

Specific Terms of Participation 2026

Event-specific additions to General Terms of Participation (ATB), Technical Regulations (TR) and House Rules of Hamburg Messe and Congress GmbH (HMC)



Event and legal entity:

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Event title:

SMM 2026
the leading international maritime trade fair, hamburg

Venue:

HMC Fairground

Event duration:

1 – 4 September 2026

Project management:

Exhibition Management 2

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Deadline for registrations/ Start of space allocation:

The **Early Bird conditions** apply until **31 October 2024**.
Start of **hall planning: March 2025**

Deadline for entries in exhibitor directory:

May 2026

Opening times:

Tue. 1 September – Thu. 3 September 2026 10:00 – 18:00 hrs
Fr. 4 September 2026 10:00 – 16:00 hrs

From 1 – 4 September the fairground is open for exhibitors from 08:00 hrs.

Assembly and disassembly times:

The assembly and disassembly times will be announced in advance of the event (smm-hamburg.com).

Early stand assembly/ Extended disassembly:

Any requests for early stand assembly/extended disassembly times must be submitted in writing to the Trade Fair and Exhibition Technology Department and approved (see Online Service Center /approvals and applications). An entitlement of approval does not exist. If you have any questions, please contact the Trade Fair and Exhibition Technology Department (Tel.: +49 40 3569 2528 / e-mail: ops@hamburg-messe.de).

Minimum stand size:

20 sq.m exhibition space.

Application:

(see clause 2.2 ATB)

Please note that the application gives no legal claim to a certain size or position of the stand.

Withdrawal of registration prior to acceptance:

(see clause 2.2 ATB)

If a registration is withdrawn prior to acceptance, a **processing fee** of € 350 plus VAT shall be payable.

Cancellation of stand:

(see clause 8.2 ATB)

In the event of cancellation after acceptance, clause 8 of the General Terms of Participation shall apply.

Reductions in size of stand space:

The stand space specified in the acceptance is binding. After acceptance, any reductions in stand space requested by the exhibitor are possible only in consultation with HMC, and do not lead to reduction in stand rent. If HMC succeeds in renting out the stand space to a third party, an administrative fee amounting to 25 % of the (proportional) participation fee for the space not used by the exhibitor is payable in accordance with clause 8.2 ATB.

Exhibitor passes:

(see clause 16 ATB)

Up to a stand size of 20 sq. m exhibitors will receive three exhibitor passes free of charge. One additional pass will be issued free-of-charge for every further 10 sq. m or part of sq. m. The maximum allocation is limited to 30 free-of-charge exhibitor passes. Additional exhibitor passes may be ordered at extra cost from the Online Service Center. NO exhibitor passes are needed for assembly and disassembly.



