

# STANDARD TRADING TERMS AND CONDITIONS

## Interpretation

### 1 Definitions and Interpretation

- 1.1 In these Conditions words set out in the Schedule or hereunder shall have the meanings assigned to them unless the context clearly indicates the contrary:
- 1.1.1 **"AA"** shall mean the Arbitration Act, 42 of 1965, as amended;
- 1.1.2 **"Authorities"** shall mean any duly constituted legal or administrative person charged with the administration of any law;
- 1.1.4 **"COIDA"** shall mean the Compensation for Occupational Injuries and Diseases Act 130 of 1993, as amended;
- 1.1.5 **"Conditions"** shall mean these standard trading terms and conditions;
- 1.1.6 **"Customer"** shall mean any person, whether an agent or a principal, at whose request or on whose behalf Megafreight provides any Services, including the Owner;
- 1.1.7 **"Dangerous Goods"** shall mean Goods, including without limitation radio-active materials, which are or may become dangerous, inflammable or noxious, or which by their nature may injure, damage, taint or contaminate, or in any way whatsoever adversely affect any person, goods or property, including Goods likely to harbour or attract vermin or other pests, or any Goods defined as hazardous and/or dangerous in the Tariff or rules for carriage of IATA, Transnet Limited, the NRTA and/or SANS 10228, or classified as such in the IMDG Code or any other code or regulations of, or published by, any Authorities;
- 1.1.8 **"Goods"** shall mean any goods handled, transported or dealt with by or on behalf of or at the instance of Megafreight or which come under the control of Megafreight or its agents, servants or subcontractors on the instructions of the Customer, and includes any container, transportable tank, flat pallet, package or any other form of covering, packaging, container or equipment used in connection with or in relation to such goods;
- 1.1.9 **"INCOTERMS®"** shall mean the latest official rules for the interpretation of trade terms published by the International Chamber of Commerce from time to time;
- 1.1.10 **"Insolvency Event"** shall mean:
- 1.1.10.1 any act which, if it was committed by an individual, would constitute an "act of insolvency" for purposes of the Insolvency Act 24 of 1936;
- 1.1.10.2 the commencement of compromise proceedings or business rescue proceedings under the Companies Act 71 of 2008;
- 1.1.10.3 an order is granted effecting the liquidation of the Customer (whether provisional or final);
- 1.1.10.4 any judgment or arbitration award is delivered against the Customer;
- 1.1.10.5 any like proceedings; or
- 1.1.10.6 if the Customer's creditworthiness has, in Megafreight's reasonable opinion, deteriorated;
- 1.1.11 **"Megafreight"** shall mean Megafreight Services Proprietary Limited and shall also include its subsidiaries and/or group members, cessionaries, assigns and/or successors in title;
- 1.1.12 **"NCA"** shall mean the National Credit Act 34 of 2005 as amended;
- 1.1.13 **"NRTA"** shall mean the National Road Traffic Act, 93 of 1996, as amended;
- 1.1.14 **"OHSA"** shall mean the Occupational Health and Safety Act, 85 of 1993 as amended;
- 1.1.15 **"Owner"** shall mean the owner of the Goods and any other person who may have or who acquires any interest, financial or otherwise, therein;
- 1.1.16 **"Parties"** shall mean Megafreight and the Customer collectively, and "Party" shall mean either one of them;

- 1.1.17 **“Services”** shall mean the services provided or to be provided by Megafreight to the Customer, which services may include, but not be limited to, forwarding, clearing, consulting, advice, information services, warehousing and/or the distribution of Goods and any services allied thereto;
- 1.1.18 **“Waste”** shall mean waste as defined in the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 59 of 2008, as amended.
- 1.2 Headings of clauses shall be deemed to have been included for purposes of convenience only and shall not modify or affect the interpretation of these Conditions.
- 1.3 Unless inconsistent with the context, words relating to any gender shall include the other genders, words relating to the singular shall include the plural and vice versa and words relating to natural persons shall include associations of persons having corporate status by statute or common law.
- 1.4 If any provision in a definition is a substantive provision conferring rights or imposing obligations on any Party, notwithstanding that it is only in the definition clause, effect shall be given to it as if it were a substantive provision in the body of these Conditions.
- 1.5 Insofar as the provisions of any written agreement between the Parties are inconsistent with these Conditions, the provisions of these Conditions shall prevail.
- 1.6 The rule of construction that the contract shall be interpreted against the Party responsible for the drafting or preparation of these Conditions, shall not apply.
- 1.7 The rule which serves to restrict the meaning of general words to things or matters of the same kind as the preceding particular words (ejusdem generis) shall not apply, and whenever a term is followed by the word “including” which is then followed by specific examples, such examples shall not be construed as to limit the meaning of that term.
- 1.8 These Conditions shall be interpreted and governed in accordance with the law of South Africa.

## Application and Legal Standing

### 2 Application of Standard Trading Terms and Conditions

- 2.1 All and any Services undertaken or provided by Megafreight are subject to these Conditions as updated from time to time.
- 2.2 Megafreight may, at its election, perform all or any Services undertaken either by itself or, it may procure that any member of Megafreight provides such Services, in which event these Conditions shall apply equally (mutatis mutandis) to the relationship between the Customer and any such member of Megafreight. Megafreight stipulates in favour of each member of Megafreight that it shall have the benefit of these Conditions, which stipulation shall be deemed to be accepted by the relevant member of Megafreight at the time of accepting any instructions to perform any such Services.
- 2.3 If Megafreight is obliged, in the execution of any of its duties and / or responsibilities to comply with any common law or legislation, Megafreight shall by complying therewith not be deemed to waive or abandon any of its rights in terms of these Conditions or assume any onus, obligation, responsibility or liability in favour of the Customer.
- 2.4 For the sake of comfort, these Conditions do not contain personal suretyship clauses, which if required and/or offered will be dealt with separately in writing.

### 3 Agent

- 3.1 Unless otherwise agreed in writing, Megafreight in procuring the carriage, storage, packing or handling of Goods shall be entitled to act either as an agent for and on behalf of the Customer or as a principal.
- 3.2 The offer and acceptance of a fixed price for the accomplishment of any task shall not itself determine whether such task is to be arranged by Megafreight acting as agent for and on behalf of the Customer or as a principal.
- 3.3 The Customer acknowledges that when Megafreight, as agent for and on behalf of the Customer, concludes any contract with a third party, such agreement is deemed to be concluded between the Customer and the third party. Megafreight shall have no responsibility or liability to the Customer for any act or omission of such third party, even though Megafreight may be responsible for the payment of such third party's charges.
- 3.4 Unless otherwise agreed in writing, Megafreight, when acting as agent for and on behalf of the Customer, shall be entitled to enter into any contract it reasonably deems necessary or requisite for the fulfilment of the Customer's instructions.
- 3.5 The relationship between the Parties is a contract of service and does not constitute a contract of employment or partnership.

- 3.6 If the Customer acts as agent for the Owner or another third party, the Customer warrants that it is authorised to appoint Megafreight to provide the Services in accordance with these Conditions.

