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**Introduction**

The «Architecture Regulations» of the Sial 2018 lists the norms for presentation and fitting of stands, set out in such a way as to guarantee a smooth show as well as optimal comfort.

These norms include standard applicable safety rules for trade fairs, salons and exhibitions, laid out at the end of the document. All stand fittings and decors must follow the «Architecture Regulations».

In all cases, before construction, each project must be submitted to the Sial Architecture Department, who may authorise installation on the site. Any project that does not respect the Rules will be refused, and any stand built without the approval of the Architecture Office can be taken down at the expense of the exhibitor.

No agreement made between Exhibitors will be authorised; only the organiser or DECO PLUS will be permitted to grant authorisation for deviations on written request.

**The projects must be submitted before the 4 July 2018 at the latest.**

Your Stand Installation File will include the following commitments taken by the exhibitor and the decorator:

- The commitment form for clearance of debris from your stand on assembly and disassembly: Once assembly and disassembly has finished and the stand space has been cleared of all debris and residue, the exhibitor and the decorator must complete the Clearance Declaration for the stand space and submit it to the Exhibitor’s Office Hall 5A.

- Should the organiser notice that the exhibitor or decorator has left debris on his or her stand, they will be held liable for not respecting their commitments made in the bare or fitted Stand Installation File. The bare or fitted stand Installation
- File will be sent to you by post by SIAL’s Architecture department as soon as you have chosen the location for your stand. This must be returned completed and signed. This file includes:

**For the Bare stand:**

- 1.The Installation File for your stand, completed and signed
- 2.The Stand Project: «Overhead view» plans showing scales, dimensions and positions of perimeters (shared partitions + alleys)
- 3.«Cutaway» plans showing scales, dimensions and heights of volumes depicted.

**For the Fitted stand:**

The Installation File for your stand

Any project that does not comply with French law and/or the regulations of the SIAL will be rejected and any stand assembled without the approval of the Architecture Office will be dismantled, at the expense of the exhibitor.

The SIAL architecture office

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**AMOUNT TO BE PAID BY THE EXHIBITOR OR THE DECORATOR**

Your Questions - Our answers	Commitment to take charge of your waste
Who signs the commitment?	The exhibitor or the decorator
What will be the amount to pay? (1)	
What happens if I don't return the commitment form for clearance of debris from my stand?	My file will not be considered by the organiser to be complete and the plans will not be validated. Access to the Parc des Expositions will not be authorised and exhibitor badges will not be issued.
Make a status report of your stand, skip rental (2)	After dismantling the stand, the exhibitor or the decorator MUST contact the Head quarter office in Hall 5A to obtain the inventory report for the exit obtain a SPACE CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE (2).
Infringements recorded on site	The record will be presented to the exhibitor on site or by letter. The penalty for the infringement will be sent in the form of an invoice.
(1) The exhibitor or the decorator must make the necessary arrangements to remove debris during disassembly period. Should debris be left behind, and recorded officially by the SIAL, the penalty indicated will be invoiced. In the case of an infringement that surpasses the amount of the penalty, the invoice will be made out for the real value.	

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**HALL SPECIFICATIONS**

**1. Location of SIAL Paris 2018**

SIAL will take place in Halls 1-2-3-4-5a-5b-6-7 and 8 at the Paris-Nord Villepinte Exhibition Centre from 16 to 20 October 2018.

**2. Access to the Halls**

The Halls are all on ground level. Access to the Halls is provided at ground level by numerous side doors. Vehicles are not allowed to enter the Halls. Car parks next to each of the Halls are available to fitters during exhibition set-up and dismantling.

**3. Floors, walls and pillars in the Halls**

Floors, walls and pillars are either made of concrete or enamelled metal or clad with wood panelling. It is forbidden to drill, cut or otherwise deface these surfaces, nor may they be painted.

Some pillars have technical order and safety casings that must remain in sight and accessible at all times.

**4. Fluid distribution conduits**

The distribution of fluids in the Halls is provided by a series of conduits. The conduits are enclosed by cast iron plates which cannot be moved. Only the Exhibition Centre operating company is entitled to use these conduits and hatches.

**5. Damage**

Exhibitors shall be held responsible for any damage which they or their appointed contractors may cause to the building during transport, installation or removal of their equipment.

