

**GENERAL CONDITIONS OF SALE  
BIC Ingredients B.V.**

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- 1.2 By entering into an agreement with BIC Ingredients B.V., the other party (hereinafter to be referred to as "Buyer") waives the applicability of any conditions used by it, howsoever denominated, so that all agreements with BIC Ingredients B.V. shall exclusively be governed by the conditions as used by BIC Ingredients B.V..

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- 3.2 Parties are obliged to provide each other with their correct VAT registration number and also notify each other forthwith of any change therein.
- 3.3 If Buyer fails to fulfil the obligation as mentioned in article 3.2, the purchase price shall be automatically increased by adding the VAT and other amounts, which BIC Ingredients B.V. may demand as a result of such non-fulfilment.
- 3.4 Without prejudice to the rights of suspension and other rights, BIC Ingredients B.V. shall have the right to suspend all further deliveries until such time as Buyer has fulfilled its obligations mentioned in article 3.2.
- 3.5 If BIC Ingredients B.V. fails to fulfil the obligation mentioned in article 3.2, BIC Ingredients B.V. shall pay to Buyer the VAT and other amounts over the delivered goods in so far as these are not payable by Buyer as a result of such non-fulfilment.
- 3.6 After entering into an agreement BIC Ingredients B.V. is entitled to increase the prices agreed upon in the event, among other things, but not limited to interim increases and/or additional charges on freights, customs tariffs, prices of goods and/or raw materials, taxes, wages or social security charges, interim increases applied by its supplier(s) and changes in the monetary relationships, which result in price increases.
- 3.7 In the event the price as mentioned in article 3.6 will increase as a result of a certain supply amounting more than 25% of the price agreed upon (excluding VAT), Buyer will be entitled to terminate the agreement concerning the future supply, on the condition that Buyer notifies BIC Ingredients B.V. on this matter in writing by registered mail without delay upon the receipt of the notification stating the said price increase. In that case Buyer will not be entitled to compensation for any reason or any ground whatsoever.

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- 4.5 BIC Ingredients B.V. is free in the manner of transport and/or delivery of the goods. Nevertheless, transport and delivery shall at all times be in accordance with the goods concerned.
- 4.6 Buyer shall on first request of BIC Ingredients B.V. supply BIC Ingredients B.V. with all information, documentation and/or indications necessary concerning implementation of the agreement. If Buyer does not supply this information, BIC Ingredients B.V. is entitled to store the goods ordered for account and risk of Buyer and/or to suspend its obligations and to complain against Buyer the suffered damages and costs.
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- 5.4 In case of any non-payment, all (judicial) processes and execution costs as well as administrative costs and extrajudicial collection costs are at the expense of Buyer. The extrajudicial collection costs will at least amount to 10% of the invoice due, with a minimum of € 150, -.
- 5.5 BIC Ingredients B.V. is entitled to deduct all debts of Buyer (or of other companies forming part of the same group as Buyer) due and payable for any reason whatsoever, with any possible claims of Buyer against BIC Ingredients B.V. (or against companies forming part of the same group as BIC Ingredients B.V.).

**Article 6 Retention of title**

- 6.1 BIC Ingredients B.V. supplies all goods subject to retention of title up to the moment of complete payment of the amount(s) due by Buyer, including interests and costs.
- 6.2 As long as BIC Ingredients B.V. has not received complete payment of Buyer as mentioned in article 6.1, Buyer is not entitled to sell goods to third parties outside the scope of its normal course of business, to transfer the goods in property, to burden the goods and/or to provide third parties with the goods in any way.
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- 8.3 In the event that upon occurrence of the situation of force majeure BIC Ingredients B.V. has already performed a part of its obligations, it may invoice the part performed or the part it will be able to perform separately and Buyer shall pay such invoice as with regard to a separate contract.

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  - Buyer ceases its activities, resolves to wind up its company or otherwise loses its legal personality or transfers or merges its business;
  - Buyer fails to perform any of its obligations arising out of the agreement properly, or fails to perform any such obligations in good time, and fails to cure such default after the date of seven calendar days of written summons by BIC Ingredients B.V.;
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