## 4 Subcontracting

- 4.1 Any Services entrusted by the Customer to Megafreight may, in the absolute discretion of Megafreight, be fulfilled by Megafreight itself, by its own servants performing part or all of the relevant Services, or by Megafreight employing, or entrusting such Services to third parties on such conditions as may be stipulated by, or negotiated with, such third parties for the purposes of such Services, or such part thereof as they may be employed to carry out.

## Remuneration and Payment

### 5 Quotations, estimates and rates

- 5.1 Any quotations or estimates given by Megafreight shall be valid for a period of 14 (fourteen) days only, or any such period indicated in writing within the quotation or estimate. Megafreight is not bound by any request for the Services until the earlier of the date on which Megafreight commences providing the Services or any quotation provided by Megafreight in respect of the Services is timeously accepted by the Customer.
- 5.2 Notwithstanding 5.1 above, Megafreight shall be entitled at any time by reasonable notice to the Customer to cancel, amend or resile from any quotation or estimate in circumstances where it becomes impracticable or uneconomical for Megafreight to carry out the Services at the quoted or estimated rate and the Customer shall have no claim whatsoever against Megafreight for any loss that the Customer might incur as a result of Megafreight cancelling, amending or resiling from the quotation or estimate. The Customer may not cancel or change the Services after accepting Megafreight's quotation or estimate, or after Megafreight has commenced providing the Services. If the Customer seeks to cancel or change the Services, it shall be liable for all charges and expenses incurred by Megafreight, as well as any penalties or other costs which may be imposed by any third parties as a result thereof.
- 5.3 The Customer shall bear risk in the upward fluctuation of the cost of performing the Services. Without in any way limiting the provisions of this clause, all quotations, estimates and agreements are subject to amendment without notice having regard to, among other things, changes in the cost to Megafreight of performing any Service that occurs after quotation, estimate or agreement, as the case may be, or variations in the dimension/weight, changes in currency exchange rates and upward movements in amounts payable by or on behalf of, or at the instance of Megafreight to third parties, including, without limitation, freight, taxes and duties, surcharges, insurance premiums, equipment rental and labour, which charges and upward movements take place after quotation. Any amendment as aforesaid will be commensurate with the increase in the cost of performing that Service, and, in the event of a dispute between the Parties, shall be determined by the then auditors of Megafreight or any other auditors jointly nominated by the Parties who in such determination shall act as experts and not as arbitrators and whose decision shall be final and binding on the Parties.
- 5.4 In all cases where there is a choice of rates or premiums offered by any third party that are dependent on the declared value of the Goods or the extent of liability assumed by a third party, it shall be at the discretion of Megafreight what declaration, if any, shall be made and what liability, if any, shall be imposed.
- 5.5 If a third party terminates or cancels any contract for the supply of the Services for any reason, Megafreight may also terminate or cancel the Services which it has undertaken to supply to the Customer and which are subject to the contract cancelled by the third party and the Customer will not have any claim against Megafreight arising from, or in connection with, that cancellation. The Customer is liable for all charges and expenses incurred by Megafreight up to and including the date on which Megafreight terminates or cancels the Services.

### 6 Payment

- 6.1 Unless otherwise specifically agreed by Megafreight in writing, the Customer shall pay to Megafreight all sums due:
- 6.1.1 immediately upon presentation of account ;
- 6.1.2 in the currency specified in Megafreight's invoice;
- 6.1.3 without deduction or set-off;
- 6.1.4 free of any bank charges; and
- 6.1.5 by electronic funds transfer into the bank account of Megafreight.

- 6.2 Payments shall not be withheld or deferred on account of any claim or counterclaim which the Customer may allege.
- 6.3 All and any moneys received by Megafreight from the Customer shall be appropriated by Megafreight in its sole and absolute discretion to any indebtedness owing by the Customer to Megafreight, notwithstanding that the Customer might, when making payment, seek to appropriate the payment so made to any particular debt or portion of a debt in accordance with the Customer's remittance advice.
- 6.4 Payment shall only be considered rendered by the Customer, and the Customer's payment obligations fulfilled, once any amount to be paid by the Customer to Megafreight is received by Megafreight into its designated banking account, in full. The Customer shall remain liable to Megafreight to make payment of any amount, where such amount was paid by the Customer into an incorrect banking account. Such liability is not excused as a result of an error on the part of the Customer or fraudulent conduct by a third party, regardless of the perpetration of such fraud on the information technology infrastructure of Megafreight. The Customer's obligation to pay for the Services is only discharged when Megafreight receives the whole amount payable as freely available funds in Megafreight's nominated bank account.
- 6.5 Notwithstanding that Megafreight may seek recovery of any amount due to it from any person other than the Customer; the Customer shall remain liable to make payment of the said amount to Megafreight upon demand, at any stage.
- 6.6 Megafreight shall be entitled to set off any refunds, repayments, claims and other recoveries received by it on behalf of the Customer against any amounts due by the Customer to Megafreight.
- 6.10 Megafreight shall under no circumstances be precluded from raising additional debit invoices and obtaining payment in respect of any fees or disbursements due to it, notwithstanding the fact that a previous debit or debits, whether excluding or partly excluding the items subsequently requiring to be charged or recovered, had been raised and whether or not any notice had been given that further debit invoices were to follow.
- 6.11 The Customer acknowledges that Megafreight shall provide invoices, statements and, where possible, all supporting documents in electronic form and accepts electronic invoices for the purposes of claiming Value Added Tax.
- 6.12 For the sake of clarification, in cases where the Customer requests Megafreight to deliver any documents by hand that can be sent in electronic form, then the Customer accepts that Megafreight shall be entitled to appoint a courier to handle such delivery at the expense of the Customer.
- 6.13 Megafreight may, in its sole discretion, provide the Customer with credit facilities in relation to payments due to Megafreight. Megafreight's decision to extend credit facilities to the Customer shall be subject inter alia to the Customer providing all information and consents necessary for Megafreight (and/or its credit guarantee insurers) to conduct investigations regarding the Customer's creditworthiness and any other factors which it deems to be relevant

## **7 Default and Debt Collection**

- 7.1 Megafreight may charge interest at the overdraft lending rate published from time to time by First National Bank plus 2% (two percent) calculated from the date of default on daily balances and compounded monthly in arrears on any amount not paid to Megafreight by the Customer on the due date.
- 7.2 In the event of the Customer being in default of payment of any one or more amount, or being in breach of any other term or condition to which a credit facility is subject, or if it experiences an Insolvency Event, then Megafreight shall be entitled forthwith to revoke any credit advanced to the Customer and all amounts then owing shall immediately be due and payable.
- 7.3 If Megafreight institutes legal proceedings against the Customer to recover amounts due to Megafreight, the Customer shall be liable for all legal costs incurred by Megafreight on the scale as between attorney and own client, as well as collection commission and tracing agent's fees, if any. The Customer indemnifies and holds harmless Megafreight accordingly.
- 7.4 A certificate under the hand of any director or manager of Megafreight (whose authorisation and appointment as such need not be proved) to the Customer or in respect of any fact, including but without limitation, the fact that Services were rendered and/or the Goods delivered and/or the amount or rate of interest payable by the Customer, shall be prima facie evidence of the Customer's indebtedness to Megafreight and prima facie evidence of such fact, the rendering of such Services, disbursement of such monies or delivery of such Goods or amount or rate of interest payable or accumulated.

