materials as the Carrier may reasonably require in order to comply with its obligations under the Contract, including but not limited to information relating to the weight and contents of the Consignment, and the Customer will ensure that such information is complete and accurate in all material respects.
- (4) The Customer shall, and shall procure that the Consignee shall, allow any employees or agents of the Carrier to access all welfare facilities available at their premises.
- (5) If the Carrier's performance of any of its obligations under the Contract is prevented, hindered or delayed by any act or omission of the Customer or by any failure by the Customer to perform any relevant obligation (**Customer Default**), then:
  - (a) without limiting or affecting any other right or remedy available to it, the Carrier shall have the right to suspend performance of its obligations until the Customer remedies the Customer Default, and may rely on the Customer Default to relieve it from the performance of any of its obligations in each case to the extent the Customer Default prevents, hinders or delays the Supplier's performance of any of its obligations;
  - (b) the Carrier shall not be liable for any costs or losses sustained or incurred by the Customer arising directly or indirectly from the Carrier's failure to perform or delay in performing any of its obligations as set out in this Condition 5(4); and
  - (c) the Customer shall on written demand reimburse the Carrier for any costs or losses sustained or incurred by the Carrier arising directly or indirectly from the Customer Default.

#### 6. Receipts

The Carrier shall, if so required, provide a document or electronic record prepared by the Customer or its agent acknowledging the receipt of the Consignment; but the burden of proving the condition of the Consignment and/or its nature, quantity, quality, or weight at the time of that receipt shall rest with the Customer. For the avoidance of doubt, the Customer shall not be entitled to withhold any of the Carrier's Charges where such receipt has not been provided.

#### 7. Transit

- (1) Unless otherwise agreed expressly between the parties, transit shall commence after the Consignment has left the premises from where the Consignment is collected.
- (2) Transit shall (unless it has terminated earlier) end when the Consignment arrives at the proper place of delivery at the Consignee's address within the customary cartage hours of the district, provided that:
  - (a) if no safe and adequate access to that address exists, or if no safe and adequate unloading facilities exist there, then transit shall be deemed to end at the expiry of one clear day after notice (by letter, telephone, fax or email or other agreed method of communication) of the arrival of the Consignment at the premises has been sent to the Consignee or the Customer;
  - (b) when for any other reason whatsoever a Consignment cannot be delivered, or when a Consignment is held by the Carrier on instructions 'to await order' or 'to be kept till called for' or upon any like instructions, and no such order is given within a reasonable time, or the Consignment is not called for and removed within a reasonable time, then transit shall also be deemed to end at the expiry of that reasonable time.
- (3) The Consignment shall be at the sole risk of the Customer at all times when the Consignment is not in transit.

#### 8. Undelivered or Unclaimed Consignments

Where either of the provisos to Condition 7(2) operate such that transit is deemed to have ended, the Carrier may sell the Consignment; and payment or tender of the proceeds of sale to the Customer, after deduction of all proper charges and expenses in relation thereto and of all outstanding charges in relation to the carriage and storage of the Consignment, shall discharge the Carrier from all liability in respect of such Consignment, its carriage and storage:

Provided that:

- (1) the Carrier shall do what is reasonable to obtain a reasonable price for the Consignment; and
- (2) the power of sale shall not be exercised where the name and address of the Customer or of the Consignee or of the owner of the Consignment or of any other person having any proprietary or possessory interest in it is known; unless the Carrier shall first have done what is reasonable in the circumstances to give notice to such persons that the Consignment will be sold unless within the time specified in that notice, being a reasonable time in the circumstances from the giving of such notice, the Consignment is taken away or instructions are given for its disposal.

#### 9. Carrier's Charges

- (1) The Carrier's charges shall be payable by the Customer, without prejudice to any rights the Carrier may have against the Consignee, or any other person, to secure or obtain payment: Provided however that when any Consignment is consigned 'carriage forward' the Customer shall not be required to pay such charges unless the Consignee shall, within a reasonable period of demand for payment having

been made of it, have failed to pay the Carrier's charges.

- (2) Charges shall be payable when due without deduction or deferment on account of any claim, counterclaim or set-off. If the Customer becomes insolvent, or any sums owed by the Customer to the Carrier become overdue for payment, all credit terms previously agreed shall be cancelled with immediate effect and all invoices and accounts issued by the Carrier shall be deemed due for immediate payment and all sums owing (whether due or not) shall thereupon become payable. The Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998, as amended, shall apply to all sums due from the Customer.
- (3) The Carrier shall use reasonable endeavours to obtain a signed proof of delivery of the Consignment from the Consignee, unless otherwise agreed with the Customer. No payment shall however be withheld by the Customer where the Carrier is unable to provide a proof of delivery unless notification of non-delivery is received by the Carrier no more than 48 hours after the expected time of delivery of the Consignment and the Carrier is subsequently unable to evidence proof of delivery.
- (4) The Customer shall pay to the Carrier any storage charges incurred as a result of it exercising its lien in accordance with clause 15 below.
- (5) If the Contract is cancelled at any time the Customer shall pay the Carrier all costs and expenses which the Carrier has incurred prior to such cancellation.

