

# Common auction conditions

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## Introduction

The Common Auction Conditions are designed for real estate auctions, to set a consistent practice across the industry. There are three sections, all of which must be included without variation, except where stated:

## Glossary

The glossary gives special meanings to certain words used in the conditions.

## Auction Conduct Conditions

The Auction Conduct Conditions govern the relationship between the auctioneer and anyone who participates in the auction. They apply wherever the property is located, and cannot be changed without the auctioneer's agreement.

We recommend that these conditions are set out in a two-part notice to bidders, part one containing advisory material – which auctioneers can tailor to their needs – and part two the auction conduct conditions and any extra auction conduct conditions.

## Sale Conditions

The Sale Conditions apply only to property in England and Wales, and govern the agreement between each seller and buyer. They include general conditions of sale and template forms of special conditions of sale, tenancy and arrears schedules and a sale memorandum. They must not be used if other standard conditions apply.

## GLOSSARY

This glossary applies to the AUCTION CONDUCT CONDITIONS and the SALE CONDITIONS. It is a compulsory section of the Common AUCTION Conditions that must be included without variation (but the SPECIAL CONDITIONS may include defined words that differ from the glossary so long as they apply only to the SPECIAL CONDITIONS).

The laws of England and Wales apply to the CONDITIONS and YOU, WE, the SELLER and the BUYER all submit to the jurisdiction of the Courts of England and Wales.

Wherever it makes sense:

- singular words can be read as plurals, and plurals as singular words;
- a "person" includes a corporate body;
- words of one gender include the other genders;
- references to legislation are to that legislation as it may have been modified or re-enacted by the date of the AUCTION or the CONTRACT DATE (as applicable); and
- where the following words appear in small capitals they have the specified meanings.

## ACTUAL COMPLETION DATE

The date when COMPLETION takes place or is treated as taking place for the purposes of apportionment and calculating interest.

## ADDENDUM

An amendment or addition to the CONDITIONS or to the PARTICULARS or to both whether contained in a supplement to the CATALOGUE, a written notice from the AUCTIONEERS or an oral announcement at the AUCTION.

## AGREED COMPLETION DATE

Subject to CONDITION G9.3:

- a) the date specified in the SPECIAL CONDITIONS; or
- b) if no date is specified, 20 BUSINESS DAYS after the CONTRACT DATE; but if that date is not a BUSINESS DAY the first subsequent BUSINESS DAY.

## APPROVED FINANCIAL INSTITUTION

Any bank or building society that is regulated by a competent UK regulatory authority or is otherwise acceptable to the AUCTIONEERS.

## ARREARS

ARREARS of rent and other sums due under the TENANCIES and still outstanding on the ACTUAL COMPLETION DATE.

## ARREARS SCHEDULE

The ARREARS schedule (if any) forming part of the SPECIAL CONDITIONS.

## AUCTION

The AUCTION advertised in the CATALOGUE.

## AUCTION CONDUCT CONDITIONS

The conditions so headed, including any extra AUCTION CONDUCT CONDITIONS.

## AUCTIONEERS

The AUCTIONEERS at the AUCTION.

## BUSINESS DAY

Any day except (a) Saturday or Sunday or (b) a bank or public holiday in England and Wales.

## BUYER

The person who agrees to buy the LOT or, if applicable, that person's personal representatives: if two or more are jointly the BUYER their obligations can be enforced against them jointly or against each of them separately.

## CATALOGUE

The catalogue for the AUCTION as it exists at the date of the AUCTION (or, if the catalogue is then different, the date of the CONTRACT) including any ADDENDUM and whether printed or made available electronically.

## COMPLETION

Unless the SELLER and the BUYER otherwise agree, the occasion when they have both complied with the obligations under the CONTRACT that they are obliged to comply with prior to COMPLETION, and the amount payable on COMPLETION has been unconditionally received in the SELLER'S conveyancer's client account (or as otherwise required by the terms of the CONTRACT).

## CONDITION

One of the AUCTION CONDUCT CONDITIONS or SALE CONDITIONS.

## CONTRACT

The CONTRACT by which the SELLER agrees to sell and the BUYER agrees to buy the LOT.

## CONTRACT DATE

The date of the AUCTION or, if the LOT is sold before or after the AUCTION:

- a) the date of the SALE MEMORANDUM signed by both the SELLER and BUYER; or
- b) if CONTRACTS are exchanged, the date of exchange. If exchange is not effected in person or by an irrevocable agreement to exchange made by telephone, fax or electronic mail the date of exchange is the date on which both parts have been signed and posted or otherwise placed beyond normal retrieval.

## DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENTS of title including, if title is registered, the entries on the register and the title plan and other DOCUMENTS listed or referred to in the SPECIAL CONDITIONS relating to the LOT (apart from FINANCIAL CHARGES).

## EXTRA GENERAL CONDITIONS

Any CONDITIONS added or varied by the AUCTIONEERS starting at CONDITION G30.

## FINANCIAL CHARGE

A charge to secure a loan or other financial indebtedness (but not including a rentcharge or local land charge).

## GENERAL CONDITIONS

The SALE CONDITIONS headed 'GENERAL CONDITIONS OF SALE', including any EXTRA GENERAL CONDITIONS.

## INTEREST RATE

If not specified in the SPECIAL CONDITIONS, the higher of 6% and 4% above the base rate from time to time of Barclays Bank plc. The INTEREST RATE will also apply to any judgment debt, unless the statutory rate is higher.

## LOT

Each separate property described in the CATALOGUE or (as the case may be) the property that the SELLER has agreed to sell and the BUYER to buy (including chattels, if any).

## OLD ARREARS

ARREARS due under any of the TENANCIES that are not "new TENANCIES" as defined by the Landlord and Tenant (Covenants) Act 1995.

## PARTICULARS

The section of the CATALOGUE that contains descriptions of each LOT (as varied by any ADDENDUM).

## PRACTITIONER

An insolvency PRACTITIONER for the purposes of the Insolvency Act 1986 (or, in relation to jurisdictions outside the United Kingdom, a person undertaking a similar role).

## PRICE

The PRICE (exclusive of VAT) that the BUYER agrees to pay for the LOT.

## READY TO COMPLETE

Ready, willing and able to complete: if COMPLETION would enable the SELLER to discharge all FINANCIAL CHARGES secured on the LOT that have to be discharged by COMPLETION, then those outstanding financial charges do not prevent the SELLER from being READY TO COMPLETE.

## SALE CONDITIONS

The GENERAL CONDITIONS as varied by any SPECIAL CONDITIONS or ADDENDUM.

## SALE MEMORANDUM

The form so headed (whether or not set out in the CATALOGUE) in which the terms of the CONTRACT for the sale of the LOT are recorded.

## SELLER

The person selling the LOT. If two or more are jointly the SELLER their obligations can be enforced against them jointly or against each of them separately.

## SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Those of the SALE CONDITIONS so headed that relate to the LOT.

## TENANCIES

TENANCIES, leases, licences to occupy and agreements for lease and any DOCUMENTS varying or supplemental to them.

## TENANCY SCHEDULE

The schedule of TENANCIES (if any) forming part of the SPECIAL CONDITIONS.

## TRANSFER

TRANSFER includes a conveyance or assignment (and "to TRANSFER" includes "to convey" or "to assign").

## TUPE

The TRANSFER of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006.

## VAT

Value Added Tax or other tax of a similar nature.

## VAT OPTION

An option to tax.

## WE (and US and OUR)

The AUCTIONEERS.

## YOU (and YOUR)

Someone who has seen the CATALOGUE or who attends or bids at or otherwise participates in the AUCTION, whether or not a BUYER.

## AUCTION CONDUCT CONDITIONS

Words in small capitals have the special meanings defined in the Glossary.

The AUCTION CONDUCT CONDITIONS (as supplemented or varied by CONDITION A6, if applicable) are a compulsory section of the Common AUCTION Conditions. They cannot be disapplied or varied without OUR agreement, even by a CONDITION purporting to replace the Common AUCTION Conditions in their entirety.

## A1 INTRODUCTION

A1.1 The AUCTION CONDUCT CONDITIONS apply wherever the LOT is located.

A1.2 If YOU make a bid for a LOT or otherwise participate in the AUCTION it is on the basis that YOU accept these AUCTION CONDUCT CONDITIONS. They govern OUR relationship with YOU. They can be varied only if WE agree.