## **8 Duties, Taxes, Imposts, Levies, Deposits and Discounts**

- 8.1 The Customer shall be liable for any duties, taxes, impost, levies, deposits, storage charges, demurrage charges or other outlays of whatsoever nature raised by, any governmental authorities, intermediaries or other third parties howsoever arising and for any claims, payments, fines, penalties, expenses, loss or damage howsoever arising.

- 8.2 Megafreight shall bear no liability in consequence of the fact that there may be a change in the rate of duty, wharfage, cargo dues, freight, railage or cartage or any other tariff, before or after the performance by Megafreight of any act involving a less favourable rate or tariff or by virtue of the fact that a saving or savings might have been made in some other way had any act been performed at a different time.
- 8.3 Where, as a result of any act or omission by or on behalf or at the instance of Megafreight and whether or not such act or omission was negligent, any duty, tax, levy, railage, wharfage, cargo dues, freight, cartage or any other impost or charge that has been paid or levied in an incorrect amount, then any responsibility or liability to the Customer which Megafreight may otherwise have, will cease and fall away if the Customer does not, within a reasonable time of becoming aware of the situation and having regard to all the circumstances, and in particular to the time or prescription period allowed for the recovery from the payee of any amount overpaid, advise Megafreight that an incorrect amount has been paid or levied and do all such acts as are necessary to enable Megafreight to effect recovery, where applicable, of the amount incorrectly paid or levied.
- 8.4 Megafreight is entitled to the benefits of any discounts obtained and to retain and be paid all brokerages, commissions, rebates, allowances and other remunerations of whatsoever nature in relation to the Goods or Services, and shall not be obliged to disclose or account to the Customer, or Owner for any such amounts received or receivable by it.

## 9 Limitation of Liability

- 9.1 Risk in and to the Goods shall remain at all times with the Customer.
- 9.2 Despite any provisions of these Conditions to the contrary, Megafreight shall not be liable for any claim of whatsoever nature (whether in contract or in delict) and whether for damages or otherwise, howsoever arising unless:
- 9.2.1 such claim arises from a grossly negligent act or omission on the part of Megafreight; and
- 9.2.2 in respect of a claim relating to Goods, such claim arises at a time when the Goods in question are in the actual custody of Megafreight and under its actual control; and
- 9.2.3 the claim is not time barred by virtue of the provisions of these Conditions or otherwise.
- 9.3 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in these Conditions or elsewhere, Megafreight shall not be liable for any fines, penalties, loss of profit, loss of business opportunity, consequential loss, indirect or special damages whatsoever and howsoever arising.
- 9.4 In the event that Megafreight is liable to the Customer in terms of these Conditions or otherwise, in no case whatsoever shall any liability of Megafreight, howsoever arising, exceed whichever is the least of the following respective amounts:
- 9.4.1 the value of the Goods evidenced by the relevant documentation or declared by the Customer for customs purposes or for any purpose connected with their transportation;
- 9.4.2 the value of the Goods declared for insurance purposes;
- 9.4.3 double the amount of the fees raised by the Company for its Services in connection with the Goods immediately prior to the cause of action giving rise to the liability, but excluding any amount payable to subcontractors, agents and third parties.
- 9.5 The Customer agrees that no claim shall be made against any director, servant or employee of Megafreight in his personal capacity, which imposes, or attempts to impose any liability upon him in connection with the provision of the Services, and the Customer waives all and any such claims.

## 10 Claims

- 10.1 No claim of any nature whatsoever and howsoever arising may be brought against Megafreight unless Megafreight has received written notice of the claim in the prescribed form from the Customer specifying full details thereof, within:
- 10.1.1 in the case of loss of or damage to Goods, howsoever caused, 14 (fourteen) days of the date of delivery of the Goods or the date on which the Goods should have been delivered, as the case may be; and
- 10.1.2 in any other case, 14 (fourteen) days of the date of the event giving rise to the claim.
- 10.2 Megafreight shall in any event be discharged from all liability whatsoever and howsoever arising in respect of any Service provided to the Customer or which Megafreight has undertaken to provide, unless summons or other process initiating legal proceedings is issued and served on Megafreight within 12 (twelve) months :

- 10.2.1 from the date on which the Goods were delivered, or ought to have been delivered, in respect of claims for loss of or damage to Goods;
- 10.2.2 from the date on which the event giving rise to the claim occurred, in respect of all other claims.

## 11 Insurance

- 11.1 Megafreight shall have no obligation to effect any insurance on the Goods except upon express written instructions given by the Customer, which have been accepted in writing by Megafreight.
- 11.2 Such insurance will be on the terms specified by the insurance company or underwriter taking the risk in relation to the Goods, and will be subject to such exceptions and conditions as may be imposed by the insurer. Megafreight shall be under no obligation whatsoever to obtain separate cover for any risks so excluded and shall not be liable for the consequences of any failure to obtain insurance cover.
- 11.3 Unless otherwise agreed in writing, Megafreight shall not be under any obligation to obtain separate insurance in respect of separate consignments of Goods but may insure all or any of such consignments under any open or general policy.
- 11.4 Should any insurer dispute its liability in terms of any insurance policy in respect of any Goods, the Customer shall have recourse against such insurer only and Megafreight shall not have any responsibility or liability whatsoever in relation thereto notwithstanding that the premium paid on such policy may differ from the amount paid by the Customer to Megafreight in respect thereof.
- 11.5 Insofar as Megafreight agrees to arrange insurance, Megafreight acts solely as agent for and on behalf of the Customer.
- 11.6 Subject to clause 11.1, if the Goods are transported, or are to be transported, by rail, it shall be the obligation of the Customer to instruct Megafreight prior to receipt of the Goods into its or the rail carrier's custody or control, as to whether Megafreight is to accept the rail carrier's standard terms and conditions and/or any offer of insurance of the Goods, on behalf of the Customer, or to request Megafreight to endeavour to place such insurance cover with such other underwriter as directed by the Customer.
- 11.7 In any event the Customer acknowledges that it is aware of the terms and conditions under which the rail carrier (currently Transnet, but which includes any successor thereof, or that entity operating under a new name) undertakes the rail carriage of containerised Goods, the terms and conditions of the insurance cover offered by the rail carrier and their limitations of liability in the event of such insurance cover not being accepted and under no circumstances whatsoever shall Megafreight be liable for any loss suffered by the Customer and howsoever caused, while the Goods are in the custody of the rail carrier.