**6. Aisles**

Exhibitors must not obstruct aisles with pipes, cables or decorations either at ground level or above ground. However, pipes and cables which meet the requirements of SIAL or the Safety Department may be installed over stand areas if necessary.

**7. Suspended items**

Items suspended from the framework of the Halls are installed by the Exhibition Centre's Technical Department. Requests must be made directly to the SIAL Paris. All suspended items must comply with the SIAL 2018 Stand Design Regulations.

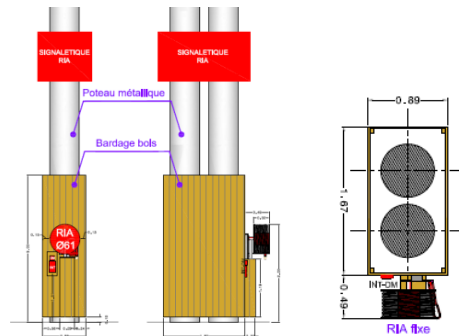
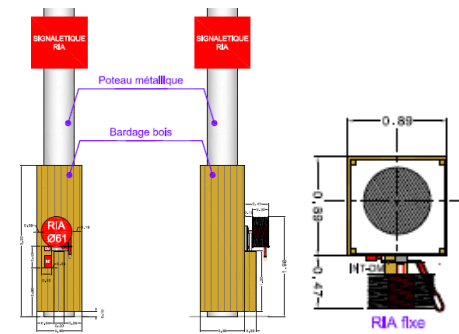
**8. Smoke extraction controls and fixed fire points**

Smoke extraction controls or fire extinguishers are mounted on the side panelling or on pillars and are indicated on the plans. Fire hoses are shown on the schemas. They must be cut away to accommodate these facilities, as shown on the drawings below. The intercoms must remain accessible at all times. Signs pointing out these facilities must be visible at all times.

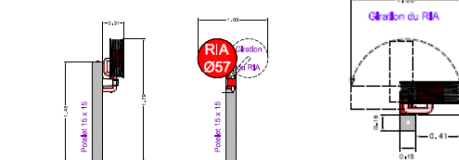
**9. Fire points (hoses)**

Fire hoses are located on the pillars either in the middle or at the edge of the stand. They must be left completely clear as shown in the Fire Safety Regulation.

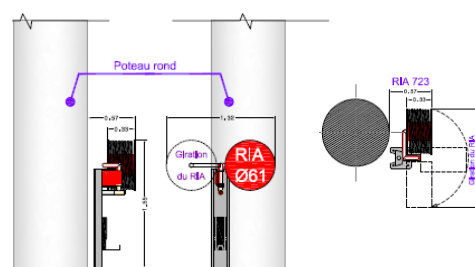
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 "Bardage bois": Wood siding  
 "Poteau rond": Circular pole



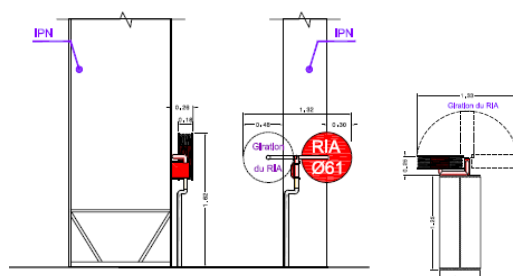
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Hall 5b



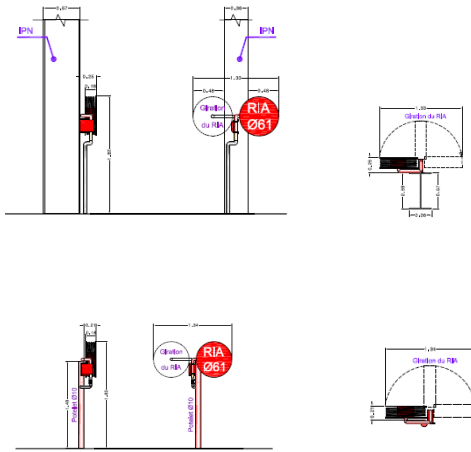
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Hall 8

**10. Accessibility for people of reduced mobility**

In compliance with the regulations and with the Exhibitor's Guide for stands with a floor raised by over 2 cm, an access ramp is required for people of reduced mobility. These ramps must not encroach on the alleys. The access should be at least 90cm wide and have a slope between 2% and 5%.