## A2 OUR ROLE

A2.1 As agents for each SELLER we have authority to

- (a) prepare the CATALOGUE from information supplied by or on behalf of each SELLER;
- (b) offer each LOT for sale;
- (c) sell each LOT;
- (d) receive and hold deposits;
- (e) sign each SALE MEMORANDUM; and

(f) treat a CONTRACT as repudiated if the BUYER fails to sign a SALE MEMORANDUM or pay a deposit as required by these AUCTION CONDUCT CONDITIONS or fails to provide identification as required by the AUCTIONEERS.

A2.2 OUR decision on the conduct of the AUCTION is final.

A2.3 WE may cancel the AUCTION, or alter the order in which LOTS are offered for sale. WE may also combine or divide LOTS. A LOT may be sold or withdrawn from sale prior to the AUCTION.

A2.4 YOU acknowledge that to the extent permitted by law WE owe YOU no duty of care and YOU have no claim against US for any loss.

A2.5 WE may refuse to admit one or more persons to the AUCTION without having to explain why.

A2.6 YOU may not be allowed to bid unless YOU provide such evidence of YOUR identity and other information as WE reasonably require from all bidders.

## A3 BIDDING AND RESERVE PRICES

A3.1 All bids are to be made in pounds sterling exclusive of VAT.

A3.2 WE may refuse to accept a bid. WE do not have to explain why.

A3.3 If there is a dispute over bidding WE are entitled to resolve it, and OUR decision is final.

A3.4 Unless stated otherwise each LOT is subject to a reserve PRICE (which may be fixed just before the LOT is offered for sale). If no bid equals or exceeds that reserve PRICE the LOT will be withdrawn from the AUCTION.

A3.5 Where there is a reserve PRICE the SELLER may bid (or ask US or another agent to bid on the SELLER'S behalf) up to the reserve PRICE but may not make a bid equal to or exceeding the reserve PRICE. YOU accept that it is possible that all bids up to the reserve PRICE are bids made by or on behalf of the SELLER.

## A4 THE PARTICULARS AND OTHER INFORMATION

A4.1 WE have taken reasonable care to prepare PARTICULARS that correctly describe each LOT.

The PARTICULARS are based on information supplied by or on behalf of the SELLER. YOU need to check that the information in the PARTICULARS is correct.

A4.2 If the SPECIAL CONDITIONS do not contain a description of the LOT, or simply refer to the relevant LOT number, you take the risk that the description contained in the PARTICULARS is incomplete or inaccurate, as the PARTICULARS have not been prepared by a conveyancer and are not intended to form part of a legal CONTRACT.

A4.3 The PARTICULARS and the SALE CONDITIONS may change prior to the AUCTION and it is YOUR responsibility to check that YOU have the correct versions.

A4.4 If WE provide information, or a copy of a DOCUMENT, WE do so only on the basis that WE are not responsible for the accuracy of that information or DOCUMENT.

## A5 THE CONTRACT

A5.1 A successful bid is one WE accept as such (normally on the fall of the hammer). This CONDITION A5 applies to YOU only if YOU make the successful bid for a LOT.

A5.2 YOU are obliged to buy the LOT on the terms of the SALE MEMORANDUM at the PRICE YOU bid (plus VAT, if applicable).

A5.3 YOU must before leaving the AUCTION

- (a) provide all information WE reasonably need from YOU to enable US to complete the SALE MEMORANDUM (including proof of your identity if required by US);
- (b) sign the completed SALE MEMORANDUM; and
- (c) pay the deposit.

A5.4 If YOU do not WE may either

- (a) as agent for the SELLER treat that failure as YOUR repudiation of the CONTRACT and offer the LOT for sale again: the SELLER may then have a claim against YOU for breach of CONTRACT; or