#### 10. Liability for Loss and Damage

- (1) The Customer shall be deemed to have elected to accept the terms set out in sub-clause (2) of this Condition unless, before the transit commences, the Customer has agreed in writing that the Carrier shall be under no liability for loss of, or mis-delivery of or damage to or in connection with the Consignment, howsoever or whensoever caused, and whether or not caused or contributed to, directly or indirectly, by any act, omission, neglect, default or other wrongdoing on the part of the Carrier, its servants, agents or sub-contractors.
- (2) Subject to these Conditions the Carrier shall be liable for:
  - (a) physical loss, mis-delivery of or damage to living creatures, bullion, money, securities, stamps, precious metals or precious stones comprised within the Consignment only if:
    - (i) the Carrier has specifically agreed in writing to carry any such items; and
    - (ii) the Customer has agreed in writing to reimburse the Carrier in respect of all additional costs which result from the carriage of the said items; and
    - (iii) the loss, mis-delivery or damage is occasioned during transit and is proved to have been caused by the negligence of the Carrier, its servants, agents or sub-contractors;
  - (b) physical loss, mis-delivery of or damage to any goods of a type not covered by sub-clause (a) above comprised within the Consignment, unless the same has arisen from a Force Majeure Event.
  - (c) a "**Force Majeure Event**" shall mean any act(s), event(s), circumstance(s) or cause(s) the occurrence of which is beyond the reasonable control of the Carrier, including but not limited to:
    - (i) act of God, riot, civil commotion, strike, lockout, general or partial stoppage or restraint of labour from whatever cause, war, act of terrorism, seizure or forfeiture under legal process, restraint of government;
    - (ii) error, act, omission, mis-statement or misrepresentation by the Customer or the owner of the Consignment or by any servant or agent of either of them;
    - (iii) inherent wastage in bulk or weight, faulty design, latent defect or inherent vice or natural deterioration of the Consignment;
    - (iv) any special handling requirements in respect of the Consignment which have not been notified to the Carrier;
    - (v) insufficient or improper packaging, labelling or addressing, unless the Carrier has contracted to provide this service;
    - (vi) fire, flood, storm, earthquake, pandemic, or epidemic;
    - (vii) road congestion, road accidents, delays incurred at any delivery location or lack of delivery instructions from the Customer, vehicle breakdown;
- (3) The Carrier shall not in any circumstances be liable for any loss or damage arising after transit is deemed to have ended within the meaning of Condition 7(2) hereof, whether or not caused or contributed to, directly or indirectly, by any act, omission, neglect, default or other wrongdoing on the part of the Carrier, its servants, agents or sub-contractors.

#### 11. Fraud

The Carrier shall in no circumstances be liable in respect of a Consignment in relation to which there has been fraud on the part of the Customer, the Consignee or the owner of the Consignment, or their servants or agents, unless the Carrier or of any servant of the Carrier acting in the course of his employment has been complicit in that fraud.

#### 12. Limitation of Liability

- (1) Except as otherwise provided in these Conditions, the liability of the Carrier in respect of claims for physical loss of, mis-delivery of or physical damage to goods comprised within the Consignment, howsoever arising, shall in all circumstances be limited to the lesser of

- (a) the value of the goods actually lost or mis-delivered, at the place they should have been delivered; or the amount by which damaged goods have been depreciated in value by reason of that damage; or
- (b) the cost of replacing the goods actually lost or mis-delivered and/or reconditioning or repairing any damage to the goods; or
- (c) a sum calculated at the rate of £1,300 Sterling per tonne on the gross weight of the goods actually lost, mis-delivered or damaged;

and the value of the goods actually lost, mis-delivered or damaged shall be taken to be their invoice value if they have been sold, and shall otherwise be taken to be their replacement cost to the owner at the commencement of the transit, and in all cases shall be taken to include any Customs and Excise duties or taxes paid or payable in respect of those goods when lost, mis-delivered or damaged:

Provided that:

