

Terms and Conditions of the Ropecon 2016 Vendor Hall

1. Vendor responsibility

The vendor is responsible for making sure that they have all the necessary licenses and other permits to engage in commercial activity in Finland. All commercial activity must comply with the applicable Finnish laws and regulations as well as with the regulations and instructions given by the police, the fire inspectors, environmental authorities, other public authorities and the event organizers (the Ropecon Association). The official Stand Construction and Safety Guidelines given by the venue (Messukeskus, Helsinki Exhibition & Convention Centre) are applicable where appropriate. The event (Ropecon) or the event organizers are not liable for any damages or loss of revenue caused to the vendor if they are denied the necessary permits to engage in commercial activity. The vendor shall be liable for any personal or material damages to the event, the venue or to a third party (such as visitors or other vendors). The vendor must not cause any damages or disturbance to other vendors, visitors, volunteer staff members or to the organizers of the event.

2. Transfer or cancellation of reservation and right to sell

The vendor is not allowed to transfer their right to sell, nor to transfer or sublet a stand area – whether in part or in its entirety – to another person, organization, company, or to any third party without written permission from the event organizer. All necessary permits must be applied for at the latest two weeks prior to the event. The event organizer reserves the right to withdraw or deny the vendor's right to sell and/or to cancel their stand reservation. The aforementioned also applies to the transfer of entrepreneurship – whether in part or in its entirety – to a third party. If there are any changes in the ownership of the company or organization, the event organizers must be informed of these changes without delay. The event organizer reserves the right to cancel or deny the vendor's right to sell and/or stand reservation based on this information.

The vendor shall have the right to cancel their reservation up until seven weeks prior to the event for no additional fee. If the vendor cancels their reservation from seven weeks up until two weeks prior to the event, the event organizers shall be entitled to charge a fee commensurate with the expenses caused to the event due to the cancellation. If a reservation is cancelled less than two weeks prior to the event, the event organizer shall be entitled to charge the vendor full price as specified in the confirmed stand reservation.

3. Vendor information on registration

The vendor must reserve the stand area using their own full name or the name of their business, company or organization. Reservations made using a nickname are not valid and will not be accepted.

4. Stand area

The size of the stand area is rounded off to the nearest half of a meter. The event organizer reserves the right to change the amount of reserved space to a small extent from the original size agreed with the vendor. All commercial activity must take place within the stand area reserved for the vendor. It is prohibited to store or place transport crates and other similar equipment, furniture and other display furnishings and/or products outside of the designated stand area. The event organizer reserves the right to remove or demand the removal any equipment or products located outside of the designated stand area that may cause a threat or inconvenience to other vendors or to the public.

5. Opening hours

The Vendor Hall is open on Friday from 15:00 to 21:00, on Saturday from 10:00 to 18:00, and on Sunday from 10:00 to 15:00. Outside of these opening hours the Vendor Hall will be closed from the public and entrance to the area is restricted. The assembly, maintenance and dismantling hours for the stand areas are from 08:00 to 15:00 and from 21:00 to 22:00 on Friday, from 09:00 to 10:00 and from 18:00 to 19:00 on Saturday, and finally from 09:00 to 10:00 and from 15:00 to 20:00 on Sunday. The event organizer reserves the right to change the opening hours and/or the assembly, maintenance and dismantling hours of the Vendor Hall.

6. Advertising

It is strictly prohibited to attach any advertisements or signs using a method that can leave permanent markings or damage to the surfaces or other structures of the venue. The vendor must consult the event organizer for a suitable attaching method prior to displaying any materials. The vendor shall only display advertisements or signs within their designated stand area. This also applies to advertising posters, leaflets and flyers. The event organizer reserves the right to remove any advertisements and signs found outside of the designated stand area.

7. Furniture

Unless otherwise specified, the rental fee for the stands and stand areas does not include any furniture or equipment. The vendor may use their own furniture or equipment, or they can rent tables and chairs from Ropecon for an additional fee. The minimum size of the stand tables is 160-183 cm in length and 76-80 cm in width. The vendor is responsible for protecting the table surface from scratches, e.g. by using a tablecloth. The vendor is responsible for any and all damages caused to the rental furniture and other equipment during the event – whether intentional, accidental or caused by disregard.

8. Use of the stand area

The vendor may reserve electricity and/or a wired internet connection for their stand area for an additional fee. All rules and regulations on electrical safety must be followed. The electrical appliances used must be in good working condition. The event organizer reserves the right to remove any electrical wiring and electrical appliances that are faulty and/or do not meet the electrical safety requirements. All electrical wiring must be placed in a way that they do not pose a threat or inconvenience to other vendors or to the public.

The use of vehicles inside the Vendor Hall during the assembly and dismantling hours is only allowed with permission from the event organizers. All loading and unloading must be done in a way that does not cause disturbance to the commercial activities in the Vendor Hall or to the other vendors.

9. Products

Ropecon is a politically unaffiliated, non-profit event. The products sold by the vendor must not be contrary to the spirit of the event and must comply with the Finnish laws and regulations. It is prohibited to prepare, sell or serve any food or beverages to the visitors within the Vendor Hall: the Fazer Ravintolat Oy located at the venue has the exclusive right to provide catering services at the Helsinki Exhibition & Convention Centre. The event organizer reserves the right to remove any products not in compliance with the aforementioned requirements from the vendor's range of products. The event organizer shall also have the right to deny the vendor access to the event if their products do not meet the aforementioned requirements.

10. Cleanup

After the Vendor Hall has closed, the vendor is responsible for cleaning up their designated stand area. All trash and waste must be disposed of into a suitable garbage container approved by the city of Helsinki.

11. Inquiries

On request, the vendor must provide the event organizer with all the necessary documentation, administrative certificates and other clarifications on their commercial activities (e.g. extracts from the commercial register) as well as inform the organizers about any changes in the contact information of the vendor or the contact person without delay.

Upon reservation, the name of the company, the name of the contact person, contact details and the content of the reservation will be registered to the database of the event. The vendor can request to see the information stored about them within the database by sending a written request to the event organizers. The event organizers shall have the right to publish the name of the vendor and the amount of the reservation fee, as well as submit other information about the vendor to the authorities upon request.

12. Breaking Terms and Conditions

If the vendor does not comply with the above mentioned Terms and Conditions, causes public disturbance, does not pay the reservation fee in time, or sells counterfeit products, the event organizers reserve the right to deny or terminate the use of the stand area either temporarily for a specified time or permanently for the duration of the rest of the event.

13. Changes

The event and the event organizers reserve a right to all changes. The organizers, the police and other authorities shall have the right to change or restrict the opening hours of the Vendor Hall, either permanently or temporarily. The event and the event organizers are not liable for any additional damages, expenses or the loss of revenue to the vendor if the designated stand area is unavailable for use due to weather or any functional reasons or circumstances outside of the event organizers control (e.g. a strike, orders from the authorities). The liability of the event and the event organizer is restricted to returning the reservation fee paid for the stand area.

The Finnish version of these terms and conditions shall take precedence in case of any difference in interpretation ([Käyttöehdot Ropecon 2016 -tapahtuman myyntiosastoille](#)).