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A5.5	<p>(b) sign the SALE MEMORANDUM on YOUR behalf.</p> <p>The deposit</p> <p>(a) must be paid in pounds sterling by cheque or by bankers' draft made payable to US (or, at OUR option, the SELLER'S conveyancer) drawn on an APPROVED FINANCIAL INSTITUTION (CONDITION A6 may state if WE accept any other form of payment);</p> <p>(b) may be declined by US unless drawn on YOUR account, or that of the BUYER, or of another person who (we are satisfied) would not expose US to a breach of money laundering regulations;</p> <p>(c) is to be held by US (or, at OUR option, the SELLER'S conveyancer); and</p> <p>(d) is to be held as stakeholder where VAT would be chargeable on the deposit were it to be held as agent for the SELLER, but otherwise is to be held as stakeholder unless the SALE CONDITIONS require it to be held as agent for the SELLER.</p>	<p> fittings. The SPECIAL CONDITIONS state whether any chattels are included in the LOT, but if they are:</p> <p>(a) the BUYER takes them as they are at COMPLETION and the SELLER is not liable if they are not fit for use, and</p> <p>(b) the SELLER is to leave them at the LOT.</p> <p>G1.8 The BUYER buys with full knowledge of</p> <p>(a) the DOCUMENTS, whether or not the BUYER has read them; and</p> <p>(b) the physical condition of the LOT and what could reasonably be discovered on inspection of it, whether or not the BUYER has inspected it.</p> <p>G1.9 The BUYER admits that it is not relying on the information contained in the PARTICULARS or on any representations made by or on behalf of the SELLER but the BUYER may rely on the SELLER'S conveyancer's written replies to written enquiries to the extent stated in those replies.</p>	<p>of title made to the Land Registry and of the DOCUMENTS accompanying that application;</p> <p>(ii) evidence that all applicable stamp duty land tax relating to that application has been paid; and</p> <p>(iii) a letter under which the SELLER or its conveyancer agrees to use all reasonable endeavours to answer any requisitions raised by the Land Registry and to instruct the Land Registry to send the completed registration DOCUMENTS to the BUYER.</p> <p>(d) The BUYER has no right to object to or make requisitions on any title information more than seven BUSINESS DAYS after that information has been given to the BUYER.</p>
A5.6	<p>WE may retain the SALE MEMORANDUM signed by or on behalf of the SELLER until the deposit has been received in cleared funds.</p>	<p><b>G2 DEPOSIT</b></p> <p>G2.1 The amount of the deposit is the greater of:</p> <p>(a) any minimum deposit stated in the AUCTION CONDUCT CONDITIONS (or the total PRICE, if this is less than that minimum); and</p>	<p>G4.3 Unless otherwise stated in the SPECIAL CONDITIONS the SELLER sells with full title guarantee except that (and the TRANSFER shall so provide):</p> <p>(a) the covenant set out in section 3 of the Law of Property (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1994 shall not extend to matters recorded in registers open to public inspection; these are to be treated as within the actual knowledge of the BUYER; and</p>
A5.7	<p>Where WE hold the deposit as stakeholder WE are authorised to release it (and interest on it if applicable) to the SELLER on COMPLETION or, if COMPLETION does not take place, to the person entitled to it under the SALE CONDITIONS.</p>	<p>(b) 10% of the PRICE (exclusive of any VAT on the PRICE).</p> <p>G2.2 If a cheque for all or part of the deposit is not cleared on first presentation the SELLER may treat the CONTRACT as at an end and bring a claim against the BUYER for breach of CONTRACT.</p>	<p>(b) the covenant set out in section 4(1)(b) of the Law of Property (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1994 shall not extend to any condition or tenant's obligation relating to the state or condition of the LOT where the LOT is leasehold property.</p>
A5.8	<p>If the BUYER does not comply with its obligations under the CONTRACT then</p> <p>(a) YOU are personally liable to buy the LOT even if YOU are acting as an agent; and</p> <p>(b) YOU must indemnify the SELLER in respect of any loss the SELLER incurs as a result of the BUYER'S default.</p>	<p>G2.3 Interest earned on the deposit belongs to the SELLER unless the SALE CONDITIONS provide otherwise.</p>	<p>G4.4 The TRANSFER is to have effect as if expressly subject to all matters subject to which the LOT is sold under the CONTRACT.</p>
A5.9	<p>Where the BUYER is a company YOU warrant that the BUYER is properly constituted and able to buy the LOT.</p>	<p><b>G3 BETWEEN CONTRACT AND COMPLETION</b></p> <p>G3.1 From the CONTRACT DATE the SELLER has no obligation to insure the LOT and the BUYER bears all risks of loss or damage unless</p>	<p>G4.5 The SELLER does not have to produce, nor may the BUYER object to or make a requisition in relation to, any prior or superior title even if it is referred to in the DOCUMENTS.</p>
A6	<p><b>EXTRA AUCTION CONDUCT CONDITIONS</b></p>	<p>(a) the LOT is sold subject to a TENANCY that requires the SELLER to insure the LOT or</p> <p>(b) the SPECIAL CONDITIONS require the SELLER to insure the LOT.</p>	<p>G4.6 The SELLER (and, if relevant, the BUYER) must produce to each other such confirmation of, or evidence of, their identity and that of their mortgagees and attorneys (if any) as is necessary for the other to be able to comply with applicable Money Laundering Regulations and Land Registry Rules.</p>
A6.1	<p>Despite any SPECIAL CONDITION to the contrary the minimum deposit WE accept is £5,000 (or the total PRICE, if less). A SPECIAL CONDITION may, however, require a higher minimum deposit.</p>	<p>G3.2 If the SELLER is required to insure the LOT then the SELLER</p> <p>(a) must produce to the BUYER on request all relevant insurance details;</p>	<p><b>G5 TRANSFER</b></p> <p>G5.1 Unless a form of TRANSFER is prescribed by the SPECIAL CONDITIONS</p>
A6	<p><b>GENERAL CONDITIONS OF SALE</b></p>	<p>(b) must use reasonable endeavours to maintain that or equivalent insurance and pay the premiums when due;</p> <p>(c) gives no warranty as to the adequacy of the insurance;</p> <p>(d) must at the request of the BUYER use reasonable endeavours to have the BUYER'S interest noted on the policy if it does not cover a contracting purchaser;</p>	<p>(a) the BUYER must supply a draft TRANSFER to the SELLER at least ten BUSINESS DAYS before the AGREED COMPLETION DATE and the engrossment (signed as a deed by the BUYER if CONDITION G5.2 applies) five BUSINESS DAYS before that date or (if later) two BUSINESS DAYS after the draft has been approved by the SELLER; and</p>