- (i) in the case of loss, mis-delivery of or damage to a part of the Consignment, the weight to be taken into consideration in determining the amount to which the Carrier's liability is limited shall be only the gross weight of that part, regardless of whether the loss, mis-delivery or damage affects the value of other parts of the Consignment;
  - (ii) nothing in this Condition shall limit the liability of the Carrier to less than the sum of £10;
  - (iii) the Carrier shall be entitled to proof of the weight and value of the whole of the Consignment and of any part thereof lost, mis-delivered or damaged;
  - (iv) the Customer shall be entitled to give to the Carrier notice in writing, to be delivered at least seven days prior to commencement of transit, requesting that the £1,300 per tonne limit referred to in Condition 12(1)(c) above be increased (but not so as to exceed the value of the Consignment) and in the event of such notice being given the Customer shall be required to agree with the Carrier an increase in the carriage charges, but if no such agreement can be reached the aforementioned £1,300 per tonne limit shall continue to apply.
- (2) The liability of the Carrier in respect of claims for any other type of loss, liability or damage whatsoever and howsoever arising in connection with the Consignment shall not exceed the amount of the carriage charges in respect of the Consignment or the amount of the claimant's proved loss, whichever is the less, unless:
    - (a) at the time of entering into the Contract with the Carrier, the Customer declares to the Carrier a special interest in the avoidance of physical loss, mis-delivery or damage to the Consignment, and/or a special interest in delivery within a specified period, undertaking to pay such surcharge, referable to the declared value of that interest or those interests, as may be agreed with the Carrier, and
    - (b) at least 7 days prior to the commencement of transit the Customer has delivered to the Carrier confirmation in writing of the declared value of any special interest and of any agreed time limit, and of its agreement to pay the specified surcharge which it has agreed with the Carrier.
  - (3) The Carrier shall not be in breach of the Contract nor liable for any delay in performing, or failure to perform, any of its obligations under the Contract if such delay or failure results from a Force Majeure Event.
  - (4) The following types of loss or damage are wholly excluded, and will not under any circumstances be the subject of compensation by the Carrier:
    - (a) loss of profits;
    - (b) loss of sales or business;
    - (c) loss of agreements or contracts;
    - (d) loss of anticipated savings;
    - (e) loss of use of, or corruption of, software, data or information;
    - (f) loss of or damage to goodwill;
    - (g) indirect or consequential loss;
    - (h) any fine imposed on the Customer by the Consignee or its customer.

### 13. Indemnity to the Carrier

The Customer shall indemnify the Carrier against:

- (1) all losses, liabilities and costs incurred by the Carrier (including but not limited to those incurred in connection with loss of or damage to the carrying vehicle or to other goods carried) as a result of any breach of these Conditions by the Customer or any party on whose behalf it has contracted, or by reason of any error, omission, mis-statement or misrepresentation by the Customer or owner of the Consignment or by any servant or agent of either of them, or by reason of insufficient or improper packing, labelling or addressing of the Consignment, or by reason of fraud on the part of the Customer, the Consignee or the owner of the Consignment, or their servants or agents (as referred to in Condition 11);
- (2) all losses, liabilities and costs arising from claims and demands by whomsoever made and howsoever arising (including, for the avoidance of doubt, claims alleging negligence or conversion, or by H.M. Revenue and Customs in respect of dutiable goods, or arising out of the carriage of Dangerous Goods) in respect of any loss of or damage to, or in connection with, the Consignment in an amount exceeding the liability of the Carrier under these Conditions in respect of that loss or damage, whether or not that loss or damage was caused or contributed to, directly or indirectly, by any act, omission, neglect, default or other wrongdoing on the part of the Carrier, its servants, agents or sub-contractors.

### 14. Time Limits for Claims

- (1) The Carrier shall not be liable for:
    - (a) physical loss of, mis- or non-delivery of, or physical damage to goods comprised within the Consignment unless advised thereof in writing, together with such evidence as may reasonably be required to prove that the physical loss of, mis- or non-delivery of, or physical damage to goods was caused by the Carrier, within seven days after the termination of transit or the date on which the transit should have terminated;
    - (b) any other type of loss unless advised thereof in writing within twenty-eight days after the termination of transit or the date on which the transit should have terminated.
- Provided that if the Customer proves that,
- (i) it was not reasonably possible for the Customer to advise the Carrier or make a claim in writing within the time limit applicable, and
  - (ii) such advice or claim was given or made within a reasonable time after the time at which it did become reasonably possible for the Customer to advise the Carrier or make a claim in writing,
- the Carrier shall not have the benefit of the exclusion of liability afforded by this Condition.
- (2) The Carrier shall in any event be discharged from all liability whatsoever and howsoever arising in respect of the Consignment unless legal proceedings are issued and notice in writing thereof given to the Carrier within one year of the date when transit commenced.
  - (3) In the computation of time where any period provided by these Conditions is seven days or less, Saturdays, Sundays and all statutory public holidays shall be excluded.

### 15. Lien

- (1) The Carrier shall have:
  - (a) a particular lien on the Consignment for all charges due to the Carrier for the carriage, storage and/or warehousing of the Consignment and for all other proper charges or expenses incurred in connection with the carriage of the Consignment, and
  - (b) a general lien on the Consignment for any sums overdue and unpaid by the Customer, by the owner of the Consignment or by any other person having any proprietary or possessory interest in it, by the Consignee, or by any agent of these persons, on any invoice, account or contract whatsoever.