## 12 Indemnity

- 12.1 Without prejudice to Megafreight's rights under these Conditions and any agreement between the Parties and/or at law, the Customer indemnifies and holds Megafreight harmless against all liabilities, damages, costs, claims and expenses whatsoever incurred or suffered by Megafreight arising directly or indirectly from or in connection with the Services, which are performed entirely at the Customer's risk, and which is caused in any way, including by the negligence of Megafreight or its servants, agents or subcontractors, including but not limited to:
- 12.1.1 Megafreight complying with the requirements of any Authority with regard to the Goods;
- 12.1.2 the Customer's express or implied instructions or their implementation by or on behalf of or at the instance of Megafreight in relation to any Goods or Services;
- 12.1.3 any warranty given to Megafreight by the Customer being untrue or incorrect;
- 12.1.4 any act or omission of the Customer or any person acting on its behalf, whether negligent or not, including any failure by the Customer or such person to collect the Goods timeously or to return any container to the relevant depot;
- 12.1.5 the breach by the Customer of these Conditions or any agreement between the Parties;
- 12.1.6 the loading or unloading of the Goods by any person other than Megafreight, its servants, agents or subcontractors;
- 12.1.7 the defective condition of, or overweight, containers or vehicles (unless provided by Megafreight);
- 12.1.8 defective packaging, or improper packing, of the Goods (unless supplied or performed by Megafreight);
- 12.1.9 the nature of the Goods and any Waste generated in relation to the Goods whilst in the possession or under the control of Megafreight, including any transportation and/or disposal of such Waste (unless caused by a grossly negligent or intentional and unlawful act or omission of Megafreight);

- 12.1.10 any claim made directly or indirectly against any haulier, carrier, warehouseman or other person whatsoever at any time involved with such Goods by the Customer;
- 12.1.11 any claim made by a consignor, consignee or owner of the Goods or by any person having an interest in the Goods or by any other person whatsoever;
- 12.1.12 any claim made by any owner or consignee of the Goods who is not the Customer of Megafreight where Megafreight performs the service of a de-consolidation agent, or any other service;
- 12.1.13 any claim made by any carrier of the Goods;
- 12.1.14 any loss, damage or expense arising from or in any way connected with the marking, labelling, numbering, non-delivery or mis-delivery of any Goods (unless done by Megafreight);
- 12.1.15 any loss, damage or expense arising from or in any way connected with the weight, measurements, contents, quality, inherent vice, defect or description of any Goods;
- 12.1.16 any Goods referred to in clause 21; and / or
- 12.1.17 any claim made by a third party in connection with the Services or Goods, and Megafreight stipulates in favour of each of its servants, agents and subcontractors, existing and future, that the Customer gives such indemnity to them, which stipulation is open for acceptance by the said servants, agents and subcontractors for an indefinite period of time.
- 12.2 The Customer further indemnifies and holds harmless Megafreight against any claims of a general average nature which may be made against Megafreight in connection with the Goods and the Customer shall provide such security as may be required by Megafreight in connection therewith.

## 13 Lien

- 13.1 Megafreight shall have a special and general lien over all Goods and any documents including without limitation bills of lading, permits and customs documentation in its possession along with any reports and such Goods, documents and reports shall be deemed to be pledged to Megafreight as security for all moneys whatsoever due to Megafreight by the Customer, sender, Owner, consignee, or their agents, if any, whether relating to the Goods or not.
- 13.2 In delivering the Goods into the custody of Megafreight or its agents for any purpose whatsoever, such delivery shall for the purpose hereof be deemed to be delivery of the same in pledge and as security for all amounts owed to Megafreight at that time or which become payable in the future. In the event of Megafreight utilising the services or premises of any third party for any purposes including the transportation or storage of any Goods, such third party shall be the agent of Megafreight for purposes of exercising Megafreight's right of retention under the said lien and/or pledge.
- 13.3 The Customer shall not be entitled to effect or allow to be affected any security in respect of the Goods or the documents relating to the Goods, including without limitation, any general or special notarial bond, pledge, hypothec, right of retention, or lien and pledge, without the prior written consent of Megafreight. The lien and pledge in favour of Megafreight referred to in this clause shall operate as a first and prior charge against the Goods and the documents relating to the Goods and no other security shall rank prior to Megafreight's lien or pledge.
- 13.4 If any moneys due to Megafreight are not paid within 14 (fourteen) days' notice to the Customer, they may be sold by public auction or by private treaty or in some other way disposed of for value at the sole discretion of the Company and at the expense of the Customer, and the net proceeds (if any) applied in or towards satisfaction of such indebtedness.

## Customer

## 14 Instructions

- 14.1 The Customer's instructions to Megafreight shall be precise, clear, comprehensive and in writing. Oral instructions, standing or general instructions or instructions given late, even if received by Megafreight without comment, shall not in any way be binding upon Megafreight, but Megafreight may act thereupon in the exercise of its absolute discretion.
- 14.2 Unless specific written instructions are timeously given by the Customer, and the Customer makes payment of any additional fee, Megafreight shall not be obliged to make any declaration for the purpose of any statute, convention, or contract, as to the nature or value of any Goods or as to any special interest in delivery. Megafreight shall in particular not be under any obligation to make any declaration or to seek any special protection or cover from any carrier in respect of any Dangerous Goods or other Goods which require special conditions of handling or storage, or to arrange for any particular Goods to be carried, stored or handled separately from other Goods.



- 14.3 In the absence of specific instructions given timeously in writing by the Customer to Megafreight, the latter shall, in its reasonable discretion, decide at the means, route, procedure and time to perform or to procure the performance of any or all of the acts which may be necessary or requisite for the discharge of its obligations to the Customer.
- 14.4 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, if at any time Megafreight should reasonably consider it to be in the Customer's interests or for the public good to depart from any of the Customer's instructions, Megafreight shall be entitled to do so and shall not incur any liability in consequence of doing so.
- 14.5 If events or circumstances come to the attention of Megafreight, its agents, servants, or subcontractors which, in the opinion of Megafreight, make it in whole or in part, uneconomical, impossible or impracticable for Megafreight to comply with a Customer's instructions, Megafreight shall take reasonable steps to inform such Customer of such events or circumstances and to seek further instructions.
- 14.6 In any event it shall always be in Megafreight's sole discretion as to whether to accept any instruction for Services to be provided, even if credit terms have previously been granted expressly or by implication.
- 14.7 Megafreight shall have no obligation to take any action in respect of any Goods which may be recognisable as belonging to the Customer unless and until it receives suitable instructions and all necessary documentation relating to the Goods. In the event that the Customer fails to provide Megafreight with information or instructions pertaining to any Goods, Megafreight shall not be deemed to have knowledge of the Goods on the basis of prior dealings with the Customer.
- 14.8 If Megafreight is required to complete any documents on behalf of the Customer in relation to the Services, Megafreight does so entirely at the Customer's risk and Megafreight shall not in any way be liable for any loss or damage which the Customer and/or the Owner may suffer as a result of any incorrect particulars recorded therein.
- 14.9 If instructions are not timeously received by Megafreight in writing, Megafreight shall, in its sole discretion, be entitled to detain, return, store, sell, abandon, or destroy all or part of the Goods concerned at the risk and expense of the Customer.

