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ANNEX 5 – NOISE PROTOCOL

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JAARBEURS may apply for an exemption for indoor events from the Municipality of Utrecht for the Event, whereby the noise standards set out in Regulations 1.4.1. and 1.4.2. of the Environmental Permit may subject the surrounding residences to a maximum of 65 dB(A) until 11 pm. Without such an exemption, a noise standard of 50dB(A) applies between 7 am and 11 pm.

Without such an exemption, the following noise standard (LAeq) apply:

50dB(A) LAeq between 07:00 and 19:00 (day)

45dB(A) LAeq between 19:00 and 23:00 (evening)

40dB(A) LAeq between 23:00 and 07:00 (night)

In addition, the highest value of the noise level (peak load) must not exceed the following values:

70dB(A) between 07:00 and 19:00 (day)

65 dB(A) between 19:00 and 23:00 (evening)

60 dB(A) between 23:00 and 07:00 (night)

With regard to the permitted noise levels with exemptions, the 10 dB(A) music penalty factor from the Dutch Measuring Guide is not applied. This penalty factor does apply to activities with music without an exemption.

To ensure compliance with the provisions of those regulations, the RENTER and JAARBEURS have made agreements on the manner in which noise measurements, reporting and noise adjustment will take place during the Event.

- The RENTER is responsible for complying with the requirements and conditions that apply in the field of noise production set out in the Environmental Permit. If necessary, JAARBEURS will have an independent external consultancy firm permanently monitor the noise level within the rented space and outside the Jaarbeurs complex. The costs involved will be payable by the RENTER. If a noise permit is issued by the Municipality of Utrecht, monitoring and reporting by an external consultancy firm are mandatory. JAARBEURS decides which consultancy agency will be engaged.

- The RENTER must provide information on the entire programme, the activities and the installations that will produce noise during the Event in order to assess in consultation with JAARBEURS whether a noise permit should be applied for.
- If a noise permit is necessary in Jaarbeurs' opinion, the permit application must be submitted to the *RUD* (Regional Implementing Agency) or the Municipality of Utrecht preferably twelve weeks but in any event no later than eight weeks before the Event. JAARBEURS is under only a best-efforts obligation to obtain a noise permit.
- If a noise permit is granted, JAARBEURS must notify the local residents in writing no later than two weeks before the Event. The costs involved are payable by the RENTER.
- Agreements on possible sound checks and the times and duration at which they will take place will be made in consultation between JAARBEURS and the RENTER.
- The RENTER must fully cooperate with the sound monitoring as a whole.
- JAARBEURS will use the measurements of the consultancy firm to monitor the maximum permitted noise level of 65 dB(A) at the surrounding homes.
- JAARBEURS will immediately notify the RENTER if the noise level set is exceeded. The RENTER must ensure that the noise is reduced at the source in such a manner that the permissible outdoor value is met again within fifteen minutes after the notification.
- If, after the notification, the noise level continues to be exceeded, JAARBEURS reserves the right to charge all the directly and indirectly resulting costs to the RENTER, unless the noise level had to be maintained at the excessive level by order of the competent authority. The RENTER indemnifies JAARBEURS against any and all loss resulting from any exceeding of the permitted noise level.
- JAARBEURS reserves the right at any time to impose measures to prevent nuisance.
- In order to prevent noise nuisance, all hall doors must remain closed at the times at which noise is produced in the halls. No or very limited noise may furthermore be produced in the other halls, because of the doors being open when such a hall is used as an entrance to an adjacent hall. If a hall is used as an entrance hall, no noise may be produced in that hall.