If the Carrier exercises a lien, but appropriate payment is not made within 14 days after notice that the payment is due and has been given in accordance with Condition 9(2) above, the Carrier may sell the Consignment, or any part thereof, as agent for its owner and for those having a proprietary or possessory interest in it, and shall apply the proceeds towards any sums unpaid and towards the expenses of the retention, storage, insurance and sale of the Consignment and shall, upon accounting to the Customer for any balance remaining, be discharged from all liability whatsoever in respect of the Consignment.
- (2) The Carrier may exercise its lien on its own behalf or as agent for any assignee of its invoices at any time and at any place in its sole discretion, whether or not the contractual carriage has been completed, and these Conditions shall continue to apply during the period of exercise of such lien.
- (3) If the Consignment is not solely the property of the Customer, the Customer warrants that it has the authority of all those having a proprietary or possessory interest in the Consignment to grant to the Carrier liens as set out in Condition 15(1) above, and the Customer shall indemnify the Carrier for all claims and demands the Carrier may receive asserting that the Customer did not have that authority.

### 16. Unreasonable Detention

The Customer shall be liable to pay Demurrage, without prejudice to any rights that the Carrier may have against any other person in respect of any improper, excessive or unreasonable detention of any vehicle, trailer, container or other equipment belonging to or under the control of the Carrier.

### 17. Confidentiality

- (1) Each party undertakes that it shall not at any time disclose to any person any confidential information concerning the business, affairs, customers, clients or suppliers of the other party, except as permitted by these Conditions.
- (2) Each party may disclose the other party's confidential information:
  - (a) to its employees, officers, representatives, sub-contractors or advisers who need to know such information for the purposes of carrying out the party's legal obligations; and
  - (b) as may be required by law, a court of competent jurisdiction or any governmental or regulatory authority.

### 18. Law and Jurisdiction

Unless otherwise agreed in writing, the Contract and any dispute arising under it or in connection with it shall be governed by English law and each party irrevocably agrees that such dispute shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.



# Road Haulage Association Limited

## CONDITIONS OF STORAGE

Effective 1 April 2021

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(hereinafter referred to as "the Contractor") accepts Goods for Storage only upon the Conditions set out below. No servant or agent of the Contractor is permitted to alter or vary these Conditions in any way unless expressly authorised in writing to do so by a Director, Principal, Partner or other authorised person. If any provision or part-provision of these Conditions is or becomes invalid, illegal or unenforceable, it shall be deemed modified to the minimum extent necessary to make it valid, legal and enforceable. If such modification is not possible, the relevant provision or part-provision shall be deemed deleted. Any modification to or deletion of a provision or part-provision under this clause shall not affect the validity and enforceability of the rest of these Conditions. These Conditions apply to the Contract to the exclusion of any other terms that the Customer seeks to impose, have agreed or incorporate, and to the exclusion of any terms which might be implied by trade, custom, practice or course of dealing. It is expressly stated to be the Customer's responsibility to read and understand these Conditions which will form the basis of the Contract under which any claims or disputes are settled. Customers are recommended to take professional advice and must arrange adequate insurance to provide full cover for the Goods, and any liabilities they may be under in respect of it, when the Goods are in storage.

#### (1) Definitions

In these Conditions:

"Customer" means the person or company who contracts for the services of the Contractor including any other contractor who gives Goods to the Contractor for Storage.

"Contract" means the contract between the Customer and the Contractor for the Storage of the Goods.

"Goods" means goods whether a single item or in bulk or contained in one parcel, package or container as the case may be or any number of separate items, parcels, packages or containers Stored under the Contract.

"Storage" means the storage and handling of Goods including unloading and loading of Goods and movement of Goods between stores and such other ancillary services as the Contractor may agree to in writing, and the words "Store" and "Stored" shall be construed accordingly.

"Dangerous Goods" means:

- those substances and articles the carriage of which is prohibited by the provisions of the European Agreement Concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) as applied in the United Kingdom, or authorised only under the conditions prescribed in accordance therewith;
- any weapon, drug, poison, damaging article or substance or any article or substance likely to encourage vermin or other pests or likely to cause infection; and
- any Goods which, although, not included in (i) or (ii) above, in the sole opinion of the Contractor, present a similar hazard.

"In writing" includes, unless otherwise agreed, the transmission of information by electronic, optical or similar means of communication, including, but not limited to, facsimile, electronic mail or electronic data interchange (EDI), provided the information is readily accessible so as to be usable for subsequent reference.

"Trader" means the owner of the Goods, any other person having an interest therein and anyone acting on behalf of such owner or other person, including, as the case may be, the Customer.

