# GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE OF G. GEERLINGS & ZONEN B.V. – VERSION 2022

All quotes and sales by G. Geerlings & Zonen B.V., registered in Noordwijkerhout, The Netherlands, under Company Registration no. 28061878 (Geerlings) are made exclusively on the basis of these general terms and conditions of sales. Any general terms applied by the buyer are hereby explicitly considered as non-applicable.

By placing an order, the buyer fully accepts these general terms and conditions of sales. These general terms and conditions of sales can only be amended in writing and with the express permission of Geerlings and, as such, relate only to the transaction in question, unless the parties have agreed otherwise.

#### Article 1. Offers and conclusion of agreement

- 1. All offers and prices stated by Geerlings are free of obligations.
- 2. An agreement shall only come into effect once Geerlings has confirmed the order in writing.
- 3. Any supplementary arrangements or amendments agreed on at a later stage, as well as any verbal promises made by Geerlings' personnel or on behalf of Geerlings by agents or other parties working for Geerlings, will only be binding for Geerlings from the moment that the latter confirms them in writing.

#### Article 2. Prices

- 1. All product prices are stated in Euro, exclusive of VAT and are based on Ex Works, Noordwijkerhout, The Netherlands (Incoterms 2020), unless otherwise agreed upon in writing
- 2. If one or more of the cost price factors is subject to change after order confirmation but before delivery of the products, Geerlings shall be entitled to adjust the agreed prices accordingly.
- 3. The costs of transport, packaging and insurance are payable by the buyer. All levies and/or taxes that are owed or become due, either directly or indirectly, on account of the agreement entered into between Geerlings and the buyer are payable exclusively and entirely by the buyer and may not be deducted from sums owed to Geerlings.

#### Article 3. Payment

- 1. Unless otherwise agreed in writing, payment for goods sold by Geerlings that are sent by air must be made within 30 days of the invoice date and, in the case of goods sent as sea freight, within 60 days of the invoice date in the agreed currency.
- 2. The value date on which Geerlings receives payment shall be deemed to constitute the date of payment. Where payment is made by means of a bank transfer, the date on which Geerlings' bank account is credited, shall be deemed to constitute the date of payment.
- 3. The buyer is not entitled to make any deduction, suspension or reduced payment and all calls for settlement are explicitly excluded. In the event of late payment, Geerlings will be entitled to charge the statutory interest for business transactions as of the due date, and also to charge any legal and extrajudicial costs incurred in collecting the amounts owed; the extrajudicial costs owed will never be less than 15% of the sum to be collected.
- 4. In case a delivery is effected in parts, Geerlings shall be entitled to demand payment for each partial delivery before proceeding with any other.
- 5. 3Upon or after entering into the agreement and before its implementation, Geerlings will be entitled to demand a guarantee from the buyer that both the payment obligations and any other obligations arising from this agreement will be fulfilled. Refusal by the buyer to provide the required security gives Geerlings the right to suspend its obligations and ultimately, without any notice of default or legal intervention, the right to dissolve the contract wholly or partially, without prejudice to his right to compensation for any damages suffered by him.

## Article 4. Delivery

- 1. All deliveries shall be Ex Works Noordwijkerhout, The Netherlands (Incoterms 2020), unless otherwise agreed in writing.
- 2. Although the stated time of delivery will always be taken into account as far as possible, this delivery time is approximately indicated and can never considered a fatal date. Geerlings shall not be in default in respect of such delivery time until the buyer notifies it in writing that it is in default, in doing so stipulates a reasonable period of time within which Geerlings has the opportunity to

effect delivery, and the latter still fails to do so.

- 3. The agreed delivery time shall commence as soon as Geerlings has confirmed the order in writing.
- 4. Geerlings shall not be liable for any harm due to late delivery if and insofar as this is attributable to circumstances beyond Geerlings' control and sphere of risk, which is deemed to include late or noncompliance on the part of its suppliers.
- 5. The buyer's failure to comply with his duty to effect payment (or to do so on time), shall have the effect of suspending Geerlings' duty to effect a delivery.

#### Article 5. Force majeure

- 1. In a case of force majeure for example in the event of a crop failure, insufficient quality available, viruses, natural disaster, labour strike, fire, or import and export restrictions or in the case of other circumstances that make it impossible to demand Geerlings' fulfilment or timely fulfilment of the obligations arising from the agreement between Geerlings and the buyer, Geerlings will be entitled to opt, without the need for legal intervention and without being obliged to pay any form of compensation, between completely or partially cancelling the agreement by means of a single written notice to that effect or the suspension of this agreement until the case of force majeure has come to an end.
- 2. Where Geerlings has already executed part of an agreement, the buyer shall pay the purchase price for any products that have been delivered.