A6.1	<p>Words in small capitals have the special meanings defined in the Glossary.</p> <p>The GENERAL CONDITIONS (as WE supplement or change them by any EXTRA GENERAL CONDITIONS or ADDENDUM) are compulsory but may be disapplied or changed in relation to one or more LOTS by SPECIAL CONDITIONS. The template form of SALE MEMORANDUM is not compulsory but is to be varied only if WE agree. The template forms of SPECIAL CONDITIONS and schedules are recommended, but are not compulsory and may be changed by the SELLER of a LOT.</p>	<p>(e) must, unless otherwise agreed, cancel the insurance at COMPLETION, apply for a refund of premium and (subject to the rights of any tenant or other third party) pay that refund to the BUYER; and</p> <p>(f) (subject to the rights of any tenant or other third party) hold on trust for the BUYER any insurance payments that the SELLER receives in respect of loss or damage arising after the CONTRACT DATE, or assign to the BUYER the benefit of any claim;</p>	<p>(b) the SELLER must approve or revise the draft TRANSFER within five BUSINESS DAYS of receiving it from the BUYER.</p>
A6.1	<p><b>THE LOT</b></p>	<p>and the BUYER must on COMPLETION reimburse to the SELLER the cost of that insurance as from the CONTRACT DATE (to the extent not already paid by the BUYER or a tenant or other third party).</p>	<p>G5.2 If the SELLER has any liability (other than to the BUYER) in relation to the LOT or a TENANCY following COMPLETION, the BUYER is specifically to covenant in the TRANSFER to indemnify the SELLER against that liability.</p>
G1.1	<p>The LOT (including any rights to be granted or reserved, and any exclusions from it) is described in the SPECIAL CONDITIONS, or if not so described is that referred to in the SALE MEMORANDUM.</p>	<p>G3.3 No damage to or destruction of the LOT, nor any deterioration in its condition, however caused, entitles the BUYER to any reduction in PRICE, or to delay COMPLETION, or to refuse to complete.</p>	<p>G5.3 The SELLER cannot be required to TRANSFER the LOT to anyone other than the BUYER, or by more than one TRANSFER.</p>
G1.2	<p>The LOT is sold subject to any TENANCIES disclosed by the SPECIAL CONDITIONS, but otherwise with vacant possession on COMPLETION.</p>	<p>G3.4 Section 47 of the Law of Property Act 1925 does not apply to the CONTRACT.</p>	<p>G5.4 Where the SPECIAL CONDITIONS state that the SELLER is to grant a new lease to the BUYER</p>
G1.3	<p>The LOT is sold subject to all matters contained or referred to in the DOCUMENTS. The SELLER must discharge FINANCIAL CHARGES on or before COMPLETION.</p>	<p>G3.5 Unless the BUYER is already lawfully in occupation of the LOT the BUYER has no right to enter into occupation prior to COMPLETION.</p>	<p>(a) the CONDITIONS are to be read so that the TRANSFER refers to the new lease, the SELLER to the proposed landlord and the BUYER to the proposed tenant;</p>
G1.4	<p>The LOT is also sold subject to such of the following as may affect it, whether they arise before or after the CONTRACT DATE and whether or not they are disclosed by the SELLER or are apparent from inspection of the LOT or from the DOCUMENTS:</p>	<p><b>G4 TITLE AND IDENTITY</b></p>	<p>(b) the form of new lease is that described by the SPECIAL CONDITIONS; and</p>
	<p>(a) matters registered or capable of registration as local land charges;</p> <p>(b) matters registered or capable of registration by any competent authority or under the provisions of any statute;</p>	<p>G4.1 Unless CONDITION G4.2 applies, the BUYER accepts the title of the SELLER to the LOT as at the CONTRACT DATE and may raise no requisition or objection to any of the DOCUMENTS that is made available before the AUCTION or any other matter, except one that occurs after the CONTRACT DATE.</p>	<p>(c) the SELLER is to produce, at least five BUSINESS DAYS before the AGREED COMPLETION DATE, the engrossed counterpart lease, which the BUYER is to sign and deliver to the SELLER on COMPLETION.</p>
	<p>(c) notices, orders, demands, proposals and requirements of any competent authority;</p> <p>(d) charges, notices, orders, restrictions, agreements and other matters relating to town and country planning, highways or public health;</p>	<p>G4.2 The following provisions apply only to any of the following DOCUMENTS that is not made available before the AUCTION:</p>	<p><b>G6 COMPLETION</b></p>
	<p>(e) rights, easements, quasi-easements, and wayleaves;</p> <p>(f) outgoing and other liabilities;</p> <p>(g) any interest which overrides, under the Land Registration Act 2002;</p>	<p>(a) If the LOT is registered land the SELLER is to give to the BUYER within five BUSINESS DAYS of the CONTRACT DATE an official copy of the entries on the register and title plan and, where noted on the register, of all DOCUMENTS subject to which the LOT is being sold.</p>	<p>G6.1 COMPLETION is to take place at the offices of the SELLER'S conveyancer, or where the SELLER may reasonably require, on the AGREED COMPLETION DATE. The SELLER can only be required to complete on a BUSINESS DAY and between the hours of 0930 and 1700.</p>
	<p>(h) matters that ought to be disclosed by the searches and enquiries a prudent BUYER would make, whether or not the BUYER has made them; and</p> <p>(i) anything the SELLER does not and could not reasonably know about.</p>	<p>(b) If the LOT is not registered land the SELLER is to give to the BUYER within five BUSINESS DAYS of the CONTRACT DATE an abstract or epitome of title starting from the root of title mentioned in the SPECIAL CONDITIONS (or, if none is mentioned, a good root of title more than fifteen years old) and must produce to the BUYER the original or an examined copy of every relevant DOCUMENT.</p>	<p>G6.2 The amount payable on COMPLETION is the balance of the PRICE adjusted to take account of apportionments plus (if applicable) VAT and interest, but no other amounts unless specified in the SPECIAL CONDITIONS.</p>
	<p>Where anything subject to which the LOT is sold would expose the SELLER to liability the BUYER is to comply with it and indemnify the SELLER against that liability.</p>	<p>(c) If title is in the course of registration, title is to consist of:</p> <p>(i) certified copies of the application for registration</p>	<p>G6.3 Payment is to be made in pounds sterling and only by</p> <p>(a) direct TRANSFER from the BUYER'S conveyancer to the SELLER'S conveyancer; and</p> <p>(b) the release of any deposit held by a stakeholder or in such other manner as the SELLER'S conveyancer may agree.</p>
	<p>The SELLER must notify the BUYER of any notices, orders, demands, proposals and requirements of any competent authority of which it learns after the CONTRACT DATE but the BUYER must comply with them and keep the SELLER indemnified.</p>		<p>G6.4 Unless the SELLER and the BUYER otherwise agree, COMPLETION cannot take place until both have complied with the obligations under the CONTRACT that they are obliged to comply with prior to COMPLETION, and the amount payable on COMPLETION is unconditionally received in the SELLER'S conveyancer's client account or as otherwise required by the terms of the CONTRACT.</p>
	<p>The LOT does not include any tenant's or trade fixtures or</p>		<p>G6.5 If COMPLETION takes place after 1400 hours for a reason</p>