#### (2) Parties and Sub-Contracting

- The Customer warrants that he is either the owner of the Goods or is authorised by such owner to accept these Conditions on such owner's behalf, and that he is similarly authorised by all those having a proprietary or possessory interest in the Goods, to accept these Conditions on their behalf.
- The Customer also warrants that the Goods are as described to the Contractor with regard to their nature, weight, quantity, condition and dimensions.
- The Customer also warrants that Dangerous Goods accepted for Storage comply with all relevant statutory regulations for the time being in force concerning the Storage, carriage, packing, marking, documentation and labelling of such articles or substances.

(4) The Contractor and any other contractors employed by the Contractor may employ the services of any other contractor for the purpose of fulfilling the Contract in whole or in part and the name of every such other contractor shall be provided to the Customer on request.

(5) The Contractor contracts for itself and as agent of and trustee for its servants and agents and all other contractors referred to in (4) above and such other contractors' servants and agents and every reference in these Conditions to the "Contractor" shall be deemed to include every other such contractor, servant and agent with the intention that they shall have the benefit of the contract and collectively and together with the Contractor be under no greater liability to the Customer or any other party than is the Contractor hereunder.

#### 3. Dangerous Goods

(1) Dangerous Goods must be disclosed by the Customer and if the Contractor agrees to accept them for Storage such Goods must be properly and safely packed, marked, labelled and documented in accordance with any legislation for the time being in force for the Storage and carriage of such articles or substances and the Customer shall, whilst the Dangerous Goods remain in Storage, keep the Contractor informed of any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof or any rules or regulations made there under or rules or recommendations made by any relevant authority, concerning the Storage or handling of the Dangerous Goods.

(2) Prior to receipt of the Dangerous Goods, the Customer shall provide the Contractor with such information in writing as will enable the Contractor to know the identity of the Dangerous Goods, the nature of the hazards created thereby, and any action to be taken in an emergency. While the Dangerous Goods remain in Storage, the Customer shall keep the Contractor informed of its recommendations on the handling and Storage of such Goods including all health and safety recommendations. The Contractor shall be entitled to disclose the information supplied by the Customer to its servants, agents and other contractors referred to in condition 2(5), and any relevant Government department.

(3) If the Customer does not disclose in writing and in advance that the Goods accepted for Storage include Dangerous Goods, the Contractor shall be entitled to rescind the Contract.

#### 4. Procedure on Delivery or Collection

(1) The Customer shall give the Contractor not less than twenty-four hours notice of its intention to deliver or remove Goods at the premises of the Contractor.

(2) Unless otherwise agreed in writing the Customer will be responsible for any loading of goods onto a vehicle, and will also be responsible for any unloading of the goods off a vehicle during the Storage period. The Contractor will not be responsible for any loss or damage to the Goods arising from loading the Goods onto or unloading them off a vehicle, or from the overloading of a vehicle or from the unsafe loading of a vehicle. The Contractor may, at its sole discretion, through its servants and agents provide assistance in loading or unloading the goods if requested to do so by the Customer or its agents. The Customer shall indemnify the Contractor from and against all and any loss, damage, death or injury that may arise whilst the loading or unloading operations is taking place whether or not such loss, damage, death or injury is attributable to the negligence of the Contractor, its agents or servants.

#### 5. Receipt of Goods

(1) Following acceptance of the Goods for Storage the Contractor shall if so required provide the Customer with a receipt in writing but the burden of proving the condition of the Goods on receipt by the Contractor and that the Goods were of the nature, property, chemical composition, quantity, quality or weight declared in the relevant document shall rest with the Customer.

(2) The Contractor shall notify the Customer of any pre-existing damage to and/or deficiency in the Goods to be Stored, within a reasonable time of the Contractor becoming aware of such damage or deficiency. Such Goods shall, in the absence of any express agreement to the contrary between the Customer and the Contractor, be returned to the Customer at the Customer's expense.

#### 6. Obligations of the Customer

The Customer warrants that:

- The Goods do not and will not: cause pollution of the environment or harm to human health; require any official consent or licence to handle, possess, deal with, store or carry; at any time whilst in the care or control of the Contractor constitute waste (unless the Contractor has been previously advised otherwise); and that the Goods are of a nature that can be legally stored in the United Kingdom;
- It will comply, and will procure that all of its agents, employees and subcontractors also comply, with any reasonable regulations of the Contractor relating to handling, health and safety, and security, of which they are notified or have been notified; and
- It will provide the Contractor with such information and materials as the Contractor may reasonably require in order to comply with its obligations under the Contract, and will ensure that such information is complete and accurate in all material respects.

