



ECS TRUCKING BV

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GENERAL CONTRACT CONDITIONS

PART I: General

1. These conditions of contract will govern all business relations between ECS TRUCKING BV and their contractual parties, irrespective whether the other party to the contract be a trader or private individual. Unless explicitly agreed otherwise by ECS TRUCKING BV, these conditions shall prevail over all the contracting parties' other possible terms and conditions.
2. One or more parts of these general conditions may apply, depending on the actual services ordered by the principal.

Part I applies in all cases.

Part II applies when ECS TRUCKING BV acts towards her principal as a carrier.

In case several Parts are applicable simultaneously to the assignment being performed by ECS TRUCKING BV, and in case several articles govern the same subject, the article which is the most advantageous to ECS TRUCKING BV will apply.

3. ECS TRUCKING BV may exercise a right of lien and/or seizure on all materials and/or merchandise they dispatch, transport or store, or otherwise have in their custody, up to the value of all sums of money owed or falling due by the principal to ECS TRUCKING BV, however brought about.

Those rights extend to capital, interest, prejudice and any costs incurred.

Where such rights have been exercised and merchandise is released by ECS TRUCKING BV but has not been collected by the other party to the contract, or where no supplementary agreement has been reached in this regard, within 90 days after the release, ECS TRUCKING BV shall be entitled to sell that merchandise at any possible way, without that the Principal is entitled to claim compensation or interests.

Where the sums of money are still owing and are not under dispute, those rights shall persist until such time as ECS TRUCKING BV has been paid in full, or until the party to the contract has provided securities for the full amount of the sum owing.

Where an entitlement is under dispute, or cannot be calculated precisely, those rights shall persist until such time as the contract party has provided securities to the full amount of the sums claimed by ECS TRUCKING BV, and the other party to the contract has undertaken to pay the sums claimed once these are established.

4. In spite of any insolvency, any transfer of claims, any form of attachment or any concurrence, ECS TRUCKING BV shall be entitled to apply set-offs and/or debt novation with regard to the obligations of ECS TRUCKING BV vis-à-vis its creditors and/or contracting parties, or the obligations of the latter vis-à-vis ECS TRUCKING BV.

This right is not affected in any manner by notification and/or service of a notice of insolvency, transfer of claim, any form of attachment or any concurrence.

Pursuant to article 14 of the Act of 15.12.2004 on financial securities, article 1295 of the Belgian Civil Code is declared not applicable to the extent required.

The obligations mentioned in the first paragraph include any obligation and any liability between the parties, whether or not on a contractual basis, whether a pecuniary or any other obligation, including, but not limited to, payment and delivery obligations, any debt, any obligation arising from a guarantee, any obligation to provide or keep a security and any other obligation or requirement.

If a contracting party of ECS TRUCKING BV wishes to call upon an agent, they undertake to inform this agent of the existence of this right of set-off and/or debt novation. The contracting party undertakes to indemnify ECS TRUCKING BV against any claim of the agent called upon that is related to set-off and/or debt novation.

5. Should confidence in the contracting party's creditworthiness be cast into doubt by legal action being taken against the party to the contract and/or any other event that can be shown to call confidence in that contracting party's ability to fulfil the commitments made into question and/or render these impossible, ECS TRUCKING BV reserves the right to suspend the contract, in full or in part, even after it has been performed in part, in order to obtain adequate securities from the other party to the contract.

Should the contracting party refuse to comply, ECS TRUCKING BV shall be entitled to cancel that assignment, in part or in full.

This will apply regardless of any entitlement to compensation and interest towards ECS TRUCKING BV.

A case of compromised confidence will exist if the contracting party invokes the Law of 30 January 2009 relating to companies that continue trading where the contracting party applies for bankruptcy or is declared insolvent.

All monies outstanding at the time of bankruptcy shall become payable immediately, and clause 4 of this section may be applied.

If ECS TRUCKING BV has made a fiduciary transfer of ownership to the party declared insolvent, or if that party has invoked the law of 30 January 2009 concerning the continuation of trading by companies, that transfer of ownership will cease when so requested by ECS TRUCKING BV, and must be paid for in full. In so doing, clause 4 of this section may be applied.

6. Unless explicitly agreed otherwise by the parties in writing, invoices are always payable by the date shown on the invoice, without discount. Should the contracting party wish to pay a driver/operator directly, this is permissible only if agreed with ECS TRUCKING BV in advance and in writing. An agreement to this effect made directly with the driver/operator will not suffice.

Any losses resulting from exchange-rate fluctuations are to be met by ECS TRUCKING BV party to the contract.

Payments that are not allocated to any debt by the contracting party may be deducted by ECS TRUCKING BV from amounts owed by the client to the carrier.

