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The following rules are based on French standards for preventing fire and panic in "establishments receiving the public". They apply to all exhibition rooms.

The day before BATIMAT opens (or on the first morning), the Safety Commission will inspect each stand (stability, construction and decoration materials, electrical installation, etc). When the Commission arrives, the installation must be finished and the exhibitor or their representative present.

Plans and technical information must be submitted to the trade show organizer for approval by safety staff at least two months before opening day.

For further information please contact the Robert Saliou firm.

1. STAND INSTALLATION & DECORATION

1.1 Stand framework and partitions

Authorized for the framework of the stand are larger furniture (eg counters, display cases, separating screens) and stand partitions rated M0 (incombustible), M1, M2 or M3⁽¹⁾.

Please note panels made of wood or wood derivatives (laminates, particle boards, battens) are considered class M3.

Warning: no structure whatsoever is permitted above the aisles (eg signs, banners, bridges).

1.2 Wall coverings

Wall coverings must be M0, M1, M2⁽¹⁾.

Covers such as fabric, paper or plastic films may be glued to surfaces rated M0, M1, M2 or M3.

1.3 Curtains

Curtains may be floating if M0, M1 or M2⁽¹⁾. However, they are forbidden at stand entrances and exits.

1.4 Flooring

Floor covering materials must be rated M4 and be solidly attached. Under French government order 94-86 of 26 January 1994 concerning accessibility of public places to the disabled, any stand with a floor higher than 2 cm but lower than 4 cm must be beveled, and floors higher than 4 cm must have a wheelchair ramp.

1.5 Furniture

There are no particular rules for common furniture (eg tables and chairs) although counters, shelving and similar large structures must be made of materials rated M3⁽¹⁾.

1.6 Signs

It is strictly forbidden for signs or billboards to use white letters against a green background.

1.7 Artificial flowers

Plastic floral decorations that do not have fire ratings must be kept to a minimum. If a great number of decorations are used they must be made of M2 materials.

1.8 Ceilings

Ceilings, false ceilings and solid vellums must be limited to 300 m². There is no size limit to mesh vellum ceilings.

1.9 Vellums

If the premises are not protected by a sprinkler system, vellums must be made be M0, M1 or M2⁽¹⁾.

2. FLAME RETARDATION

The exhibitor must be able to present the Safety Manager a certificate or official record proving the fire rating of the materials used in the exhibition pavillons.


Materials may be treated for flame retardation by approved applicators whose contact details may be obtained from Groupement Technique Français de l'ignifugation - 10 rue du Débarcadère - 75017 Paris - France - tel + 33 (0)1 40 55 13 26 or from their website: www.gtfi.org.

Important: only fire reaction reports from approved French laboratories are accepted. For reports from non-French labs, samples of the materials may be demanded.

3. ELECTRICITY

The electric installation of each stand must be protected at its source against overloads or defective grounding. All metal masses must be interconnected and connected to the ground of the stand's electrical connection cabinet, which must be permanently accessible. Electrical connections must be inside junction boxes.

3.1 Electrical appliances

Class 0⁽¹⁾ electrical appliances must be protected by nominal DC systems equal to nom ore than 30mA. Class 1⁽²⁾ appliances must be connected to the protective conductor of the wiring system that powers them. Class II⁽²⁾ devices must bear the mark: .

3.2 Electrical cables

Only use cables where each conductor (at least 1.5mm²) has its own protective sheathing. All conductors must be housed in a single protective sheathing.

Important: H-03-VHH (Scindex) cables are strictly prohibited.

3.3 Multiple plugs

The only multiple plugs allowed are fixed-socket, molded units.

3.4 Halogen lamps

Stand lighting fixtures using halogen lamps must be solidly attached, placed at a height of at least 2,5 m minimum, kept well away (at least 0.50 m) from any flammable materials, and equipped with safety screens (glass or fine mesh).

3.5 High voltage installation

High-voltage lighting installations must be protected at the very least by a class M3 plastic screen. The shutdown control must be clearly marked and transformers must be situated in a safe location.

4. FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT

Emergency equipment (eg fire hydrants, extinguishers, telephones) must remain constantly visible and access to them must be kept clear. *Important, please note:*

Note: a one-meter passage to the right of the fire hydrant must be kept perfectly clear, all the way to the public aisle. Masking fire-fighting equipment in any way is strictly forbidden.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

It is strictly forbidden to built up a stock of empty boxes, wood, paper, in exhibition areas, at stands, and in passageways.

6. LIQUEFIED GAS – MATERIALS PRESENTED IN OPERATION – INFLAMMABLE LIQUIDS – RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES – X-RAYS – LASERS

For any presentation requiring running equipment or specialized materials, please fill in the document entitled "Declaration of Operating Equipment".

⁽¹⁾ or rendered so by fire retardant treatment

⁽²⁾ in the sense of standard NF C20-030.