- (4) If the Contractor's performance of any of its obligations under the Contract is prevented, hindered or delayed by any act or omission of the Customer or by any failure by the Customer to perform any relevant obligation (**Customer Default**), then:
- without limiting or affecting any other right or remedy available to it, the Contractor shall have the right to suspend performance of its obligations until the Customer remedies the Customer Default, and may rely on the Customer Default to relieve it from the performance of any of its obligations in each case to the extent the Customer Default prevents, hinders or delays the Contractor's performance of any of its obligations;
  - the Contractor shall not be liable for any costs or losses sustained or incurred by the Customer arising directly or indirectly from the Contractor's failure to perform or delay in performing any of its obligations as set out in this Condition 6(4); and
  - the Customer shall on written demand reimburse the Contractor for any costs or losses sustained or incurred by the Contractor arising directly or indirectly from the Customer Default.

#### 7. Termination of Storage

- Either the Contractor or Customer may at any time give not less than twenty-one clear days' notice in writing to the other of its intention to terminate the Contract and notwithstanding that the Contractor may have released the Goods before the expiry of such notice, all charges shall be payable to the date when the notice would have expired.
- The Contractor may require the removal of the Goods or any part thereof, forthwith, if in the Contractor's opinion:
  - the Customer's financial position becomes unsatisfactory or if the Customer ceases to pay its debts in the ordinary course of business or cannot pay its debts as they become due, or (being a company) is deemed to be unable to pay its debts or has a winding up petition issued against it or a receiver appointed of all or any part of its assets, or if a proposal is made for a composition with creditors or scheme of arrangement or for an administrator to be appointed in respect of all or any part of the business or assets of the Customer or (being an individual) commits an act of bankruptcy or has a bankruptcy petition issued against him, or the Customer is in breach of any of its obligations arising under the Contract;
  - the Storage of Goods poses a risk to the health and safety of the Contractor, its servants or any third party or to the Contractor's property or any third party property;
  - the continued Storage of the Goods will result in the Goods perishing or otherwise deteriorating and/or will cause damage to other goods or property.
- If the Goods or any part thereof are not removed after notice is given by the Contractor to the Customer in accordance with paragraphs (1) and (2) above, then the Contractor may, at its absolute discretion, sell the Goods after the lapse of a reasonable period of time after notice is given by the Contractor to the Customer of its intention to sell the Goods or part thereof.

#### 8. Revision of Storage Charges and Conditions of Storage

The Contractor's charges and these Conditions may be revised by the Contractor from time to time. Any such revision shall not become effective until the expiry of twenty-one days from the date notice of proposed revision is given to the Customer.

#### 9. Contractor's Charges

- Goods accepted for Storage during any calendar week (Monday to Sunday both inclusive) shall be charged for as though they were received on the first day of such week.
- The Contractor's charges shall be payable by the Customer, without prejudice to any rights the Contractor may have against any other person, to secure or obtain payment.
- Charges shall be payable when due without reduction or deferment on account of any claim, counterclaim or set-off. If the Customer becomes insolvent or any sums owed by the Customer on any invoice or account with the Contractor become overdue for payment, any credit terms shall be cancelled with immediate effect and all invoices or accounts issued by the Contractor shall immediately be deemed due for payment and thereupon become payable. The Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998, as amended, shall apply to all sums due from the Customer.
- Should the delivery of Goods be postponed or cancelled by the Customer, the Contractor shall be entitled to recover from the Customer all expenses incurred by the Contractor and all rental charges in respect of space reserved for such Goods.
- The Customer shall pay to the Contractor any additional storage charges incurred as a result of it exercising its lien in accordance with clause 15 below.

#### 10. Liability for Loss and Damage

- The Customer shall be deemed to have elected to accept the terms set out in (2) of this Condition unless, before the Goods are Stored, the Customer has agreed in writing that the Contractor shall not be liable for any loss or mis-delivery of or damage to or in connection with the Goods howsoever or whensoever caused and whether or not caused or contributed to directly or indirectly by any act, omission, neglect, default or other wrong doing on the part of the Contractor, its servants, agents or sub-contractors.
- Subject to these conditions the Contractor shall be liable for:
  - physical loss, mis-delivery of or damage to living creatures, bullion, money, securities, stamps, precious metals or precious stones only if:
    - the Contractor has specifically agreed in writing to Store any such items; and
    - the Customer has agreed in writing to reimburse the Contractor in respect of all additional costs which result from the Storage of the said items; and