## Article 6. Complaints

- 1. The buyer is obliged to check the products upon delivery for any visible and/or immediately observable defects. This means all defects that can be ascertained by means of ordinary sensory perception or a simple spot check. The buyer is moreover obliged to check whether the delivered products are also in accordance with other particulars of the order. Failure to fulfil the obligation to check the delivery shall mean the forfeiture of any claims the buyer may have vis- à-vis Geerlings.
- 2. If a delivery deviates less than 10% in terms of number, quantity and weight from that which was agreed, the buyer shall be obliged to accept the

delivery in spite of such deviation.

- 3. Complaints regarding the quality and quantity of the products delivered must be submitted by registered mail or telefax at the latest within seven calendar days after delivery. Defects that can only be observed at a later stage (non-visible defects) shall be forthwith reported to Geerlings after this has been observed. Once these periods have passed, the buyer will be considered to have approved the products supplied and complaints will no longer be considered.
- 4. The complaint must contain a description of the flaw and Geerlings must upon first request be given the opportunity to investigate the complaint. The buyer shall allow Geerlings to have the concerned products examined by an expert or an independent inspection service. If the complaint turns out to be well founded, all the costs of any investigation will be for Geerlings' account. If a complaint is groundless, all the costs will be for the buyer's account.
- 5. If the buyer has reported a complaint to Geerlings in a timely manner and the Geerlings has acknowledged this complaint, Geerlings shall only be obliged to deliver that which is missing, replace the delivered products or repay a proportional part of the purchase price, such at Geerlings' own discretion.
- 6. A complaint shall not suspend the buyer's payment obligation, unless Geerlings agrees expressly with such suspension. The products can only be returned for the account and risk of the buyer and only after prior written permission has been obtained from Geerlings.

#### Article 7. Liability

- 1. Geerlings will never be liable for the results regarding the flowering of the products supplied. It always remains buyer's responsibility to assess if the circumstances, among which climatologically, are fit for the products.
- 2. In case of a non-performance attributable to Geerlings, Geerlings' liability is always limited to a maximum of the net invoice value of the products or to that part of the net invoice value to which a claim for compensation is directly or indirectly related.
- 3. Except in the case of legal liability pursuant to provisions of mandatory law and a deliberate act or

omission, or gross negligence, any liability of Geerlings for any further damage, among which any direct or indirect damage, consequential damages or lost profits, is excluded.

- 4. The buyer shall indemnify Geerlings against all claims for compensation brought by third parties in respect of which Geerlings is not liable under these general terms and conditions of sales.
- 5. Disclaimer in relation to resistance or tolerance claim(s): pathogens may evolve and can overcome resistance. Therefore, any resistance or tolerance claim(s) made reflects the status of a plant at the time of testing. Changes in resistance over time are not covered under the original claim.

#### Article 8. Cancellation or modification

- 1. Geerlings will be entitled to cancel an order if the buyer has failed to comply with earlier payment obligations with respect to Geerlings or with respect to other creditors. This right may also be exercised if Geerlings considers the information concerning the buyer's credit rating to be insufficient. The buyer will never be able to derive any rights from such cancellations or hold Geerlings liable
- 2. In the event the buyer partially or entirely cancels a Zantedeschia order, Geerlings shall be entitled to the following cancellation fee, which amount shall be paid by the buyer to Geerlings within 30 days as of the cancellation (which always have to be in writing) without any deduction whatsoever:
- a. 10% of the contract price of the cancelled Zantedeschia if the order is cancelled between 1 February and 1 May;
- b. 25% of the contract price of the cancelled Zantedeschia if the order is cancelled between 1 May and 1 July;
- c. 50% of the contract price of the cancelled Zantedeschia if the order is cancelled between 1 July and 1 August; and
- d. 75% of the contract price of the cancelled Zantedeschia if the order is cancelled between 1 August and 1 February.

In the event the buyer partially or entirely cancels an order of any other product (such as Eucomis, Aethiopica and Scilla), Geerlings shall be entitled to the following cancellation fee, which amount shall be paid by the buyer to Geerlings within 30 days as of the cancellation (which always have to be in writing) without any deduction whatsoever:

- a. 25% of the contract price of the cancelled other products if the order is cancelled up to 1 month before delivery of the products; and
- b. 100% of the contract price of the cancelled other products if the order is cancelled within 1 month before delivery of the products.
- 3. The buyer is obliged to accept the products at the time that they are made available to him. If the buyer refuses to accept the goods, Geerlings will be entitled to sell them elsewhere and the buyer will be liable for the difference in price as well as all the other costs incurred by Geerlings in connection with this, among which costs of storage.
- 4. Any modification to an order by the buyer is only permitted upon its payment of the extra costs (if any) as quoted by Geerlings as result of such modification.