The contracting party renounces all rights to invoke any circumstance whereby they would be entitled to defer their payment obligations in full or in part, and will refrain from any debt offset in relation to sums invoiced to them by ECS TRUCKING BV.

Should ECS TRUCKING BV not receive a payment at the due time, they may charge interest from the invoice payment-due date, without first serving notice of default.

Such interest is charged at the interest rate provided for under article 5 Law of 2 August 2002 relating to payment arrears in business transactions.

If interests are payable as mentioned in the previous paragraph, the carrier is entitled by operation of law and without a formal notice of default being required to a fixed compensation amounting to minimally 10% of the amount not paid by the contracting partner. This reasonable compensation of 10% does not exclude payment of a compensation for administration of justice nor of any other proven costs of collection.

7. Should the contracting party for any reason have a query concerning a statement, invoice or any other communication from ECS TRUCKING BV, this will be admissible only if the contracting party raises the query within 8 days of the date on which the invoice, statement or letter was sent by ECS TRUCKING BV.

8. Where the schedule for a business operation is entrusted to ECS TRUCKING BV, instructions will be confirmed to ECS TRUCKING BV no later than 15.00 hours the previous day, by e-mail or fax.

If those instructions are not issued till after 15.00 hours the day before dispatch/ shipping/storage, ECS TRUCKING BV will in no circumstances be held liable for any consequential damage that may occur.

The principal is required to comply with the provision of adequate details of the operation to be

scheduled. Such details include full identity of the consignee, details of the people concerned with the contract, relevant telephone numbers, correct delivery addresses, and information relevant to part II.

If those details appear to be incorrect or incomplete, ECS TRUCKING BV will in no circumstances be held liable for any consequential damage. If ECS TRUCKING BV does suffer damage as a result of incorrect or incomplete details, the principal will be required to compensate for this in full.

9. All contracting parties explicitly confirm to ECS TRUCKING BV to have knowledge of and to comply fully with General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679 of 27th of April 2016 (GDPR) – European Regulation – becoming enforceable as of 25th of May 2018 and , but not limited , with the Law of 8th December 1992 and its implementing decisions on the protection of privacy of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and the free movement of such data (Privacy Law) .

The provided personal data are only and explicitly used for specific purposes in relation to the transport order / agreement and are only and explicitly saved for the time period of the transport order/agreement or until the statutory retention obligation has expired. Under personal data is understood , name, function/title and contact information (email addresses,posting addresses, phone numbers) within the company. By no means personal data is used or saved in relation to the mentioned categories under article 9 of the GDPR.

Whenever personal data is processed in non-EU countries, not achieving an adequate level of personal data protection according to the European Commission , ECS TRUCKING BV will take , as controller, the relevant and adequate protecting measures by means of standard protecting contractual personal data conditions in accordance with article 46, section 2, of the GDPR.

10. In case of any dispute between the parties, the courts of the district where the registered office of ECS TRUCKING BV is established have jurisdiction, without prejudice to the application of art. 31 par. 1 of the CMR Convention. Applicable law is always the law of Belgium.
11. Only ECS TRUCKING BV shall be liable to the contracting party for matters arising from the conclusion and performance of the contracts. The parties expressly agree that, to the fullest extent legally

permissible, the contracting party, any of its affiliated companies, and/or its or their respective directors, shareholders, or personnel shall not, and hereby waive any right they may have to: (i) initiate any claims based on tort, non-contractual, or extra-contractual liability against ECS TRUCKING BV , its affiliates, or any of their auxiliaries or auxiliary persons (including but not limited to shareholders, directors, managers, employees, contracted personnel, subcontractors, agents, or any other person(s) authorized by ECS TRUCKING BV to act on its behalf); nor (ii) hold ECS TRUCKING BV, its affiliates, or any of their auxiliaries liable on any such basis.

The contracting party shall ensure that its own contracting parties, their affiliates, and their respective directors, shareholders, or personnel also waive any such rights and do not initiate any claims in relation to facts, acts, or omissions that may give rise to liability and that directly or indirectly arise out of or relate to the negotiation, conclusion, performance, or termination of the contracts and/or services.

The contracting party shall indemnify and hold harmless ECS TRUCKING BV , its affiliates, and their auxiliaries (including but not limited to shareholders, directors, managers, employed or contracted personnel, subcontractors, agents, or any other person(s) authorized by ECS TRUCKING BV to act on its behalf) against any such claims from:

- I. the contracting party's affiliated companies;
- II. the contracting party's own contracting parties and/or their affiliates; and
- III. their respective shareholders, directors, managers, employed or contracted personnel, subcontractors, agents , or any other(person) authorized by the contracting party to act on its behalf

These exclusions of liability shall apply to every claim against ECS TRUCKING BV, whether based in contract or tort. The parties acknowledge and accept that these exclusions of liability apply to all claims as of 1 January 2025.