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	other than the SELLER'S default it is to be treated, for the purposes of apportionment and calculating interest, as if it had taken place on the next BUSINESS DAY.		
G6.6	Where applicable the CONTRACT remains in force following COMPLETION.		
<b>G7</b>	<b>NOTICE TO COMPLETE</b>		
G7.1	The SELLER or the BUYER may on or after the AGREED COMPLETION DATE but before COMPLETION give the other notice to complete within ten BUSINESS DAYS (excluding the date on which the notice is given) making time of the essence.		
G7.2	The person giving the notice must be READY TO COMPLETE.		
G7.3	If the BUYER fails to comply with a notice to complete the SELLER may, without affecting any other remedy the SELLER has:		
	(a) terminate the CONTRACT;		
	(b) claim the deposit and any interest on it if held by a stakeholder;		
	(c) forfeit the deposit and any interest on it;		
	(d) resell the LOT; and		
	(e) claim damages from the BUYER.		
G7.4	If the SELLER fails to comply with a notice to complete the BUYER may, without affecting any other remedy the BUYER has:		
	(a) terminate the CONTRACT; and		
	(b) recover the deposit and any interest on it from the SELLER or, if applicable, a stakeholder.		
<b>G8</b>	<b>IF THE CONTRACT IS BROUGHT TO AN END</b>		
	If the CONTRACT is lawfully brought to an end:		
	(a) the BUYER must return all papers to the SELLER and appoints the SELLER its agent to cancel any registration of the CONTRACT; and		
	(b) the SELLER must return the deposit and any interest on it to the BUYER (and the BUYER may claim it from the stakeholder, if applicable) unless the SELLER is entitled to forfeit the deposit under CONDITION G7.3.		
<b>G9</b>	<b>LANDLORD'S LICENCE</b>		
G9.1	Where the LOT is or includes leasehold land and licence to assign or sublet is required this CONDITION G9 applies.		
G9.2	The CONTRACT is conditional on that licence being obtained, by way of formal licence if that is what the landlord lawfully requires.		
G9.3	The AGREED COMPLETION DATE is not to be earlier than the date five BUSINESS DAYS after the SELLER has given notice to the BUYER that licence has been obtained ("licence notice").		
G9.4	The SELLER must		
	(a) use all reasonable endeavours to obtain the licence at the SELLER'S expense; and		
	(b) enter into any Authorised Guarantee Agreement ("AGA") properly required (procuring a guarantee of that AGA if lawfully required by the landlord).		
G9.5	The BUYER must promptly		
	(a) provide references and other relevant information; and		
	(b) comply with the landlord's lawful requirements.		
G9.6	If within three months of the CONTRACT DATE (or such longer period as the SELLER and BUYER agree) the SELLER has not given licence notice to the BUYER the SELLER or the BUYER may (if not then in breach of any obligation under this CONDITION G9) by notice to the other terminate the CONTRACT at any time before the SELLER has given licence notice. That termination is without prejudice to the claims of either SELLER or BUYER for breach of this CONDITION G9.		
<b>G10</b>	<b>INTEREST AND APPORTIONMENTS</b>		
G10.1	If the ACTUAL COMPLETION DATE is after the AGREED COMPLETION DATE for any reason other than the SELLER'S default the BUYER must pay interest at the INTEREST RATE on the money due from the BUYER at COMPLETION for the period starting on the AGREED COMPLETION DATE and ending on the ACTUAL COMPLETION DATE.		
G10.2	Subject to CONDITION G11 the SELLER is not obliged to apportion or account for any sum at COMPLETION unless the SELLER has received that sum in cleared funds. The SELLER must promptly pay to the BUYER after COMPLETION any sum to which the BUYER is entitled that the SELLER subsequently receives in cleared funds.		
G10.3	Income and outgoings are to be apportioned at the ACTUAL COMPLETION DATE unless:		
	(a) the BUYER is liable to pay interest; and		
	(b) the SELLER has given notice to the BUYER at any time up to COMPLETION requiring apportionment on the date from which interest becomes payable by the BUYER; in which event income and outgoings are to be apportioned on the date from which interest becomes payable by the BUYER.		
G10.4	Apportionments are to be calculated on the basis that:		
	(a) the SELLER receives income and is liable for outgoings for the whole of the day on which apportionment is to be made;		
	(b) annual income and expenditure accrues at an equal daily		
	rate assuming 365 days in a year (or 366 in a leap year), and income and expenditure relating to some other period accrues at an equal daily rate during the period to which it relates; and		
	(c) where the amount to be apportioned is not known at COMPLETION apportionment is to be made by reference to a reasonable estimate and further payment is to be made by SELLER or BUYER as appropriate within five BUSINESS DAYS of the date when the amount is known.		
G10.5	If a payment due from the BUYER to the SELLER on or after COMPLETION is not paid by the due date, the BUYER is to pay interest to the SELLER at the INTEREST RATE on that payment from the due date up to and including the date of payment.		
<b>G11</b>	<b>ARREARS</b>		
	Part 1 – Current rent		
G11.1	"Current rent" means, in respect of each of the TENANCIES subject to which the LOT is sold, the instalment of rent and other sums payable by the tenant on the most recent rent payment date on or within four months preceding COMPLETION.		
G11.2	If on COMPLETION there are any ARREARS of current rent the BUYER must pay them, whether or not details of those ARREARS are given in the SPECIAL CONDITIONS.		
G11.3	Parts 2 and 3 of this CONDITION G11 do not apply to ARREARS of current rent.		
	Part 2 – BUYER to pay for ARREARS		
G11.4	Part 2 of this CONDITION G11 applies where the SPECIAL CONDITIONS give details of ARREARS.		
G11.5	The BUYER is on COMPLETION to pay, in addition to any other money then due, an amount equal to all ARREARS of which details are set out in the SPECIAL CONDITIONS.		
G11.6	If those ARREARS are not OLD ARREARS the SELLER is to assign to the BUYER all rights that the SELLER has to recover those ARREARS.		
	Part 3 – BUYER not to pay for ARREARS		
G11.7	Part 3 of this CONDITION G11 applies where the SPECIAL CONDITIONS		
	(a) so state; or		
	(b) give no details of any ARREARS.		
G11.8	While any ARREARS due to the SELLER remain unpaid the BUYER must:		
	(a) try to collect them in the ordinary course of management but need not take legal proceedings or forfeit the TENANCY;		
	(b) pay them to the SELLER within five BUSINESS DAYS of receipt in cleared funds (plus interest at the INTEREST RATE calculated on a daily basis for each subsequent day's delay in payment);		
	(c) on request, at the cost of the SELLER, assign to the SELLER or as the SELLER may direct the right to demand and sue for OLD ARREARS, such assignment to be in such form as the SELLER'S conveyancer may reasonably require;		
	(d) if reasonably required, allow the SELLER'S conveyancer to have on loan the counterpart of any TENANCY against an undertaking to hold it to the BUYER'S order;		
	(e) not without the consent of the SELLER release any tenant or surety from liability to pay ARREARS or accept a surrender of or forfeit any TENANCY under which ARREARS are due; and		
	(f) if the BUYER disposes of the LOT prior to recovery of all ARREARS obtain from the BUYER'S successor in title a covenant in favour of the SELLER in similar form to part 3 of this CONDITION G11.		
G11.9	Where the SELLER has the right to recover ARREARS it must not without the BUYER'S written consent bring insolvency proceedings against a tenant or seek the removal of goods from the LOT.		
<b>G12</b>	<b>MANAGEMENT</b>		
G12.1	This CONDITION G12 applies where the LOT is sold subject to TENANCIES.		
G12.2	The SELLER is to manage the LOT in accordance with its standard management policies pending COMPLETION.		
G12.3	The SELLER must consult the BUYER on all management issues that would affect the BUYER after COMPLETION (such as, but not limited to, an application for licence; a rent review; a variation, surrender, agreement to surrender or proposed forfeiture of a TENANCY; or a new TENANCY or agreement to grant a new TENANCY) and:		
	(a) the SELLER must comply with the BUYER'S reasonable requirements unless to do so would (but for the indemnity in paragraph (c)) expose the SELLER to a liability that the SELLER would not otherwise have, in which case the SELLER may act reasonably in such a way as to avoid that liability;		
	(b) if the SELLER gives the BUYER notice of the SELLER'S intended act and the BUYER does not object within five BUSINESS DAYS giving reasons for the objection the SELLER may act as the SELLER intends; and		
	(c) the BUYER is to indemnify the SELLER against all loss or liability the SELLER incurs through acting as the BUYER requires, or by reason of delay caused by the BUYER.		
<b>G13</b>	<b>RENT DEPOSITS</b>		
G13.1	Where any TENANCY is an assured shorthold TENANCY, the SELLER and the BUYER are to comply with their respective statutory duties in relation to the protection of tenants' deposits, and to demonstrate in writing to the other (before COMPLETION, so far as practicable) that they have complied.		
G13.2	The remainder of this CONDITION G13 applies where the SELLER is holding or otherwise entitled to money by way of rent deposit in respect of a TENANCY. In this CONDITION G13 "rent deposit deed" means the deed or other DOCUMENT under which the rent deposit is held.		
G13.3	If the rent deposit is not assignable the SELLER must on COMPLETION hold the rent deposit on trust for the BUYER and, subject to the terms of the rent deposit deed, comply at the cost of the BUYER with the BUYER'S lawful instructions.		
G13.4	Otherwise the SELLER must on COMPLETION pay and assign its interest in the rent deposit to the BUYER under an assignment in which the BUYER covenants with the SELLER to:		
	(a) observe and perform the SELLER'S covenants and conditions in the rent deposit deed and indemnify the SELLER in respect of any breach;		
	(b) give notice of assignment to the tenant; and		
	(c) give such direct covenant to the tenant as may be required by the rent deposit deed.		
<b>G14</b>	<b>VAT</b>		
G14.1	Where a SALE CONDITION requires money to be paid or other consideration to be given, the payer must also pay any VAT that is chargeable on that money or consideration, but only if given a valid VAT invoice.		
G14.2	Where the SPECIAL CONDITIONS state that no VAT OPTION has been made the SELLER confirms that none has been made by it or by any company in the same VAT group nor will be prior to COMPLETION.		
<b>G15</b>	<b>TRANSFER AS A GOING CONCERN</b>		
G15.1	Where the SPECIAL CONDITIONS so state:		
	(a) the SELLER and the BUYER intend, and will take all practicable steps (short of an appeal) to procure, that the sale is treated as a TRANSFER of a going concern; and		
	(b) this CONDITION G15 applies.		
G15.2	The SELLER confirms that the SELLER:		
	(a) is registered for VAT, either in the SELLER'S name or as a member of the same VAT group; and		
	(b) has (unless the sale is a standard-rated supply) made in relation to the LOT a VAT OPTION that remains valid and will not be revoked before COMPLETION.		
G15.3	The BUYER confirms that		
	(a) it is registered for VAT, either in the BUYER'S name or as a member of a VAT group;		
	(b) it has made, or will make before COMPLETION, a VAT OPTION in relation to the LOT and will not revoke it before or within three months after COMPLETION;		
	(c) Order 5(2B) of the Value Added Tax (Special Provisions) Order 1995 does not apply to it; and		
	(d) it is not buying the LOT as a nominee for another person.		
G15.4	The BUYER is to give to the SELLER as early as possible before the AGREED COMPLETION DATE evidence		
	(a) of the BUYER'S VAT registration;		
	(b) that the BUYER has made a VAT OPTION; and		
	(c) that the VAT OPTION has been notified in writing to HM Revenue and Customs; and if it does not produce the relevant evidence at least two BUSINESS DAYS before the AGREED COMPLETION DATE, CONDITION G14.1 applies at COMPLETION.		
G15.5	The BUYER confirms that after COMPLETION the BUYER intends to		
	(a) retain and manage the LOT for the BUYER'S own benefit as a continuing business as a going concern subject to and with the benefit of the TENANCIES; and		
	(b) collect the rents payable under the TENANCIES and charge VAT on them.		
G15.6	If, after COMPLETION, it is found that the sale of the LOT is not a TRANSFER of a going concern then:		
	(a) the SELLER'S conveyancer is to notify the BUYER'S conveyancer of that finding and provide a VAT invoice in respect of the sale of the LOT;		
	(b) the BUYER must within five BUSINESS DAYS of receipt of the VAT invoice pay to the SELLER the VAT due; and		
	(c) if VAT is payable because the BUYER has not complied with this CONDITION G15, the BUYER must pay and indemnify the SELLER against all costs, interest, penalties or surcharges that the SELLER incurs as a result.		
<b>G16</b>	<b>CAPITAL ALLOWANCES</b>		
G16.1	This CONDITION G16 applies where the SPECIAL CONDITIONS state that there are capital allowances available in respect of the LOT.		
G16.2	The SELLER is promptly to supply to the BUYER all information reasonably required by the BUYER in		