## 15 Customer's Undertakings

- 15.1 The Customer undertakes to supply Megafreight all information relating to its business and/or the Goods that are relevant to the provision by Megafreight of the Services. The Customer shall be deemed to have reasonable knowledge of all matters directly or indirectly relating to its business and Goods. The Customer shall be obliged to furnish Megafreight with full and accurate information pertaining to the nature, characteristics, classification, mass, volume, dimensions, shape and centre of gravity of the Goods and warrants the correctness thereof.
- 15.2 The Customer warrants that:
- 15.2.1 it is either the Owner of the Goods or the authorised agent of the Owner of any Goods in respect of which the Customer instructs Megafreight and that each such person is bound by these Conditions;
- 15.2.2 in authorising the Customer to enter into any contract with Megafreight, the Owner, sender or consignee is bound by these Conditions for itself and its agents and for any parties on whose behalf it or its agents may act, and in particular, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, it accepts that Megafreight shall have the right to enforce against them jointly and severally any liability of the Customer under these Conditions and/or to recover from them any sums to be paid by the Customer which upon proper demand have not been paid;
- 15.2.3 all information and instructions supplied or to be supplied by it to Megafreight is and shall be accurate, true and comprehensive, and in particular, without derogating from the generality of the foregoing, the Customer shall be deemed to be bound by and warrants the accuracy of all descriptions, values and other particulars furnished to Megafreight for customs, consular and other purposes, and the Customer warrants that it will not withhold any necessary or pertinent information;
- 15.2.4 the Goods will be properly, adequately and appropriately prepared and packed, stowed, labelled and marked, having regard, among other things, to the Services to be provided by or on behalf of Megafreight and the characteristics of the Goods involved, and are capable of withstanding the normal hazards inherent in the provision of such Services;
- 15.2.5 if any Goods require special handling, storage, packaging or labelling by reason of their nature or properties or in accordance with any regulation, convention or statute, that all such requirements shall be complied with;
- 15.2.6 where Goods are carried in or on containers, trailers, flats, tilts, railway wagons, tanks, igloos or any other unit load devices specifically constructed for the carriage of Goods by land, sea or air, that:
- 15.2.6.1 save where Megafreight has been given and has accepted specific written instructions to load the transport unit, the transport unit has been properly and competently loaded;
- 15.2.6.2 the Goods involved are suitable for carriage in or on the transport unit;



- 15.2.6.3 the transport unit is itself in a suitable condition to carry the Goods loaded therein and complies with the requirements of all relevant transport Authorities and carriers;
- 15.2.6.4 unless Megafreight agrees to the contrary in writing, all transport units must be arranged and supplied by the Customer at the Customer's cost
- 15.2.6.4 in respect of any frozen or cold product, the Customer shall specifically furnish Megafreight with details pertaining to any settings required to be applied to any refrigerated container and such information shall not be imputed to Megafreight in the event that it appears on any transport documents.
- 15.2.7 no claim shall be made by any third party in connection with the Services or the Goods against Megafreight or any servant, agent or subcontractor or Megafreight and any contracts relating to the Goods concluded by the Customer with third parties shall include a provision that Megafreight, its servants, agents and subcontractors shall have the benefit of any rights, defences or liberties in such contracts excluding or limiting the liability of the Customer in respect of the Goods as if such provisions were expressly for their benefit.
- 15.3 The Customer undertakes that no claim shall be made by it against any servant, agent or subcontractor of Megafreight, which imposes, or attempts to impose upon him or her any liability in connection with the Goods or the rendering of any Services and the Customer hereby waives all and any such claims. Megafreight stipulates in favour of each of its servants, agents and subcontractors, existing and future, that the Customer gives such undertaking and waiver to them and shall have no right of action whatsoever against any of them in connection with the Services or the Goods, which stipulation is open for acceptance by the said servants, agents and subcontractors for an indefinite period of time.

## Services

### 16 Transport

- 16.1 Megafreight deals with Goods only on the basis that it is neither a common carrier nor a public carrier.
- 16.2 Every undertaking to convey Goods is subject to the condition that Megafreight has resources available at the appropriate time to convey such Goods.
- 16.3 Megafreight shall be entitled to issue in respect of the whole or part of any contract for the movement of Goods, a warehouse and/or forwarding receipt, a consignment or delivery note, or a container terminal or transport order, (any of which may reflect Megafreight or another as the carrier in terms thereof).
- 16.4 Where the vehicle is loaded at the Customer's premises or the premises of a third party, the Customer shall be liable for all costs, fines and/or penalties arising from the overloading of any vehicle or incorrect weight distribution of Goods on a vehicle, whether loaded with or without Megafreight's assistance.
- 16.5 Megafreight shall be entitled to issue in respect of the whole or part of any contract for the movement of goods, a combined transport document or bill of lading ("CTBL") in a form which shall be within Megafreight's discretion, including a FIATA combined transport bill of lading, a warehouse and/or forwarding receipt, an air or sea waybill, a consignment or delivery note, a container movement or transport order, a Groupage or house bill of lading or a received for shipment or despatch bill of lading, (any of which may reflect Megafreight or another party as the carrier in terms thereof) provided that where a CTBL is issued reflecting Megafreight as the carrier under the CTBL, these Conditions shall continue to apply as between Megafreight on the one part and the Customer and/or the Owner on the other part, save to the extent that they conflict with the terms and conditions applicable to the CTBL, in which event the provisions of the CTBL shall to the extent of such conflict only, have precedence, for the period of carriage covered by the CTBL. The issue of the CTBL by Megafreight shall entitle it to raise an additional charge determined by Megafreight, to cover any additional obligations arising under the CTBL.

### 17 Collection and Delivery

- 17.1 Unless the Parties have agreed to the contrary in writing, Megafreight shall not be responsible for the loading or unloading of vehicles, save at its own premises; provided that Megafreight may give assistance in that regard where such assistance is customary and practicable, but any assistance so given shall be without liability on the part of Megafreight.
- 17.2 Megafreight may refuse to receive any Goods if it has reasonable cause to do so, including, but not limited to circumstances where Megafreight is not satisfied that arrangements have or will be made for the removal of such Goods from its premises.
- 17.3 The Customer shall accept all responsibility for damage or loss of whatsoever nature within its or any consignee's premises to:
- 17.3.1 vehicles or Goods, due to unsuitability of means of access to the loading or unloading points or the method used to load or unload the Goods;

- 17.3.2 roads, manholes, covers, kerbs, mains, pipes, bridges, weighbridges or approaches, and anything of a like nature, en route to the loading or unloading point, due to the weight or nature of the vehicle or its load.
- 17.4 Megafreight shall be entitled to deliver Goods to the bearer of any delivery order or other document relating to such Goods, notwithstanding that such delivery order or other document provides for delivery to a named party or to his order. Megafreight shall be entitled to assume that the person presenting such delivery order or other document is the person lawfully entitled to take delivery and is not required to verify signatures appearing on such delivery order or other document. The Customer acknowledges that Megafreight shall not be liable to the Customer for any loss or damage arising from delivery to such person.
- 17.5 Any responsibility and/or liability which Megafreight may have towards the Customer or any other person in relation to the Goods and any container, pallet or other equipment, including any liability for storage, demurrage or other costs and charges, shall immediately cease:
- 17.5.1 on delivery by Megafreight of the relevant clearing documents to the Customer or any nominee of the Customer; or
- 17.5.2 if the clearing documents are not delivered by Megafreight to the Customer or its nominee in terms of clause 17.5.1, if the Customer, consignee or party nominated by the Customer fails to uplift or take delivery of any Goods at the appropriate time and place.
- 17.6 In the event that the if the Customer, consignee or party nominated by the Customer fails to uplift or take delivery of any Goods, Megafreight shall be entitled to store the Goods at no risk to Megafreight, and the Customer shall indemnify Megafreight in respect of any storage and related costs.
- 17.7 Unless otherwise agreed in writing between the Parties, time shall not be of the essence in respect of deliveries made by Megafreight on behalf of the Customer and Megafreight shall not have any liability to the Customer, the Owner or any third party as a consequence of any delay in delivery of the Goods.