#### Article 9. Retention of title

- 1. The ownership of the goods supplied by Geerlings does not pass to the buyer until the sums invoiced, plus any interest, penalty and costs, as well as all claims as a result of the buyer's failure to perform its obligations towards Geerlings under this agreement or any other, have been paid in full. The provision of a cheque or any other bill of exchange will not count as payment in this regard.
- 2. Geerlings will be entitled to immediately take back the goods supplied if the buyer remains in default in any way whatsoever with regard to the fulfilment of payment obligations. In that case, the buyer will be obliged to allow Geerlings access to the buyer's land and buildings for this purpose.
- 3. The buyer must store the goods subject to a retention of title separately from the other goods, in order to be able to continue distinguishing the goods of Geerlings.
- 4. As long as the delivered goods are subject to a retention of title, the buyer may not sell, encumber or pledge these goods, or otherwise place them under the control of third parties, other than as part of its normal business operations. The buyer shall, however, not be permitted to sell the goods within the context of its normal business operations if it has applied for a suspension of payments or if it has

been declared bankrupt.

#### Article 10. Suspension and dissolution

- 1. If the buyer fails to perform, fails to perform in a timely manner, or fails to perform to a sufficient degree any of the obligations arising for it from the concluded agreement, or if a well-founded fear exists of such failure occurring, as well as in the case of an application for a suspension of payments order, bankruptcy or the liquidation of any of the buyer's businesses, as well as in the event of the buyer's death, or dissolution if the buyer is a company, or if there is any change in the type of company or in its management or in the contribution made by the company's activities, Geerlings will be entitled, without notice of default or legal intervention being required, to suspend its own obligations for a reasonable period or to annul the agreement without being held liable for any compensation.
- 2. The claim of Geerlings with respect to the part of the agreement already performed, as well as damage arising from the suspension or termination, which damage includes lost profit, shall be immediately due and payable.

# Article 11. Prohibition of Propagation

1. Propagation of the varieties supplied by Geerlings that are protected by plant breeder's rights is strictly forbidden, unless otherwise agreed between Geerlings and the buyer in a separate written license agreement. The buyer here confirms to undertake that it shall impose such a prohibition to his customers who purchase these varieties from him. In the event of any noncompliance by the buyer or any of its customers, the buyer shall be fully liable towards Geerlings and any related third party (such as the breeder) for the losses incurred by them.

# Article 12. Sanctions Laws

1. The buyer shall ascertain and comply with all obligations and restrictions arising out of or in connections with any and all relevant sanction legislation of the United Nations, the European Union, the United States of America, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and any other country that is or may be or become relevant in respect of the agreement (hereinafter: the "Sanctions Laws").

- 2. The buyer shall not directly or indirectly sell, deliver or provide the products, or otherwise make the products available, to any legal or natural person, entity, group or (government) organization that is subject to sanctions or restrictions under the Sanctions Laws.
- 3. Buyer shall be fully liable for, and indemnify Dümmen Orange for all direct and indirect damages, claims, fines or other losses arising out of or in connection to any breach of obligations or restrictions under this article. Dümmen Orange has the right to any other remedies available to it by law or in equity.
- 4. The buyer shall ensure that all obligations under this article be passed on to any third party that the buyer contracts or uses in its performance of the agreement, or that takes over any obligation, in full or part thereof.
- 5. Without affecting any other right or remedy available to it, Dümmen Orange is entitled to suspend, withdraw, dissolve or terminate any agreement with the buyer with immediate effect, without judicial intervention, without being required to pay the buyer any damages and without being required to fulfil any other obligation under the agreement in the event buyer commits a breach of any obligation or restriction under this article. All claims that Dümmen Orange has or may acquire against the buyer due to breach or violation of any obligation or restriction under this article will be immediately due and payable in full.

#### Article 13. Severability

1. Should any provision of these general terms and conditions of sales and delivery be non-applicable or in conflict with public order or the law, only the provision in question shall be deemed non-applicable and the rest of the conditions shall remain fully in force. Geerlings reserves the right to amend the inadmissible provision in order to make it legally valid.

#### Article 14. Jurisdiction, forum

- 1. Any disputes, even if only considered as such by one of the parties, will be referred to the competent court Amsterdam, the Netherlands, without affecting the right of Geerlings to have the dispute heard by another competent court.
- 2. All offers and agreements concluded between

the buyer and Geerlings shall be exclusively governed by the laws of The Netherlands.



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