**11. Side panelling**

The panelling around the sides of the Halls is 3 metres high. Exhibitors may use any part of the panelling to hang signs or decorations. Anything stapled to the panelling must be removed by the exhibitor at the end of the exhibition and the staples removed from the panelling. Failing this, the exhibitor will be charged for restoring it to its original condition.

**12. Two-sided stand sign**

SIAL will provide one sign per direct exhibitor's site. This sign on the ground features the number of your stand (except for collective stands).

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Stands must be constructed taking into account the following height and clearance limits:

**13. Construction heights**

- Maximum authorised height of shared partitions 2.50 m from the floor of the building.
- Maximum height of the construction: 5m from the floor of the building.
- No connection with neighbouring stands can be accepted.

**14. Openings onto aisles**

Stand sides opening onto an aisle must include an opening of at least 2.5 metres every 6 linear metres. The opening must equate to at least half the length of the side. The 2.5m

opening must be kept clear: green plants, glass panes, etc. will not be authorised.

**15. Clearance limits**

Stand structures must take into account the following clearance limits:

**Clearance limits from aisles and neighbouring stands**

Items up to 1.8 m high: no clearance limit.

Items between 1.8 and 2.5 m high: clearance limit 0.5 m, including the partition screen between the neighbouring stand. Partitions must be no higher than 2.50 m and must start at least 0.5 m from the edge of the aisle.

Items between 2.5 m and 5 m high: clearance limit 1 metre, from aisles and neighbouring stands.

**WARNING:** Mezzanine floors must be at least 2.00 m away from aisles and neighbouring stands.

For solid horizontal structures such as the floors of upper levels and solid ceilings, there must be a 2-metre clearance from the partitioning in order to leave a distance of at least 4 metres between two adjoining double-decker stands or solid ceilings. Fascias must not extend higher than 2.5 metres above the floor. If a sign or logo exceeding the 2.5 metre limit is to be fixed to the fascia, it must be the prescribed distance from the edges of the stand and dividing partitions in particular.

**Stands including a hall pillar**

1. Stands that include a hall pillar, with or without a fire hose, can cover it to a height of 3 m. A sign that conforms to the imposed requirements can be installed. The fire hose must remain accessible from the front and sides within a 1 m radius.

2. Pillars positioned half on a stand and half on a walkway may be covered up to a height of 3 m with the stand's sign.

**Stands that back on to the hall stairs**

1. The side facing the stairs should be considered as an open side. This side of the stand must not surpass the height of the stairs, without exceeding 1 m.

**16. Re-used stands**

These are subject to SIAL's Stand Design Regulations in the same way as newly built stands. They must conform to the prescribed clearance and height limits.

## SIGNAGE

**17. Structure**

By sign structure, the organizers mean an open-work superstructure which can include the illuminated name or logo of the exhibitor.

Their height will be limited to 5.00 m, and signage must be set up between 2.50 and 5.00 m, respecting the requested withdrawal distances.

Mobile structures must be at least 1 m away from neighbouring stands and aisles.

Only the Parc des Expositions of Paris Nord Villepinte's services are authorised to work on the hall's building frame

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Suspend from points using a 3x3 m grid. Permitted weight: 80 kg per point to use the whole frame. Check with Paris Nord Villepinte for weights above 80 kg. The sling point can be controlled up to 5.50 m, and no exceptions will be granted to this rule.

### 18. Anchored balloons

Balloons inflated with a gas lighter than air, used as signs, must not exceed the prescribed height and clearance limits. Anchoring ties must be maintained at a constant length. Failure to comply with this requirement will give SIAL the right to remove them.

### 19. Sound systems and illuminated signs

Any advertising using lighting or sound must be submitted to the approval of SIAL, who may withdraw such permission once granted if the item in question causes a nuisance to neighbouring Exhibitors, causes an obstruction or mars the appearance of the exhibition. Flashing signs and the like are not permitted. Illuminated signs are permitted but they must under no circumstances be of an intermittent or flashing nature. Sound animations can be tolerated if they do not exceed the sound output of 80dBA.