## 18 Warehousing

- 18.1 Megafreight may, whether on direction of any Authority, in accordance with customary practice or as Megafreight deems appropriate, in the course of providing the Services, warehouse or otherwise hold the Goods at the Customer's sole risk and cost. All Goods that are so warehoused are stored at the sole risk of the Customer and the Customer must ensure that the Goods are properly packed and labelled and in the event of any such Goods requiring special storage, packaging or labelling by reason of its nature or properties or in accordance with any regulation, convention or statute, that all such requirements are complied with; and notice of any special storage requirements of any such Goods shall be given to Megafreight in writing prior to the delivery of the Goods into the custody of Megafreight or its agents.
- 18.2 Megafreight shall not be obliged to take delivery of any Goods in the event of it reasonably being of the view that such Goods or the handling and storage thereof are for any reason whatsoever undesirable.
- 18.3 Every undertaking to warehouse Goods is subject to the condition that Megafreight has available a suitable storage facility at the appropriate time.
- 18.4 Notwithstanding anything else to the contrary herein contained, the Customer and the owner of the Goods indemnify Megafreight against any consequences (including all damages and losses) howsoever resulting from the storage of any Goods tendered for transport or warehousing, including any fines or penalties levied against Megafreight.

## 19 Packing

- 19.1 In the event that Megafreight agrees to undertake the packing of the Goods into any container or the packaging or unitisation of the Goods for any purpose, it shall be the obligation of the Customer to provide Megafreight with full packing and labelling instructions in writing, including but not limited to any requirements as to internal or other securing, mass distribution, maximum aggregate mass restrictions, labelling, temperature control or other restrictions, information as to the properties of the Goods and any noxious or other possible hazardous or dangerous properties they might possess, failing which such packing shall be effected by Megafreight at the sole risk of the Customer.

## Goods

## 20 Landed Goods

- 20.1 Megafreight is not obliged at any time to count, inspect or examine any Goods in respect of which it provides the Services. Where it is necessary for an examination to be held or other action to be taken by Megafreight in respect of any discrepancy in the Goods which are landed or discharged from any vehicle or other transport unit, no responsibility or liability shall attach to Megafreight for

any failure to hold such examination or to take any other action unless Megafreight has been timeously advised by the landing or discharge agent that such Goods have been landed and that such a discrepancy exists.

- 20.2 Should Megafreight undertake any examination of the Goods, Megafreight shall not examine or count Goods received by it that are bundled, palletised or packed in any manner such that their number cannot be quickly and easily counted. Megafreight shall incur no liability in respect of any error or inaccuracy in such counting, whether as a result of negligence on the part of Megafreight or otherwise. Megafreight shall be entitled to levy a charge on the Customer for the counting of Goods in such circumstances.

## 21 Special Goods

- 21.1 Except under special arrangements previously made in writing, Megafreight will not accept or deal with bullion, coins, banknotes, stamps, deeds, cheques, securities or other currency, precious stones, jewellery, valuables, personal effects, household goods, antiques, pictures, human remains, livestock, plants, tobacco products, spirits, wine, mobile telephones and their components, or computers and their components or parts, or any goods which are intrinsically valuable as a result of prevailing economic or other circumstances. Should the Customer nevertheless deliver such Goods to Megafreight or cause Megafreight to handle or deal with any such Goods otherwise than under special arrangements previously made in writing Megafreight shall incur no liability whatsoever in respect of such Goods, and in particular, shall incur no liability in respect of its negligent acts or omissions in respect of such Goods. The provisions of clauses 9, 10 and 12 shall govern a claim, if any, against Megafreight in respect of the Goods referred to in this clause 21.

## 22 Dangerous Goods

- 22.1 The Customer shall obtain in advance Megafreight's specific written consent to accept any Dangerous Goods into its possession or control or into the possession or control of any of its servants, subcontractors, agents or employees.
- 22.2 The Customer shall, at all material times, provide Megafreight with current Material Safety Data Sheets in respect of Dangerous Goods as required by law.
- 22.3 The Customer warrants that any Dangerous or Hazardous Goods, and the case, crate, box, drum canister, tank, flat, pallet, package or other holder or covering of such Goods will comply with any applicable laws, regulations or requirements of any Authority or carrier and that the nature and characteristics of such Goods and all other data required by such laws, regulations or requirements will be prominently and clearly marked on the outside cover of such Goods.
- 22.4 The Customer furthermore warrants that any consignee in respect of Dangerous Goods will be authorised and/or qualified to uplift, receive and/or handle such Goods.
- 22.5 If any Dangerous Goods are delivered to Megafreight, such Goods may for any good reason as Megafreight in its discretion deems fit including, without limitation, the risk to other Goods, property, life or health, will be destroyed, disposed of, abandoned or rendered harmless or otherwise dealt with at the risk and expense of the Customer and without Megafreight being liable for any compensation to the Customer or any other party, and without prejudice to Megafreight's rights to recover its charges and/or fees including the costs of such destruction, disposal, abandonment or rendering harmless or other dealing with the Goods.
- 22.6 The Customer indemnifies Megafreight against all loss, liability or damage caused to Megafreight arising out of or relating to Services provided in respect of Dangerous Goods, including any fines or penalties levied against Megafreight.

## 23 Abnormal loads

- 23.1 Megafreight shall not transport abnormal loads unless an agreement to that effect is concluded in writing between the Parties relating to, among other things:
- 23.1.1 route surveys;
- 23.1.2 the cost of any traffic escorts required by the Authorities and any charges for raising overhead wires, switching off power, removing obstacles along the route, and/or any other work that might be necessary for the passage of such loads;
- 23.1.3 access to loading and off-loading sites;
- 23.1.4 an indemnity from the Customer with regard to the costs of repairing any damage caused by the passage of the load over private property (unless caused by the negligence of Megafreight, its servants, agents or subcontractors).
- 23.2 Any agreement to transport abnormal loads shall be subject to the condition that:
- 23.2.1 the relevant permits are timeously obtained from the Authorities;
- 23.2.2 the Authorities approve a suitable and direct route and do not subsequently vary such route; and

23.2.3 the Customer provides Megafreight with the information contemplated in clause 19.

## 24 Sale of Goods

- 24.1 Without limiting or affecting any of Megafreight's other rights under these Conditions, Megafreight may without obtaining a court order, in its sole discretion, dispose of or sell, by private treaty or public auction or otherwise, all or part of the Goods in the care, custody or control of Megafreight, if:
- 24.1.1 such Goods have begun to deteriorate or are likely to deteriorate;
  - 24.1.2 such Goods are insufficiently addressed or marked;
  - 24.1.3 the Customer cannot be identified;
  - 24.1.4 the Goods have not been collected or accepted by the Customer or any other person; or
  - 24.1.5 any amount owing by the Customer to Megafreight becomes due and payable and remain unpaid; provided that, if Megafreight has an address for the Customer, then, in the circumstances referred to in clauses 24.1.2, 24.1.3, 24.1.4 and 24.1.5 above, such sale or disposal shall be effected only after the expiration of 21 (twenty-one) days from Megafreight giving notice to Customer at that address to collect or accept such Goods and/or pay all outstanding amounts.
- 24.2 The Customer hereby authorises Megafreight to effect such sale by either public auction or private treaty, on reasonable notice not exceeding 14 (fourteen) days. The net proceeds of any such sale, after deducting therefrom all costs, charges and expenses incurred by Megafreight, shall be applied in reduction or discharge as the case may be, of the Customer's obligations to Megafreight in respect of such Goods without prejudice to Megafreight's rights to recover from the Customer any balance which may remain owing to Megafreight after the exercise of such rights. Should the total amount collected by Megafreight, after deducting therefrom all costs, charges and expenses incurred by Megafreight in respect thereof, exceed the full amount of the Customer's obligations to Megafreight in respect of such Goods, Megafreight shall be obliged to refund such excess to the Customer.