- the loss, mis-delivery or damage is occasioned during Storage and is proved to be due to the negligence of the Contractor, its servants, agents or sub-contractors.
- physical loss, mis-delivery of or damage to any other Goods not covered by sub-clause (a) above comprised occasioned during Storage unless the same has arisen from a Force Majeure Event.
  - A "**Force Majeure Event**" shall mean any act(s), event(s), circumstance(s) or cause(s) the occurrence of which is beyond the reasonable control of the Contractor, including but not limited to:
    - act of God, riot, civil commotion, strike, lockout, general or partial stoppage or restraint of labour from whatever cause, war, act of terrorism, seizure or forfeiture under legal process, restraint of government;
    - error, act, omission, mis-statement or misrepresentation by the Customer or the owner of the Goods or by any servant or agent of either of them;
    - inherent wastage in bulk or weight, faulty design, latent defect or inherent vice or natural deterioration of the Goods;
    - any special handling requirements in respect of the Goods which have not been notified to the Contractor;
    - insufficient or improper packaging, labelling or addressing, unless the Contractor has contracted to provide this service;
    - fire, flood, storm, earthquake, pandemic, or epidemic;
    - leakage or deficiency of Goods of a perishable or leaky nature, moth, vermin, insects, atmospheric or climatic causes;
    - any other cause beyond the reasonable control of the Contractor.
- The Contractor shall not in any circumstances be liable for loss of or damage to Goods arising after Storage of such Goods has ended, whether or not caused or contributed to directly or indirectly by any act, omission, neglect, default or other wrongdoing on the part of the Contractor, its servants, agents or sub-contractors.

#### 11. Fraud

The Contractor shall not in any circumstances be liable in respect of Goods where there has been fraud on the part of the Customer or the owner, or the servants or agents of either, in respect of those Goods, unless the Contractor or any servant of the Contractor acting in the course of his employment has been complicit in that fraud.

#### 12. Limitation of Liability

- Except as otherwise provided in these Conditions, the liability of the Contractor in respect of claims for physical loss, mis-delivery of or damage to Goods, howsoever arising, shall in all circumstances be limited to the lesser of
  - the value of the Goods actually lost, mis-delivered or damaged, at the place they should have been stored; or the amount by which damaged Goods have been depreciated in value by reason of that damage; or
  - the cost of repairing any damage or of reconditioning the Goods; or
  - a sum calculated at the rate of £100 Sterling per tonne on the gross weight of the Goods actually lost, mis-delivered or damaged;
 and the value of the Goods actually lost, mis-delivered or damaged shall be taken to be their invoice value if they have been sold and shall otherwise be taken to be the replacement cost thereof to the owner at the commencement of Storage, and in all cases shall be taken to include any Customs and Excise duties or taxes paid or payable in respect of those Goods when lost, misdelivered or damaged:

Provided that:

- in the case of loss, mis-delivery of or damage to a part of the Goods the weight to be taken into consideration in determining the amount to which the Contractor's liability is limited shall be only the gross weight of that part regardless of whether the loss, mis-delivery or damage affects the value of other parts of the Goods;
  - nothing in this Condition shall limit the liability of the Contractor to less than the sum of £10;
  - the Contractor shall be entitled to proof of the weight and value of the whole of the Goods and of any part thereof lost, mis-delivered or damaged;
  - the Customer shall be entitled to give to the Contractor notice in writing to be delivered at least seven days prior to commencement of Storage requiring that the £100 per tonne limit in 12(1)(c) above be increased, but not so as to exceed the value of the Goods, and in the event of such notice being given the Customer shall be required to agree with the Contractor an increase in the Storage charges in consideration of the increased limit, but if no such agreement can be reached the aforementioned £100 per tonne limit shall continue to apply.
- The liability of the Contractor in respect of claims for any other type of loss, liability or damage whatsoever and howsoever arising in connection with the Goods, shall not exceed the amount of the Storage charges in respect of the Goods or the amount of the claimant's proved loss, whichever is less, unless:
    - at the time of entering into the Contract with the Contractor the Customer declares to the Contractor a special interest in Storage in the event of physical loss mis-delivery or damage and agrees to pay a surcharge calculated on the amount of that interest, and
    - at least seven days prior to the commencement of Storage the Customer has delivered to the Contractor confirmation in writing of the declared value of any special interest, and of its agreement to pay the specified surcharge which it has agreed with the Contractor.
  - The Contractor shall not be in breach of the Contract nor liable for any delay in performing, or failure to perform, any of its obligations under the Contract if such delay or failure results from a Force Majeure Event.

- (4) The following types of loss or damage are wholly excluded, and will not under any circumstances be the subject of compensation by the Contractor:
- (a) loss of profits;
  - (b) loss of sales or business;
  - (c) loss of agreements or contracts;
  - (d) loss of anticipated savings;
  - (e) loss of use of, or corruption of, software, data or information;
  - (f) loss of or damage to goodwill;
  - (g) indirect or consequential loss;
  - (h) any fine imposed on the Customer by the Consignee or its customer.