### 20. TV screens (and video walls)

TV screens making up a video wall up to 5 metres high are regarded as flashing signs and are forbidden unless they are set back from the aisle by 2 metres. The sound level is restricted to 80 dbA.

## PLATFORMS AND CEILINGS

### 21. Platforms

Stands including platforms or of split-level design (assuming the interior space is not used and the prescribed height limits are observed) must conform to specific guidelines supplied on request.

### 22. Ceilings

As a general rule, solid ceilings are not permitted at SIAL. However, the following stand roofing options are permitted: Cellular structures of the "Claustra" type made of M0 or M1 materials

Alternating structures made of M0 or M1 materials laid out in "checkerboard" form to provide a largely open-work ceiling (50%). Vertical strips made of thin M0 or M1 materials placed at least 0.2 metres apart.

## DOUBLE-DECKER STANDS

Exhibitors wishing to build a double-decker stand must apply for permission to build by July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the latest. The application must be accompanied by a cheque for €150 not inc. VAT per square metre of additional floor space. This sum will be deducted from the final building fees once SIAL's Design Department has carried out the final calculation of the area and granted permission to build.

### 23. Accessibility for people with reduced mobility

In compliance with the regulations and with the Exhibitor's Guide for stands with a floor raised by over 2cm, an access ramp is required for people of reduced mobility. These ramps must not encroach on the alleys.

The ramps should be at least 0.90 m wide and the slope must be between 2 and 5 %.

### 24. Certificate of conformity to safety standards

As soon as they have received building permission, Exhibitors should draw up their plans, taking into account the surface area allocated, and send them to the SIAL Design Department which will confirm its final approval and forward copies to the Safety Department. Detailed plans of both stands and upper levels should therefore be submitted for approval in duplicate. The plans should take into account the requirements concerning height and clearance limits contained in Articles 14, 15, 16 and following.

#### IMPORTANT

For solid horizontal structures such as the floors of upper levels and solid ceilings, there must be a 2-metre clearance from the partitioning in order to leave a distance of at least 4 metres between two adjoining double-decker stands or solid ceilings. Fascias must not extend higher than 2.5 metres above the floor. If a sign or logo exceeding the 2.5 metre limit is to be fixed to the fascia, it must be the prescribed distance from the edges of the stand and dividing partitions in particular.

### 25. Surface area

300 m<sup>2</sup> maximum for the upper level itself. Only one upper level per stand is permitted.

### 26. Weight limits

- 250 Kg/m<sup>2</sup> for upper levels under 50 m<sup>2</sup>.
- 350 Kg/m<sup>2</sup> for upper levels over 50 m<sup>2</sup>.

#### IMPORTANT

Exhibitors shall produce their calculations for their double-decker stand and have them checked during build-up by a registered inspector. The security consultancy DECO PLUS Tel.: + 33 (0)9 67 78 93 85, sialarchi@free.fr can provide on request a list of registered inspectors in the Paris area. It is imperative that these documents are presented to the Safety Committee when they inspect the stand to approve the upper level for opening to the public.

### 27. Stairs

#### Number of staircases per upper level and minimum width:

Careful consideration must be given to the exact position of staircases leading to upper levels, their number and width being dependent on the surface area of such levels:

- Up to 19 m<sup>2</sup>: 1 x 0.90-metres staircase
- 20-50 m<sup>2</sup>: 2 staircases, one 0.9 metres wide and the other 0.6 metre wide
- 51-100 m<sup>2</sup>: either 2 x 0.9-metre staircases or 2 staircases, one 1.4 metres wide and the other 0.6 metre wide

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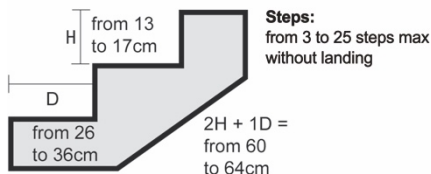
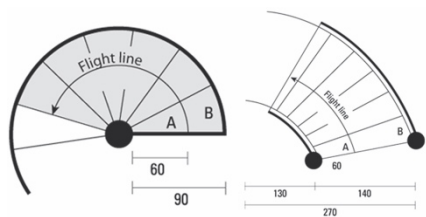
- 101-200 m<sup>2</sup>: 2 staircases, one 1.4 metres wide and the other 0.9 metre wide
- 201-300 m<sup>2</sup>: 2 x 1.4-metre staircases. Only staircases whose closest outer uprights are at least 5 metres apart can be taken into account in the number of exits and stair widths. Exits must be clearly pointed out by a sign bearing the word "Sortie" (exit) in white letters on a green background.