## 25 Waste

- 25.1 If Waste is generated at any premises controlled by Megafreight:
- 25.1.1 Megafreight shall be responsible for the management, clean-up and/or disposal of such Waste in an environmentally sound manner and with no harm to health, in accordance with the relevant legislation;
  - 25.1.2 the Customer shall approve the manner of transport and place of disposal of such Waste in writing within a reasonable time if required by Megafreight; and
  - 25.1.3 the Customer shall be responsible for any costs incurred as a result of any actions taken by Megafreight in terms of this sub-clause, unless and to the extent that the Waste was caused by the gross negligence or wilful default of Megafreight.
- 25.2 If Megafreight stores Waste on behalf of a Customer and such Waste has not been uplifted within 90 (ninety) days of Megafreight receiving same, despite a request therefor by Megafreight, Megafreight shall, without further notice, be entitled to dispose of such Waste forthwith in accordance with the relevant legislation at the Customer's cost.
- 25.3 This provision does not apply to any Waste that is generated as a result of a spill of the Goods. In such circumstances, the Customer shall be liable to indemnify Megafreight for any clean-up costs incurred in remediating the spill, and will indemnify Megafreight for any fines or penalties raised by any authority.

## General

### 26 Compliance with Legislation

- 26.1 If Megafreight is obliged, in the execution of any of its duties and/or responsibilities to comply with any common law or legislative enactment of any nature whatsoever, then Megafreight by complying therewith, shall not be deemed to waive or abandon any of its rights in terms of these Conditions; or to have assumed any onus, obligation, responsibility or liability in favour of the Customer.
- 26.2 The Customer agrees to abide by Megafreight's Safety, Health and Environmental Rules.

- 26.3 Megafreight and the Customer, as well as their agents, servants, subcontractors and intermediaries, must comply with any anti-corruption legislation applicable to either or both Party. This includes not giving or offering to give, receiving or offering to receive any bribe, facilitation payment, political contribution, gift or other advantage, which violates this anti-corruption legislation.
- 26.4 Megafreight and the Customer, as well as their agents, servants, subcontractors and intermediaries, hereby warrant that they have not and will not engage in any anti-competitive behaviour in relation to these Conditions or any contract between the Parties. Anti-competitive behaviour means any communication (by any means, whether electronic, written, verbal or otherwise), agreement (by any means, whether formal, informal, contractual, non-contractual, written or verbal) or other form of coordination or co-operation with any competitor (whether past, present or potential) that is unlawful or otherwise restricted or prohibited under applicable competition laws.

## 27 Confidentiality and Personal Information

- 27.1 Each Party agrees to treat as strictly confidential the operations, business and affairs of the other Party and not to divulge any information relating thereto to any third party, agent or employee, save as required by law, in respect of the execution of these Conditions or agreement between them, whether prior to, during or after the currency of these Conditions or the said agreement.
- 27.2 All documentation furnished by one Party to the other Party pursuant to these Conditions or any agreement between them will remain the property of that Party and upon the request of that Party will be returned to it.
- 27.3 Each Party acknowledges that all right, title and interest in and to any information which the other Party has an interest in being kept confidential vests in that Party and that neither Party has any claim of any nature in and to the confidential information of the other Party.
- 27.4 To provide the Services to the Customer, it may be necessary for Megafreight to collect, store and use the Customer's name, address, billing and other personal information defined as such in the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013.
- 27.5 The Customer agrees that Megafreight may at any time and without further reference to the Customer:
- 27.5.1 collect, receive and record from any source, collate, store, update, modify, disseminate and otherwise use its personal information in any manner and in any form, reasonably required to enable Megafreight to provide the Services to the Customer, and for any reasonably related purpose;
  - 27.5.2 store its personal information in any format and in any database hosted anywhere in the world, for as long as Megafreight considers it necessary for the aforementioned purposes, and thereafter destroy or de-identify such personal information.
- 27.6 The Customer agrees that Megafreight need not comply with the provisions of section 18(1) of the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013, in relation to the Customer's personal information.
- 27.7 The Customer must provide Megafreight with reasonable notice of any changes to the Customer's personal information from time to time. Megafreight will, on request, provide the Customer with access to its personal information which Megafreight holds so that the Customer may view and update it as required.
- 27.8 As a consequence of providing the Services, Megafreight may be required to give third parties access to the Customer's personal information. Such third parties are required to treat the Customer's personal information as confidential and may only process such information with Megafreight's knowledge and authorisation.
- 27.9 Although Megafreight take reasonable steps to ensure that third parties with whom Megafreight may be required to share the Customer's personal information, treat it with the same degree of care as Megafreight does, Megafreight does not have any direct control over the manner in which such third parties use and/or store such information.
- 27.10 The Customer agrees that Megafreight is not liable for any loss or damage which it may suffer as a result of the manner in which a third party accesses, uses and/or stores the Customer's personal information, except to the extent that such loss or damage is directly related to Megafreight's gross negligence or wilful default.
- 27.11 If Megafreight elects to sell its business, the Customer agrees that Megafreight may freely transfer the Customer's personal information to the purchaser thereof. The Customer agrees that it will not have any claim against Megafreight arising from or as a consequence of such sale.
- 27.12 The Customer acknowledges that it is possible for electronic and physical storage and communications to be accessed and intercepted by third parties. Although Megafreight takes all reasonable steps to ensure that the Customer's personal information is secure, treated in the strictest confidence and is only accessible by intended persons, Megafreight is not liable for any loss or damage which the Customer may suffer as a result of any unauthorised access to, or the corruption, loss of or damage to the Customer's personal information unless due to Megafreight's gross negligence or wilful default.

## 28 Breach and Termination

- 28.1 If Megafreight breaches any of these Conditions or any agreement between it and the Customer and fails to remedy such breach within 30 (thirty) days of the date of receipt of written notice requiring it to do so then the Customer shall be entitled to compel performance by Megafreight of the obligations it has defaulted in, but shall not be entitled to cancel these Conditions or any agreement between the Customer and Megafreight.
- 28.2 Without prejudice to its rights under these Conditions, any agreement between the Parties and/or at law, either Party shall be entitled to cancel any agreement by written notice if:
- 28.2.1 the other Party/Customer commits any breach of its obligations under these Conditions or the said agreement and fails to remedy that breach within 30 (thirty) days of its being given written notice to do so;
- 28.2.2 the other Party/Customer is subject to an Act of Insolvency ;
- 28.3 If the Customer is a consumer to which the NCA applies, and has breached any terms or conditions herein, then Megafreight shall be entitled to any remedies provided in the NCA, which may include cancellation of the agreement or as provided in any other legislation or common law.