### 13. Indemnity to the Contractor

The Customer shall indemnify the Contractor against:

- (1) all losses, liabilities and costs incurred by the Contractor (including but not limited to those incurred in connection with loss of or damage to the place of storage and to other goods Stored) as a result of any breach of these Conditions by the Customer or any party on whose behalf it has contracted, or by reason of any error, omission, mis-statement or misrepresentation by the Customer or owner of the Goods or by any servant or agent of either of them, or by reason of insufficient or improper packing, labelling or addressing of Goods or fraud on the part of the Customer, or the owner of the Goods, or their servants or agents (as referred to in Condition 11);
- (2) all losses, liabilities and costs arising from claims and demands by whomsoever made and howsoever arising (including for the avoidance of doubt claims alleging negligence), or conversion, or by HM Revenue and Customs in respect of dutiable goods or arising out of the Storage of Dangerous Goods in respect of any loss of or damage to, or in connection with, the Storage in an amount exceeding the liability of the Contractor under these Conditions in respect of that loss or damage whether or not that loss or damage was caused or contributed to directly or indirectly by any act, omission, neglect, default or other wrongdoing on the part of the Contractor, its servants, agents or sub-contractors.

### 14. Time Limits for Claims

- (1) The Contractor shall not be liable for:
    - (a) physical loss of, mis-delivery or non-delivery of or physical damage to Goods being Stored, or failure to release any Goods unless advised thereof by the Customer within seven days after release of the Goods alleged to be damaged or, in the case of Goods alleged to be lost or mis-delivered or which the Contractor fails to release, within seven days after the time when the Goods should in the ordinary course of events have been released and the Contractor shall be under no liability unless such claim is made within the time stipulated; or
    - (b) any other type of loss unless advised thereof in writing within twenty-eight days after the termination of Storage or the date on which the Storage should have terminated,
- provided that if the Customer proves that:
- (i) it was not reasonably possible for the Customer to advise the Contractor or make a claim in writing within the time limit applicable, and
  - (ii) such advice or claim was given or made within a reasonable time, after the time at which it did become reasonably possible for the Customer to advise the Contractor or make a claim in writing, the Contractor shall not have the benefit of the exclusion of liability afforded by this Condition.
- (2) The Contractor shall in any event be discharged from all liability whatsoever and howsoever arising in respect of the Goods unless legal proceedings are issued and notice in writing thereof given to the Contractor within one year of the date when the Goods were released or should, in the ordinary course of events, have been released.
  - (3) In the computation of time where any period provided by these Conditions is seven days or less, Saturdays, Sundays and all statutory public holidays shall be excluded.

### 15. Lien

- (1) The Contractor shall have:
  - (a) a particular lien on the Goods for all charges due to the Contractor for the Storage of the Goods, and
  - (b) a general lien on the Goods for any sums overdue and unpaid by the Customer, by the owner of the Goods or by any other person or agent having any proprietary or possessory interest in the Goods, on any invoice, account or contract whatsoever.

If the Contractor exercises a lien, but appropriate payment is not made within 14 days after notice that the payment is due has been given to the Customer, the Contractor may sell the Goods, or any part thereof, as agent for its owner and for those having a proprietary or possessory interest in it, and shall apply the proceeds towards any sums unpaid and towards the expenses of the retention, storage, insurance and sale of the Goods and shall, upon accounting to the Customer for any balance remaining, be discharged from all liability whatsoever in respect of the Goods.

- (2) The Contractor may exercise its lien on its own behalf or as agent for any assignee of its invoices at any time and at any place in its sole discretion, whether or not the contractual storage has been completed, and these Conditions shall continue to apply during the period of exercise of such lien.
- (3) If the Consignment is not solely the property of the Customer, the Customer warrants that it has the authority of all those having a proprietary or possessory interest in the Consignment to grant to the Contractor liens as set out in Condition 15(1) above, and the Customer shall indemnify the Contractor for all claims and demands the Contractor may receive asserting that the Customer did not have that authority.

### 16. Impossibility of Performance

The Contractor shall be relieved of its obligations to perform the Contract to the extent that the performance thereof is prevented by failure of the Customer, fire, weather conditions, industrial dispute, epidemic or pandemic, labour disturbance or cause beyond the reasonable control of the Contractor.

### 17. Notice

All written communications from the Contractor to the Customer shall be deemed to have been served if delivered or posted to the last known address of the Customer.

### 18. Confidentiality.

- (1) Each party undertakes that it shall not at any time disclose to any person any confidential information concerning the business, affairs, customers, clients or suppliers of the other party, except as permitted by these Conditions.
- (2) Each party may disclose the other party's confidential information:
  - (a) to its employees, officers, representatives, subcontractors or advisers who need to know such information for the purposes of carrying out the party's legal obligations; and
  - (b) as may be required by law, a court of competent jurisdiction or any governmental or regulatory authority.

### 19. Law and Jurisdiction

Unless otherwise agreed in writing, the Contract and any dispute arising thereunder shall be governed by English law and shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the English courts alone.