**Straight staircases**

Straight staircases for public use must be constructed such that the steps comply with the customary regulations, each flight of stairs having no more than 25 steps. As far as possible, the direction of the flights should alternate. The height of the steps must be 13 cm minimum and 17 cm maximum. Steps must be at least 28 cm but not more than 36 cm wide. The relationship between the height and width of steps is governed by the equation  $0.60 < 2H + G < 0.64$  m. The steps in one flight must be of uniform height and width, although an exception may be made for the first step. Landings should be the same width as the staircase: in the case of flights not continuing in a different direction, landings should be longer than one metre. Single-width staircases must be fitted with one handrail. Double-width staircases or wider must have one handrail on each side.

**Spiral staircases**

Standard or additional spiral staircases shall be continuous, with no other landings apart from those serving upper levels. The tread and the height of the steps on the line of flight, 0.6 metre from the newel or central void, shall conform to the regulations mentioned in the previous article. In addition, the outer stair tread must not exceed 0.42 metre. The handrail for single-width staircases must be located on the outside.



**Stairs**

- Single-width:  $A > 28$  cm /  $B < 42$  cm.
- Double-width:  $A > 28$  cm /  $B < 42$  cm.

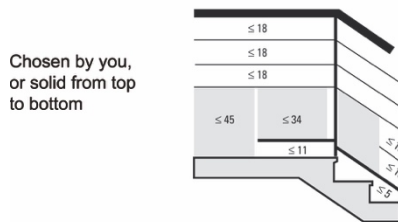
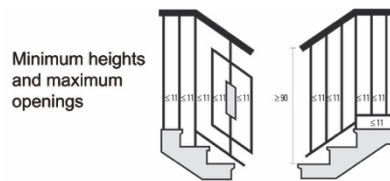
Stairs combining straight and spiral elements.

On condition that both the spiral and straight elements conform to the aforementioned regulations, staircases of

this type can be considered as complying with the regulations defined above and, consequently, nothing prevents their being used in establishments open to the public.

**Stair railings and banisters**

In accordance with French standards NF P 01-012 and NF P 01-013, stair railings must withstand a pressure of 100 kg per linear metre. Protective glass panels must be either reinforced or made of compound glass. So-called "Securit" glass is not permitted.



Chosen by you, or solid from top to bottom

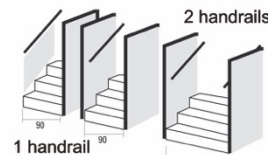
Height/thickness ratio (in cm)

Heigh	Thickness
> 20	100
25	97,5
30	95
35	92,5
43	90
45	85
50	80
55	75
60 +	70

Thin guardrail

Thick guardrail

Staircases: widths and handrails



**Location**

Stairs must be located at least 1 metre from the stand's common partitioning in order to avoid overlooking the neighbouring stand. When two staircases are necessary, they shall be diametrically opposed.

**28. Fire prevention**

Each stand shall be fitted with fire extinguishing facilities, including: one sprayed water extinguisher placed at the bottom of each staircase and a CO<sub>2</sub>-type extinguisher placed near the electricity switchboard.



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If the surface area of the upper level is greater than 50 m<sup>2</sup>, appropriate additional fire extinguishing facilities shall be constantly ensured by at least one safety officer while the public is present.

### 29. Transparent upper levels

Upper levels may be used to display a sign while remaining open-work. Not more than half the sides of the upper level may be filled in. The parts of sides left open shall be fitted with guard-rails in compliance with safety regulations. (French standard pertaining to guard-rails: NFP 01-012).

### 30. Ceilings

Upper levels must not be covered with a solid ceiling or canopy.

## KITCHENS - FOOD SAMPLING

### 31. Food sampling

Tasting alongside the aisles is expressly forbidden.

If the exhibitor intends to provide samples for tasting, this must be done inside the stand.