SECTION II: TRANSPORT

1. The CMR provisions are applicable, regardless the fact whether it is a national, international, standard, heavy or exceptional transport.

The liability of the ECS TRUCKING BV for damage/loss to the goods or delay is always in accordance with the provisions of the CMR Convention.

2. The parties explicitly agree that the container will be loaded, stowed and unloaded by the sender and /or the addressee. In as far as the drivers of the ECS TRUCKING BV are asked by the sender or addressee to carry out acts of loading, stowing or unloading, it is understood that the drivers carry out these actions under the explicit supervision, control and responsibility of the sender and/or consignees. ECS TRUCKING BV does not bear any responsibility for damage caused by and/or during the loading, stowing or unloading of the container.

Unless indicated otherwise in writing and if possible and/or necessary, the stowage is carried out by the drivers of the ECS TRUCKING BV carrier based on the instructions of the consignor or the shipper, given in accordance with the applicable legislation and depending on the route. If the vehicle used by the drivers of the ECS TRUCKING BV or the stowage methods used appear to be unsuitable because incorrect or incomplete information was provided by the consignor or the shipper or if the packaging material used for transport appears to lack the required solidity to ensure the appropriate securing of the cargo, any resulting costs and damage will be entirely charged to the consignor.

3. Where it is evident from the Customer's instructions that delivery needs to take place before normal operations can commence at the delivery site, the Customer will ensure that someone will be on site to receive the delivery and to sign the necessary documents.

The Customer will provide contact details for that person, including as a minimum his/her name and telephone number, at the time of the transport order to ECS TRUCKING BV.

If no authorised representative is present on site at the agreed moment of delivery, ECS TRUCKING BV receives the instruction to unload the goods to be delivered on site, after which ECS TRUCKING BV shall inform the consignor/client of the delivery in any manner and the latter is deemed having accepted the delivery without any reservations.

If no person is designated, or if that person is not present at the time of making the delivery, the Customer will be considered as having unconditionally accepted the delivery as defined in this clause.

4. After delivery of the goods as specified in II.3, ECS TRUCKING BV will accept no responsibility whatsoever in relation to these goods, remaining at the delivery place at the entire risk and

responsibility of the Principal.

The Principal must fully safeguard ECS TRUCKING BV against all possible liabilities in relation to these delivered goods (such as but not limited to Authority fines, contractual and non- contractual liabilities of third parties of whatever nature).

5. ECS TRUCKING BV is entitled to a compensation for the standstill times of the vehicle.

Unless otherwise agreed, it is assumed that ECS TRUCKING BV will bear the costs for one hour of loading and one hour of unloading whereas the waiting period for the coupling is fixed at one hour.

If these operations take more than one hour, the carrier is entitled to a compensation of 45 EUR per commenced hour.

ECS TRUCKING BV is moreover entitled to a compensation for all costs resulting from other standstill times which, taking into account the circumstances of the transport, exceed the customary standstill time.

6. Should a vehicle deployed by ECS TRUCKING BV prove to be unsuitable due to incorrect or incomplete information provided by the Principal, all costs will be fully charged to the Principal.

7. The drivers of the ECS TRUCKING BV do not have measuring equipment to verify the temperature of goods at the time of loading. The temperature of the goods noted by the sender on the loading document(s) is recognized as the correct temperature of the loaded goods. The drivers of the ECS TRUCKING BV will not make any reservation regarding this aspect on the loading document(s). ECS TRUCKING BV will not accept any liability whatsoever for possible damage resulting from a non-compliant temperature at the time of loading.

The Principal of ECS TRUCKING BV is liable to report the regarding the goods specific set temperature whereby the set temperature is defined as the setting of the temperature on the display of the cooling unit of the refrigerator or the reefer used for transport.

For lack of a specific set temperature in the written instructions to ECS TRUCKING BV, the latter may assume that the temperature indicated will be agreed as the set temperature.

8. On the premises of the consignor, shipper or consignee, the vehicle can only be moved in accordance with the instructions and on the responsibility of the latter. However, the carrier can object to these instructions if in their opinion, the local conditions jeopardise the vehicle or the cargo.
9. Any cancellation of the intended transport assignment by the Principal up to 24 hours before providing the vehicle at the place of dispatch will result in the Principal being required to pay fixed compensation in the sum of 50% of the agreed freight price, also any costs already incurred by ECS TRUCKING BV.

Any cancellation of the intended transport assignment by the Principal after this period, will result in the Principal being required to pay fixed compensation in the sum of 100% of the agreed freight price, also any costs already incurred by ECS TRUCKING BV.