## 29 Force Majeure

- 29.1 Megafreight shall not be liable for a failure to perform any of its obligations hereunder due to a force majeure event (which includes but is not limited to war, civil war, civil violence, riots, revolutions, acts of piracy, acts of sabotage, terrorism, sabotage, natural disasters, destruction by lightning, explosions, fires, destruction of installations, industrial action or strike, changes of law, acts of Authority, pandemic, unforeseen breakdown or destruction of machinery, interruption in the supply of utilities and/or municipal services, damage, damage, destruction and/or prevention of access to and use of road, rail or port infrastructure, whether lawful or unlawful) that is beyond its control and that it could not reasonably be expected to have taken into account at the time of the conclusion of any agreement between the Parties, provided that Megafreight shall give prompt notice to the other Party of its nature and estimated duration.
- 29.2 Relief from liability for non-performance by reason of the provisions of this clause shall commence on the date upon which Megafreight gives notice of the force majeure event relied upon and shall terminate upon the date on which such event ceases to exist.
- 29.3 The Parties hereto shall cooperate and collaborate together and use all reasonable efforts to overcome the force majeure event concerned and/or nullify its effect.
- 29.4 If the force majeure event substantially or permanently prevents the continued performance by Megafreight of its obligations in terms of these Conditions or any agreement between them for a period exceeding 30 (thirty) consecutive days, then either Party shall be entitled, by giving notice in writing, to terminate the agreement with effect from 7 (seven) days after the giving of such notice.

## 30 Notices and domicilia

- 30.1 Each Party chooses as its domicilium citandi et executandi for all purposes under these Conditions and any agreement between them, the physical address most recently provided by it to the other in writing.
- 30.2 Either Party shall be entitled to change its domicilium by way of written notice to the other specifying its new domicilium provided that such new address shall be a street address within the Republic of South Africa.
- 30.3 All notices by one Party to the other shall be delivered or emailed to the chosen domicilium citandi et executandi of the addressee and shall be deemed to have been received on the date of delivery if delivered by hand or on the first business day following transmission from the information system of the sender if delivered by email, unless the contrary is proved.

## 31 Electronic Data

- 31.1 Notwithstanding the provisions of any legislation or other law regulating electronic communications and transactions, Megafreight shall only be deemed to have received electronic data and/or messages when such electronic data and/or messages have been retrieved, processed and read by the addressee.
- 31.2 Under no circumstances whatsoever and howsoever arising shall Megafreight be liable for any loss or damage arising from or consequent upon the provision by Megafreight to the Customer in whatever manner and/or form, of incorrect information, including electronically communicated information or data, where such incorrect information or data has been generated by and provided to Megafreight by any person with whom Megafreight conducts business, and/or any other third party, unless such loss or damage is due to Megafreight's negligence.

- 31.3 Megafreight shall furthermore under no circumstances whatsoever be liable for any loss or damage arising from or consequent upon any failure and/or malfunction, for whatever reason, and regardless of negligence in whatever degree on the part of Megafreight, of Megafreight' computer systems and/or software programmes provided and/or operated by Megafreight and/or by any person with whom Megafreight conducts business and/or any third party, which systems shall include Megafreight' electronic automated information service provided to the Customer.

## 32 Licences

- 32.1 Megafreight shall be excused from performing Services in terms of any agreement between it and the Customer if any licence, permit or similar authorisation lawfully required for it to do so is revoked, terminated, not issued or not renewed for any reason whatsoever.

## 33 INCOTERMS®

- 33.1 Any INCOTERM which might be made applicable to any contract between Megafreight and the Customer or between Megafreight acting on behalf of the Customer and any third party, shall be interpreted in accordance with the published guidelines issued from time to time by the International Chamber of Commerce and particularly the Introduction to the official publication containing the latest INCOTERMS® published and in force as at the time of the incorporation of INCOTERMS® into such contract. In the event that any specific Incoterm as published, is in the view of Megafreight inappropriate for the transaction to be undertaken, or is unclear, then Megafreight shall, within its sole discretion upon reasonable notice to the Customer, have the right to amend or vary that term, or add rules or provisions for the interpretation thereof.

## 34 Dispute Resolution

- 34.1 The Parties shall negotiate in good faith with a view to settling any dispute arising out of or relating to this agreement. For the purposes of this clause, a dispute will not include an unpaid account where there is no valid reason therefore.
- 34.2 If the dispute cannot be resolved, it will be referred to the managing director or chief executive officer (or such other director as designated by the foregoing) of each Party for determination, who will meet within 14 (fourteen) days of the referral.
- 34.3 If the dispute cannot be resolved within 14 (fourteen) days of this meeting, either Party may by written notice to the other Party, request that the dispute be referred for resolution by arbitration in terms of the AA.
- 34.4 The arbitrator or arbitrators shall be appointed by agreement by both Parties within 14 (fourteen) days after the written notice in clause 34.3, and failing such agreement, by the President of the relevant Law Society of South Africa. The arbitrator or arbitrators shall be, if the matter in dispute is principally:
- 34.4.1 an accounting matter, an impartial practising chartered accountant of not less than ten years' standing; or
- 34.4.2 a legal or any other matter an impartial practising senior advocate or attorney of not less than ten years' standing.
- 34.5 If the parties to the dispute cannot agree whether the dispute is of a legal, accounting or other nature, then it shall be considered a legal matter.
- 34.6 The decision of the Arbitrator is final and binding on the parties and may be made an order of court at the instance of any party to the arbitration.
- 34.7 Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to prevent or prohibit the Parties from seeking urgent relief in a court of competent jurisdiction.

## 35 General

- 35.1 No amendment or variation of these Conditions or any agreement between the Parties shall be of any force or effect unless reduced to writing and signed by the managing director of Megafreight or two duly authorised directors of Megafreight.
- 35.2 No failure, refusal or neglect by a Party to exercise any rights under these Conditions or any agreement between the Parties, or to insist upon strict compliance with or performance of another Party's obligations under these Conditions or such agreement, shall constitute a waiver of the provisions of these Conditions or such agreement or of any of that Party's rights. A Party may at any time require strict compliance with the provisions of these Conditions or any agreement between the Parties, and shall not be prejudiced or stopped from exercising any of its rights, which may have arisen in the past or may arise in the future.



- 35.3 Each of the provisions of these Conditions and any agreement between the Parties shall be considered as separate terms and conditions. In the event that these Conditions or any such agreement are affected by any legislation or any amendment thereto, or if their provisions are by virtue of such legislation or otherwise held to be illegal, invalid, prohibited or unenforceable, then any such provisions shall be ineffective only to the extent of the illegality, invalidity, prohibition or unenforceability and each of the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect as if such illegal, invalid, prohibited or unenforceable provision was not a part of these Conditions or any agreement between the Parties.
- 35.4 Neither Party may cede or assign any of its interest in, or its rights and obligations deriving from, these Conditions or any agreement to any third party without the other party's prior written consent, except for a cession or assignment made as part of an internal reorganisation of either party, which will not affect their shareholding.
- 35.5 Megafreight makes no warranties and representations to the Customer save as may be specifically provided herein or as notified in writing by Megafreight to the Customer.

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