### 32. Cooking on the stands

Exhibitors wishing to prepare cooked food on their stands must inform SIAL by 11 July 2018. They must also:

- Take all necessary steps to avoid environmental pollution.
- Conform to the safety standards (particularly with respect to the use of liquid gas (Article 45) and hygiene regulations in force.
- Provide areas where meals can be served out of sight of visitors circulating in the aisles.

You can find the declaration form at [www.sialparis.fr](http://www.sialparis.fr), in your EXHIBITORS AREA, under "my forms".

#### In all kitchens:

- The floor (or table) bearing the cooking appliances must be formed of incombustible material or clad with M0 materials.
- Cooking appliances must be kept at a suitable distance from all combustible materials and installed in such a way to prevent any risk of fire.
- If these devices are located near to a partition wall, M0 cladding must be provided for up to a height of one metre parallel to the device.
- Electricity metres must be at least one metre away from water points.
- Each arrangement must be fitted with one or several fire extinguishers.

Cooking and temperature resetting appliances whose nominal total power is less than 20kW per stand are permitted inside the exhibition Halls. Nevertheless, the following provisions must be accepted:

- a filter must be set up above the cooking appliances;
- you must make sure that cooking and/or reheating appliances do not present any risk to the public;
- suitable safety means must be installed (fire extinguishers, etc)

Cooking and temperature resetting appliances whose nominal total power is greater than 20kW per stand are permitted. Nevertheless, the following provisions must be respected:

- walls and partitions must be fire-resistant for at least one hour

- doors opening onto the stand must be rated ½ hour or E 30 fire resistant (door obligatory)
  - separate cooking islands at a distance of 4 metres minimum
  - use fireproof screens around cooking appliances
  - if open on the stand:
    - have a vertical, fixed screen that is rated ¼ hour or E 1S-S stable in fire and made from M1 or A2-S1 fire resistant material, with a minimum height of 0.5 m under the kitchen's end ceiling.
    - have a hood in M0 or A2-S1 material, d0; the extractor fan must be able to continue working for one hour with 400°C smoke.
  - the main electric wardrobe must have an emergency stop
  - cooking or reheating appliances must have CE certification
  - you must have safety means installed (suitable extinguishers, etc.).
  - The present cooking or reheating devices, rejecting water vapour, are permitted without a filtering device; the other appliances rejecting other substances (grease, etc.) must have a household hood filtering above these appliances, all gas-burning equipment must have outside ventilation.
- Kitchen in containers (PKL type) are permitted if they take over air extraction.

Kitchen modules in containers (type PKL) can be installed using the same extraction fittings.

Stands with cooking appliances with a combined wattage of less than 20 kW.

- Each kitchen must have an extractor hood covering all the cooking appliances
- Each kitchen must have a central cut-off for all the cooking appliances (if necessary, one for the gas supply and one for the electricity supply). The cut-off devices must be clearly marked and easily accessible
- Cooking appliances must either be installed at least 0.5 metre from the walls of the kitchen or the walls must be insulated with fireproof material
- Flexible gas pipes connecting appliances to the gas supply must be replaced at the appropriate time
- A mandatory certificate relating to the total power of appliances installed must be presented to the Safety Committee.

#### Characteristics of cooker hoods

- The health regulations relating to the extraction of water vapour and oily steam calls for the provision of mechanical extractor devices. All steam and smoke must be drawn into a large hood by a sufficiently powerful fan, then filtered and deodorized by three successive filters: the first a fine wire mesh, the second an electrostatic finishing filter and the third a deodorizing activated carbon filter.
  - The section of the filters must be approximately 0.5 metre per square metre of cooking space
  - The rate of extraction must be approximately 4,000 m<sup>3</sup>/hour per square metre of cooking space
- The hood must be closed on three sides, with a clearance of 0.8 metre above the cooking area.

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# FIRE & PANIC RISK PREVENTION REGULATIONS

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## 1. OVERVIEW

Safety rules regarding risks of fire and panic in establishments open to the public have been established by the Order dated June 25th, 1980 (general provisions). The Order dated November 18th, 1987 sets forth the specific provisions applicable to exhibition Halls.

The text below is excerpted from said regulations in order to facilitate understanding.

The Safety Board is quite severe regarding stand construction (stability, construction and decoration materials, electrical installations, etc.). The decisions made during Safety Board inspections, the day before or the morning the event opens must be immediately implemented. Stand installation must be completed for Safety Board inspections.