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- connection with the BUYER's claim for capital allowances.
- G16.3 The value to be attributed to those items on which capital allowances may be claimed is set out in the SPECIAL CONDITIONS.
- G16.4 The SELLER and BUYER agree:
- (a) to make an election on COMPLETION under Section 198 of the Capital Allowances Act 2001 to give effect to this CONDITION G16; and
- (b) to submit the value specified in the SPECIAL CONDITIONS to HM Revenue and Customs for the purposes of their respective capital allowance computations.
- G17 MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS**
- G17.1 The SELLER agrees to use reasonable endeavours to TRANSFER to the BUYER, at the BUYER's cost, the benefit of the maintenance agreements specified in the SPECIAL CONDITIONS.
- G17.2 The BUYER must assume, and indemnify the SELLER in respect of, all liability under such agreements from the ACTUAL COMPLETION DATE.
- G18 LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT 1987**
- G18.1 This CONDITION G18 applies where the sale is a relevant disposal for the purposes of part I of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1987
- G18.2 The SELLER warrants that the SELLER has complied with sections 5B and 7 of that Act and that the requisite majority of qualifying tenants has not accepted the offer.
- G19 SALE BY PRACTITIONER**
- G19.1 This CONDITION G19 applies where the sale is by a PRACTITIONER either as SELLER or as agent of the SELLER.
- G19.2 The PRACTITIONER has been duly appointed and is empowered to sell the LOT.
- G19.3 Neither the PRACTITIONER nor the firm or any member of the firm to which the PRACTITIONER belongs has any personal liability in connection with the sale or the performance of the SELLER's obligations. The TRANSFER is to include a declaration excluding that personal liability.
- G19.4 The LOT is sold
- (a) in its condition at COMPLETION;
- (b) for such title as the SELLER may have; and
- (c) with no title guarantee;
- and the BUYER has no right to terminate the CONTRACT or any other remedy if information provided about the LOT is inaccurate, incomplete or missing.
- G19.5 Where relevant:
- (a) the DOCUMENTS must include certified copies of those under which the PRACTITIONER is appointed, the DOCUMENT of appointment and the PRACTITIONER'S acceptance of appointment; and
- (b) the SELLER may require the TRANSFER to be by the lender exercising its power of sale under the Law of Property Act 1925.
- G19.6 The BUYER understands this CONDITION G19 and agrees that it is fair in the circumstances of a sale by a PRACTITIONER.
- G20 TUPE**
- G20.1 If the SPECIAL CONDITIONS state "there are no employees to which TUPE applies", this is a warranty by the SELLER to this effect.
- G20.2 If the SPECIAL CONDITIONS do not state "there are no employees to which TUPE applies" the following paragraphs apply:
- (a) The SELLER must notify the BUYER of those employees whose CONTRACTS of employment will TRANSFER to the BUYER on COMPLETION (the "Transferring Employees"). This notification must be given to the BUYER not less than 14 days before COMPLETION.
- (b) The BUYER confirms that it will comply with its obligations under TUPE and any SPECIAL CONDITIONS in respect of the TRANSFERring Employees.
- (c) The BUYER and the SELLER acknowledge that pursuant and subject to TUPE, the CONTRACTS of employment between the TRANSFERring Employees and the SELLER will TRANSFER to the BUYER on COMPLETION.
- (d) The BUYER is to keep the SELLER indemnified against all liability for the TRANSFERring Employees after COMPLETION.
- G21 ENVIRONMENTAL**
- G21.1 This CONDITION G21 only applies where the SPECIAL CONDITIONS so provide.
- G21.2 The SELLER has made available such reports as the SELLER has as to the environmental condition of the LOT and has given the BUYER the opportunity to carry out investigations (whether or not the BUYER has read those reports or carried out any investigation) and the BUYER admits that the PRICE takes into account the environmental condition of the LOT
- G21.3 The BUYER agrees to indemnify the SELLER in respect of all liability for or resulting from the environmental condition of the LOT.
- G22 SERVICE CHARGE**
- G22.1 This CONDITION G22 applies where the LOT is sold subject to TENANCIES that include service charge provisions.
- G22.2 No apportionment is to be made at COMPLETION in respect of service charges.
- G22.3 Within two months after COMPLETION the SELLER must provide to the BUYER a detailed service charge account for the service charge year current on COMPLETION showing:
- (a) service charge expenditure attributable to each TENANCY;
- (b) payments on account of service charge received from each tenant;
- (c) any amounts due from a tenant that have not been received;
- (d) any service charge expenditure that is not attributable to any TENANCY and is for that reason irrecoverable.
- G22.4 In respect of each TENANCY, if the service charge account shows:
- (a) that payments that the tenant has made on account exceed attributable service charge expenditure, the SELLER must pay to the BUYER an amount equal to that excess when it provides the service charge account; or
- (b) that attributable service charge expenditure exceeds payments made on account, the BUYER must use all reasonable endeavours to recover the shortfall from the tenant as soon as practicable and promptly pay the amount so recovered to the SELLER;
- but in respect of payments on account that are still due from a tenant CONDITION G11 (ARREARS) applies.
- G22.5 In respect of service charge expenditure that is not attributable to any TENANCY the SELLER must pay the expenditure incurred in respect of the period before ACTUAL COMPLETION DATE and the BUYER must pay the expenditure incurred in respect of the period after ACTUAL COMPLETION DATE. Any necessary monetary adjustment is to be made within five BUSINESS DAYS of the SELLER providing the service charge account to the BUYER.
- G22.6 If the SELLER holds any reserve or sinking fund on account of future service charge expenditure or a depreciation fund:
- (a) the SELLER must pay it (including any interest earned on it) to the BUYER on COMPLETION; and
- (b) the BUYER must covenant with the SELLER to hold it in accordance with the terms of the TENANCIES and to indemnify the SELLER if it does not do so.
- G23 RENT REVIEWS**
- G23.1 This CONDITION G23 applies where the LOT is sold subject to a TENANCY under which a rent review due on or before the ACTUAL COMPLETION DATE has not been agreed or determined.
- G23.2 The SELLER may continue negotiations or rent review proceedings up to the ACTUAL COMPLETION DATE but may not agree the level of the revised rent or commence rent review proceedings without the written consent of the BUYER, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed.
- G23.3 Following COMPLETION the BUYER must complete rent review negotiations or proceedings as soon as reasonably practicable but may not agree the level of the revised rent without the written consent of the SELLER, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed.
- G23.4 The SELLER must promptly:
- (a) give to the BUYER full details of all rent review negotiations and proceedings, including copies of all correspondence and other papers; and
- (b) use all reasonable endeavours to substitute the BUYER for the SELLER in any rent review proceedings.
- G23.5 The SELLER and the BUYER are to keep each other informed of the progress of the rent review and have regard to any proposals the other makes in relation to it.
- G23.6 When the rent review has been agreed or determined the BUYER must account to the SELLER for any increased rent and interest recovered from the tenant that relates to the SELLER'S period of ownership within five BUSINESS DAYS of receipt of cleared funds.
- G23.7 If a rent review is agreed or determined before COMPLETION but the increased rent and any interest recoverable from the tenant has not been received by COMPLETION the increased rent and any interest recoverable is to be treated as ARREARS.
- G23.8 The SELLER and the BUYER are to bear their own costs in relation to rent review negotiations and proceedings.
- G24 TENANCY RENEWALS**
- G24.1 This CONDITION G24 applies where the tenant under a TENANCY has the right to remain in occupation under part II of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 (as amended) and references to notices and proceedings are to notices and proceedings under that Act.
- G24.2 Where practicable, without exposing the SELLER to liability or penalty, the SELLER must not without the written consent of the BUYER (which the BUYER must not unreasonably withhold or delay) serve or respond to any notice or begin or continue any proceedings.
- G24.3 If the SELLER receives a notice the SELLER must send a copy to the BUYER within five BUSINESS DAYS and act as the BUYER reasonably directs in relation to it.
- G24.4 Following COMPLETION the BUYER must:
- (a) with the co-operation of the SELLER take immediate steps to substitute itself as a party to any proceedings;
- (b) use all reasonable endeavours to conclude any proceedings or negotiations for the renewal of the TENANCY and the determination of any interim rent as soon as reasonably practicable at the best rent or rents reasonably obtainable; and
- (c) if any increased rent is recovered from the tenant (whether as interim rent or under the renewed TENANCY) account to the SELLER for the part of that increase that relates to the SELLER'S period of ownership of the LOT within five BUSINESS DAYS of receipt of cleared funds.
- G24.5 The SELLER and the BUYER are to bear their own costs in relation to the renewal of the TENANCY and any proceedings relating to this.
- G25 WARRANTIES**
- G25.1 Available warranties are listed in the SPECIAL CONDITIONS.
- G25.2 Where a warranty is assignable the SELLER must:
- (a) on COMPLETION assign it to the BUYER and give notice of assignment to the person who gave the warranty; and
- (b) apply for (and the SELLER and the BUYER must use all reasonable endeavours to obtain) any consent to assign that is required. If consent has not been obtained by COMPLETION the warranty must be assigned within five BUSINESS DAYS after the consent has been obtained.
- G25.3 If a warranty is not assignable the SELLER must after COMPLETION:
- (a) hold the warranty on trust for the BUYER; and
- (b) at the BUYER'S cost comply with such of the lawful instructions of the BUYER in relation to the warranty as do not place the SELLER in breach of its terms or expose the SELLER to any liability or penalty.
- G26 NO ASSIGNMENT**
- The BUYER must not assign, mortgage or otherwise TRANSFER or part with the whole or any part of the BUYER'S interest under this CONTRACT.
- G27 REGISTRATION AT THE LAND REGISTRY**
- G27.1 This CONDITION G27.1 applies where the LOT is leasehold and its sale either triggers first registration or is a registrable disposition. The BUYER must at its own expense and as soon as practicable:
- (a) procure that it becomes registered at the Land Registry as proprietor of the LOT;
- (b) procure that all rights granted and reserved by the lease under which the LOT is held are properly noted against the affected titles; and
- (c) provide the SELLER with an official copy of the register relating to such lease showing itself registered as proprietor.
- G27.2 This CONDITION G27.2 applies where the LOT comprises part of a registered title. The BUYER must at its own expense and as soon as practicable:
- (a) apply for registration of the TRANSFER;
- (b) provide the SELLER with an official copy and title plan for the BUYER'S new title; and
- (c) join in any representations the SELLER may properly make to the Land Registry relating to the application.
- G28 NOTICES AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS**
- G28.1 All communications, including notices, must be in writing. Communication to or by the SELLER or the BUYER may be given to or by their conveyancers.
- G28.2 A communication may be relied on if:
- (a) delivered by hand; or
- (b) made electronically and personally acknowledged (automatic acknowledgement does not count); or
- (c) there is proof that it was sent to the address of the person to whom it is to be given (as specified in the SALE MEMORANDUM) by a postal service that offers normally to deliver mail the next following BUSINESS DAY.
- G28.3 A communication is to be treated as received:
- (a) when delivered, if delivered by hand; or
- (b) when personally acknowledged, if made electronically; but if delivered or made after 1700 hours on a BUSINESS DAY a communication is to be treated as received on the next BUSINESS DAY.
- G28.4 A communication sent by a postal service that offers normally to deliver mail the next following BUSINESS DAY will be treated as received on the second BUSINESS DAY after it has been posted.
- G29 CONTRACTS (RIGHTS OF THIRD PARTIES) ACT 1999**
- No one is intended to have any benefit under the CONTRACT pursuant to the CONTRACTS (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.