The exhibitor (or his representative) must be present at the stand and be prepared to provide flammability reports for all materials used. Non-compliance with this rule may lead to the removal of such materials or a prohibition on opening the stand to the public.

All large projects (> 40 m<sup>2</sup>) must be submitted to the trade show's Safety Supervisor for approval. Drawings and technical information must be submitted to the organizer at least one month before the trade show opens.

**During the assembly period, the Safety Supervisor shall monitor application of the safety rules indicated hereinafter. Moreover, all information regarding fire safety may be obtained by calling:**

### AFS Conseils et Sécurité

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76, rue Baudin – 93130 NOISY LE SEC

Tél. : + 33 (0)6 70 61 95 11 - Fax : + 33 (0)1 41 55 07 21

E-mail : [afrancioni@afscconseils.fr](mailto:afrancioni@afscconseils.fr)

**FIRE SAFETY RATINGS FOR MATERIALS (Decree of 30 June 1983): In France, there are 5 categories of fire ratings (given here with their rough equivalents): M0 (A2), M1 (A2-B), M2 (C), M3 (D) and M4 (E except Ed2). M0 is an incombustible material.**

## 2. STANDS FITTING-OUT

### 2.1 – Stand framework and partitions – Large furniture

All materials classed M0, M1, M2, and M3(1) shall be permitted for stand framework and partition construction and for building large furnishing (crates, counters, display stands, separation screens, etc.)

Conventional classification for wooden materials (Order dated June 30th, 1983)

The following shall be deemed to have the characteristics of M3 class materials:

- solid non-resinous wood whose thickness is greater than or equal to 14 mm,
- solid resinous wood whose thickness is greater than or equal to 18 mm,

- wood-derivative panels (plywood, lath, fibreboard, particleboard) whose thickness is greater than or equal to 18 mm.

**N.B.: It is absolutely prohibited to place any facilities above the alleyways (structure or fascia band, bridge, etc.)**

### 2.2 - Surfacing Materials

#### 2.2.1 - Wall Surfacing

Wall surfacing (natural textiles or plastics) must be composed of M0, M1, or M2 (1) class materials. They may be stretched or attached with clips. Various very thin (1 mm max.) surfacing (fabric, paper, plastic films) may be used bonded directly on M0, M1, M2, or M3 material support surfaces. However, embossed or relief paper must be bonded directly to M0 materials only. Exhibited materials may be presented in the stands without required fire-reaction testing.

Nevertheless, if said materials are used for decorating partitions or fake ceilings, and if they represent more than 20% of the total surface of said elements, the provisions contained in the preceding paragraphs shall apply to them. However, said provisions shall not apply to trade shows and stands specifically for interior decoration in which textiles and wall surfacing are presented.

*(1) Or made so by fireproofing*

#### 2.2.2 - Curtains - Wall Hangings - Sheer Curtains

Curtains, wall hangings, and sheer curtains may be free-hanging if they are class M0, M1, or M2. They are, however, prohibited on stand entrance and exit doors, but authorized on cabin doors.

#### 2.2.3 - Paints and Varnishes

Paints and varnishes are strictly prohibited if they are deemed flammable (e.g. nitrocellulose or glycerophthalic)

#### 2.2.4 - Floor, Podium, Stage, and Tier Surfacing

Floor surfacing must be composed of M4 class materials and solidly attached. Surfacing, whether horizontal or not, of podiums, stages, and tiers higher than 0.3 m and total surface area greater than 20 m<sup>2</sup> must be constructed of M3 class materials. If their total surface area is less than or equal to 20 m<sup>2</sup> said surfacing may be constructed in M4 class materials.

**N.B.: for M3 or M4 class carpets on wood, factor in the attachment method. Fire reaction testing data must include the statement: "Valid for stretched laying on M3 class supports."**

### 2.3 - Decorative Elements

#### 2.3.1 - Free-Hanging Elements

Decorative elements or free-hanging decor panels (advertising panels with a surface area greater than 0.5 m<sup>2</sup>, garlands, light decorative items, etc.) must be composed of M0 or M1 class materials.

The use of signs and advertising containing white letters on a green background is strictly prohibited, as said colours are exclusively reserved for indicating exits and emergency exits.