# Amendments to Common Auction Conditions relating to Timed Unconditional (Immediate Exchange) Auctions



## AMENDMENTS TO COMMON AUCTION CONDITIONS

Where the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors Common Auction Conditions (third edition) ("CAC") are to be construed in the context of an online auction and bidding system the CAC shall be varied as follows:

### THE FOLLOWING DEFINITIONS IN THE CAC GLOSSARY SHALL BE DELETED AND REPLACED AS FOLLOWS:

#### ADDENDUM

An amendment or addition to the conditions or to the particulars or to both whether contained in a supplement to the catalogue or a notice from the auctioneers on the auctioneers website.

#### AUCTION

The auction for each lot advertised in the catalogue which will take place online via the internet, using unique Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for each auction lot.

#### AUCTIONEERS

The auctioneer will be a member of Auction House network as named within the property details.

#### BUYER

Means the person who has made the highest valid bid once the auction has finished (taking into account the application of the 60 second rule) or, if applicable that person's personal representatives. If two or more are jointly the buyer their obligations can be enforced against them jointly or against each of them separately.

#### CATALOGUE

Unless otherwise stated this will take the form of online sales particulars, text, hypertext links and associated imagery present upon the website which shall be the catalogue to which the conditions refer including any supplement to it.

#### CONTRACT DATE

The date that the auction has finished (taking into account the application of the 60 second rule) or, if the lot is not sold at the auction

(a) the date the sale memorandum is signed by both the seller and buyer; or

(b) if contracts are exchanged, the date of exchange. If exchange is not effected in person or by an irrevocable agreement to exchange made by telephone, or electronic mail the date of exchange is the date on which both parts have been signed and posted or otherwise placed beyond normal retrieval.

#### MEMORANDUM OF SALE

The form so headed (whether or not set out in the catalogue) in which the terms of the contract for the sale of the lot are recorded which will either be in email or written.

#### YOU (AND YOUR)

Someone who has a copy of the catalogue or who views the URL or who is a bidder at the auction, whether or not a buyer.

### THE FOLLOWING DEFINITIONS SHALL BE ADDED AS NEW DEFINITIONS IN THE CAC GLOSSARY:

#### ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING INFORMATION

Means the provision of 2 pieces of identification for anti-money laundering purposes - these must include 1 piece of photo identification (a passport or driver's licence for example) and a utility bill including the buyer's/seller's (as appropriate) home address which cannot be dated older than 3 months. Or we might use an electronic verification system to verify you from basic details using electronic data, however it is not a credit check of any kind so will have no effect on you or your credit history. In certain cases we may follow both routes noted.

#### BUYER'S PAYMENT

10% of the sale price (minimum £5,000) which will represent the Buyers Deposit unless varied within the property details.

#### BUYERS PREMIUM

If applicable is payable to the auctioneers. The amount of Buyers Premium is disclosed within the property details and/or in the special condition of sale.

#### DEPOSIT

Means Buyers Deposit.

#### EXTRA AUCTION CONDUCT CONDITIONS

Auction House - Extra Auction Conduct Conditions for participation and the purchase of property by Timed auction, available at [www.auctionhouse.co.uk](http://www.auctionhouse.co.uk)

#### 60 SECOND RULE

Means the rule which stipulates that any person who bids online within the last 60 seconds of a specific lot closing time will instigate the automatic extension of the lot closing time by an additional 60 seconds and so on for any such subsequent bids until a winning bid is achieved.

### THE AUCTION CONDUCT CONDITIONS SHALL BE VARIED AS FOLLOWS:

Conditions A2.1 (f) shall be deleted and replaced with:

(f) Treat a contract as repudiated if the buyer fails to pay the Buyers Deposit and the Administration Fee or provide anti-money laundering information to us as required by these auction conditions.

Condition A5.1 shall be deleted and replaced with:

A5.1 A successful bid is one we accept as such (normally when the auction time has elapsed with a winning bid). This condition A5 applies to you if you make the successful bid for a lot.

Conditions A5.3 shall be deleted and replaced with:

A5.3 By close of business on the day of the auction, the successful bidder must:

- (a) provide anti-money laundering information to us; and
- (b) provide all information we reasonably need from you to enable us to complete the Memorandum of Sale; and
- (c) pay the Buyers Deposit in cleared funds from an account held with an approved financial institution but we will not accept the Buyers Deposit and the buyer will not be able to pay the Buyers Deposit until the buyer has complied with condition A5.3(a).

Condition A5.4 shall be deleted and replaced with:

A5.4 If you do not we may, as agent for the seller, treat that failure as your repudiation of the contract and offer the lot for sale again: the seller may then have a claim against you for breach of contract and you will be banned from all future auctions.

Condition A5.5(b) shall be deleted.

Condition A5.6 shall be deleted.

Condition A6 shall be deleted and replaced with:

A6 The Extra Auction Conduct Conditions shall be incorporated into the auction conduct conditions as if set out in full in the auction conduct conditions.

### THE GENERAL CONDITIONS OF SALE SHALL BE VARIED AS FOLLOWS:

Condition G2.1 shall be deleted.

Condition G2.2 shall be deleted and replaced with:

G2.2 The deposit is to be held as stakeholder unless the auction conduct conditions provide that it is to be held as agent for the seller.

Condition G2.4 shall be deleted.

# Amendments to Common Auction Conditions relating to Timed Unconditional (Immediate Exchange) Auctions



## AUCTION HOUSE - EXTRA AUCTION CONDUCT CONDITIONS FOR THE PARTICIPATION AND PURCHASE OF PROPERTY BY ONLINE AUCTION

### 1. INTERPRETATION

1.1 The definitions in this clause and those definitions set out in the Common Auction Conditions apply in these Extra Auction Conduct Conditions ("Terms").

#### APPOINTMENT

means the appointment of Auction House by the seller pursuant of the Appointment Letter.

#### APPOINTMENT LETTER

means the letter prepared by Auction House setting out the Services, the remuneration arrangements and other terms and conditions that form part of the Appointment.

#### CAC's

means The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors Common Auction Conditions (third edition)

#### CONDITIONALLY REFUNDABLE REGISTRATION FEE

means the fee paid by the potential buyer upon Registration if applicable.

#### AUCTION HOUSE

means the member of Auction House Network as named in the property details.

#### REGISTRATION

means:

- (i) The payment by the potential buyer of the Conditionally Refundable (if applicable) Registration Fee electronically in cleared funds, or as otherwise notified by Auction House in the registration process;
- (ii) the completion of the relevant registration form by the potential buyer

#### 60 SECOND RULE

means the rule which stipulates that any person who bids online within the last 60 seconds of a specific lot closing time will instigate the automatic extension of the lot closing time by an additional 60 seconds and so on for any subsequent bids until a winning bid is achieved.

1.2 Headings do not affect the interpretation of these Terms. 1.3

The headings of these Terms do not form part of the Terms. 1.4

Reference to writing or written in these Terms includes faxes and e-mail unless otherwise notified by Auction House.

1.5 If any of these Terms are inconsistent with any other term of the CAC's (as amended), these Terms shall prevail.

1.6 All lots entered for timed auction are subject to these Terms and (for the avoidance of doubt) the CAC's.

1.7 All buyers and sellers acknowledge and agree that these Terms (and, for the avoidance of doubt, the CAC's) are binding upon them, and by the buyers completing Registration and Auction House accepting the sellers property for auction, these Terms are deemed accepted and incorporated into all dealings as between the relevant parties

### 2. ENTRY INTO AUCTION

2.1 Auction House sell as agents for the seller and as such are not responsible for any default by the seller.

2.2 Auction House reserve the right to refuse to accept any

Registration if any of the elements of Registration are not acceptably completed. Auction House reserve the right to refuse to accept any Anti-Money Laundering information in the event it is not satisfied as to its authenticity or acceptability. In the event the Anti-Money Laundering Information is not acceptable or provided, Auction House will not (as applicable) send or sign the Memorandum of Sale and the Buyers Payment will not be accepted and in addition to the provisions of the CAC (as amended), the Buyer will lose any Conditionally Refundable Registration Fee.

2.3 Unless otherwise agreed by Auction House in writing, Auction House will not accept a lot without the information and documentation set out in its Appointment letter and Agency Agreement.

### 3. BASIS OF SALE

3.1 All lots are sold 'as they lie' with all faults and imperfections and errors of description. Illustrations in catalogues or brochures are for identification only.

Buyers should satisfy themselves prior to sale as to the condition of each lot and should exercise and rely on their own judgement as to whether the lot accords with its description. Neither Auction House, their servants or agents will be responsible for errors of description or the genuineness or authenticity of any lot.

3.2 Auction House has the right to revise and amend these Terms from time to time to reflect changes in market conditions affecting its business, changes in technology, changes in payment methods, changes in relevant laws and regulatory requirements and changes in various systems' capabilities.

### 4. CONDUCT OF THE AUCTION

4.1 For the avoidance of doubt, the parties to the contract of sale of the lot set on the contract date are the buyer and the seller. Auction House is not a party to the contract of sale and is not liable for any breach thereof by either the buyer or the seller.

4.2 Persons participate in the timed auctions at their own risk and, subject to condition 6.2 below, neither the seller nor Auction House will be individually or collectively responsible for any loss or damage whatsoever occasioned to any person or property due to anything which may be present on the auction site.

4.3 Auction House shall have the right, at its discretion, to refuse participation in the timed auction by any person

4.4 The details of the property will be made available to potential buyers on the Auction House website [auctionhouse.co.uk](http://auctionhouse.co.uk), and associate portals and websites before the commencement of the auction.

4.5 Anti-Money Laundering Information must be presented by a successful buyer to Auction House before the auction has commenced or within, but no later than close of business on the day of the successful bid (further to the process notified to Buyers by Auction House in the catalogue and the Buyers guide). The Anti-Money Laundering Information can be presented to Auction House at any regional office of Auction House. Alternatively, buyers may request their solicitors to provide Anti-Money Laundering Information to Auction House. Auction House reserve the right to refuse acceptance of any Anti-Money Laundering Information.

4.6 The 60 second Rule shall operate as necessary during the timed auctions.

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## 5. COMPLETION OF PURCHASE

- 5.1 Immediately following the contract date and subject to the satisfaction of the provisions of condition 4.5 above, Auction House will send the buyers payment invoice to the buyer, and, subject to receipt of payment in cleared funds. Auction House will then send the Memorandum of Sale to the buyer, seller, the buyers solicitors (provided Auction House are provided with such details) and sellers solicitors. All required payments will be settled in full and before the Memorandum of Sale is sent to the buyer, seller and the buyers solicitor and sellers solicitor and will be in sterling (GBP) by way of online payment or as otherwise specified in the catalogue within 24 hours following issue of the buyers payment invoice. All queries in relation to methods of payment must be made to Auction House accounts department and unless otherwise agreed by Auction House the timing required under these Terms for payment is of the essence, and will under no circumstances be adjusted further for a failure on the part of the buyer to make the necessary enquiries and preparations in order to pay the buyers premium and/or price.
- 5.2 In respect of telegraphic transfers, the remitting bank must include the invoice number, and any other reference as shown in the catalogue, or as otherwise notified by Auction House.

## 6. BUYERS DEFAULT

- 6.1 If the buyer does not honour its obligations for payment of the buyers payment then Auction House as agents of the seller shall at its absolute discretion and without prejudice to any other rights it may have, be entitled to exercise the remedies set out in the CAC (as amended) as well as retain the Conditionally Refundable Registration Fee (if applicable).
- 6.2 For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in these Terms limits Auction House liability nor, where applicable, the liability of the buyer or seller for:
- (a) death or personal injury caused by negligence; or
  - (b) fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation; or
  - (c) any breach of the obligations implied by section 12 of the Sale of Goods Act 1979 or section 2 of the Supply of Goods and Services Act 1982; or
  - (d) losses for which it is prohibited by section 7 of the Consumer Protection Act 1987 to limit liability; or
  - (e) any other matter for which it would be illegal or unlawful to exclude or attempt to exclude liability.

## 7. GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS (GDPR)

- 7.1 Auction House will only use the personal information supplied to them to provide the auction services, or to inform buyers and sellers about similar services which they provide when such parties have opted in to receiving such material via email or by completing the relevant web page.
- 7.2 Buyers and sellers acknowledge and agree that Auction House may pass their details to credit reference agencies, solicitors and other third parties where legally required.
- 7.3 We will provide it to others only where it is required and as outlined below, or in accordance with your stipulated wishes.

Your information will not be passed to a third party not listed in our Third Party Processors schedule without obtaining your consent.

- 7.4 Negotiating with Prospective Buyers and Handling Offers to Purchase: We will negotiate with prospective buyers and take offers from them prior to auction and post auction. This process will involve providing them with relevant personal information to facilitate a successful negotiation. This will also involve providing sellers with relevant and necessary personal information about potential buyers. You should ensure that you treat any information we provide to you as confidential and it must not be passed on or shared with any other person or business.
- 7.5 Auction Sale: Once an auction sale is made we will complete a Memorandum of Sale with details of the seller, the buyer and solicitors acting and circulate this to all four parties. We may provide your and sellers contact information to various professionals that may be acting for you, such as surveyors and contractors wanting access to the property to produce estimates, etc. We will discuss your purchase of with various parties once an auction sale has been made in order to facilitate completion of the sale.
- 7.6 Your details may be added to our mailing list and we may send you information regarding other relevant services we can provide to you. You will be able to unsubscribe to these emails at any time. We will retain the personal information we hold for up to 6 years, because the time limit for any party to initiate civil action against us should they believe they have a claim is 6 years. If you would like to contact us regarding any data issue, please contact Auction House on [hello@auctionhouse.co.uk](mailto:hello@auctionhouse.co.uk).
- 7.7 You have the following rights relating to the information Auction House holds on you – the right to make a Subject Access Request (SAR) to find out more about the data we hold about you, the right to be informed, the right of access, the right to rectification, the right to erasure (also known as the 'right to be forgotten'), the right to restrict processing, the right to data portability and the right to object. More information on your rights is available at [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

## 8. GENERAL

- 8.1 If any court or competent authority decides that any of the provisions of these Terms are invalid, unlawful or unenforceable to any extent, the term will, to that extent only be severed from the remaining terms, which will continue to be valid to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 8.2 If or to the extent that any of these Terms (as amended from time to time in writing by Auction House) are Terms to which any of the provisions of the Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977 or the Supply of Goods and Services Act 1982 or any subsequent modification or re-enactment thereof apply then such Terms shall be enforceable only to the extent permitted by those Acts or their subsequent modification or reenactment and these Terms shall be construed accordingly.
- 8.3 If Auction House fails, at any time while these Terms are in force, to insist that the Seller and/or Buyer perform their obligations under these Terms, or if Auction House does not

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exercise any of its rights or remedies under these Terms, that will not mean that Auction House has waived such rights or remedies and will not mean that Auction House will automatically waive any subsequent default by the seller and/or buyer. No waiver by Auction House of any of these Terms shall be effective unless Auction House expressly says that it is a waiver and Auction House tell the buyer and seller so in writing.

- 8.4 A person who is not party to these Terms shall not have any rights under or in connection with them under the Contracts (rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.
- 8.5 These Terms shall be governed by English law and Auction House, the seller and the buyer all agree to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.

## 9. ONLINE TERMS OF PARTICIPATION AND SALE

- 9.1 The provisions of all Terms above apply to the sale of lots made through auctionhouse.co.uk (the "website"), and to the extent that such adjustments in practical application of the Terms are warranted by virtue of the electronic medium of participation in any given auction, so such adjustments shall be deemed made so to give full application to all relevant and applicable Terms.
- 9.2 All participants in the Website auctions warrant that they are of legal age and legally capable of entering into binding contracts.

## 10. COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

Should you have any problems with Auction House services which you are unable to resolve with the Auctioneer involved you should write to: Managing Director, Auction House, The Barn, Newmarket Road, Cringleford, Norwich NR4 6UE. The complaint will be acknowledged within five working days of receipt and an investigation undertaken. A formal written outcome of the investigation will be sent to you within 15 working days of our acknowledgement letter to you. This letter will also confirm that you are entitled, if dissatisfied, to refer the matter to The Property Ombudsman (TPO) within six months for a review (for further details see below).

## 11. THE PROPERTY OMBUDSMAN

We are certain that you will be satisfied with our service but if you have any concerns we operate a formal Complaints Procedure as detailed above. We are a Member of The Property Ombudsman (TPO) scheme and abide by its Code of Practice. Our registration number with TPO is D10100. For the avoidance of doubt, TPO will only review complaints made by consumers. By signing this Agreement you give us consent to provide any information regarding your purchase and how you can be contacted if the Ombudsman asks us to do so. Full details of the Ombudsman scheme are available on request.