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Event Media: (see clause 14 ATB)	The costs of the compulsory Digital Networking & LeadGrowth Package are €1,200 plus statutory VAT per each main and co-exhibitor. This covers the company's profile entries, including the applicable provider groups, as well as use of the Matching and Lead Tracking features of the networking platform provided by us. The deadline for registration on the networking platform will be communicated by the responsible service partner or Hamburg Messe in a timely manner. If you miss this deadline, we will use existing information from your registration/admission records. Feel free to direct any questions you may have to the contact person indicated in the Networking Platform section of the Online Service Centre.
Registration charge for co-exhibitors: (see clause 4.3. ATB)	Co-exhibitors must be notified to HMC in writing with indication of company name, address, and products/ services. The main exhibitor registers his co-exhibitor via his online registration no later than six weeks before the start of the event. The registration for co-exhibitors is € 400 plus VAT per co-exhibitor and will be invoiced to the main exhibitor. If an admitted co-exhibitor cancels their participation, the registration fee for co-exhibitors will not be refunded.
Exhibition stand design:	Please note Clause 7 of the General Terms of Participation and Clause 5.7 of the Technical Regulations.
Stand partition walls:	Please note Clause 7 of the General Terms of Participation and Clause 5.7.6 of the Technical Regulations.
Two-floor exhibition stands: (see clause 7.3 ATB, 5.9 TR)	For two-floor exhibition stands, the space used on the upper floor will be charged at 50% of the charge applicable for the ground floor. Two-floor exhibition stands require the approval of HMC (see Online Service Center).
Stand construction height:	Please note the regulations on construction heights, Technical Regulations Clause 5.3.
Stand roofing: (see clause 5.4.2 TR)	Please note that roofing may impair the effect of the sprinkler system. It may then be necessary to install a sprinkler system on the stand itself.
Exhibitor events:	If an exhibitor wishes to conduct an event at his own exhibition stand after the daily opening times, this must be applied for in writing. Respective forms can be found in the Online Service Center (OSC). The resulting costs for additional supervision and security staff will be charged to the exhibitor. Events are permissible up to 22:00 hours at the latest.
Audio presentations: (see clause 13 ATB)	Please limit your volume to a level that is acceptable for your neighbours. Relevant indications are shown in Clause 6.12 and 5.7.7. of the Technical Regulations.
Compulsory presence and operation: (clause 7.7 ATB)	The exhibitor is obliged to be present and operate his stand during the opening hours and for the entire duration of the fair, including the last day of the fair. Dismantling of the stand before the period set for dismantling is a breach of contract. HMC is entitled to impose a penalty charge of € 1,000 plus VAT. The same shall apply if the entire stand personnel leave before the end of the exhibition.
Exhibit protection:	Subject to a decision by the Federal Justice Ministry, HMC offers exhibitors a certificate for submission to the German Patent and Trade Mark Office that the exhibit to be protected (consumer/ investment product, design/ utility model) has been exhibited at SMM 2026. For further information see Online Service Center/ approvals and applications.
Insurance: (see clause 21.7 ATB)	Any insurance requirements or damage reports should be sent to: versicherung@hamburg-messe.de. Insurance policies can also be booked via the Online Service Center (OSC).
Advance payment for expected additional costs: (see clause 5.3 ATB)	No additional advance payment is required for SMM 2026.
Invitations:	Exhibitors can invite their customers to the trade fair by sending them invitations for free or reduced admission. After the end of the event, any invitations which have been used by the customers will be charged to the exhibitor. The pricing for invitations is shown in the Online Service Center (OSC). Invitations can be ordered in the Exhibitor Ticket Shop (accessed via the Online Service Center). It is possible to order printed invitations or digital codes in the Exhibitor Ticket Shop. The exhibitor ticket shop also provides you with a list of the invitations which have already been used and, after the trade fair has started, a list of the invitations with admittance.
Cost element clause:	In the event that the utility or labour costs payable by HMC (e.g., energy costs for electricity or gas, costs of water; wages, etc.) change during the six-month period beginning after the conclusion of the contract and ending at the end of the scheduled time for the event, without HMC being able to reasonably influence this change, HMC may, at its reasonably exercised discretion, adjust the Service Fees by an appropriate amount, provided that the changes have an immediate impact on the (pro-rated) purchasing costs incurred by HMC. In case of a cost increase, the amount added to the Service Fees must not exceed the increase in HMC's purchasing costs, and HMC shall offset this added amount against any reduction of other costs incurred by HMC elsewhere if applicable. The other party must be notified about any such Service Fee adjustment in textual form. HMC may, without being obliged to do so, sign such notification and may choose to do so using the DocuSign software. In the event of a dispute, the competent court of law may review the appropriateness of change of service fee. Any Service Fee adjustment must be announced one month prior to the beginning of the scheduled time for the event at the latest.



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Specific provisions for official national pavilions:

- Exhibitor passes:**
(see clause 16 ATB) Companies which exhibit within an official national pavilion will receive one free-of-charge exhibitor pass up to an occupied stand size of 9 sq. m. The exhibitor will receive two free-of-charge exhibitor passes for a stand size up to 15 sq. m. The exhibitor will receive three free-of-charge exhibitor passes up to a stand size of 20 sq. m. One additional pass will be provided for every additional 10 sq. m or part thereof. The total number of passes per exhibitor is limited to 20 exhibitor passes. The organiser of the pavilion will also receive five exhibitor passes free of charge, provided that the stand size of the pavilion is more than 100 sq. m.
- Exhibitor status:** All companies participating in an official national pavilion are entitled to main-exhibitor status. No co-exhibitor fee for the participating companies of the National Pavilion is charged. Exhibitors of a National Pavilion are only considered as such if they exhibit in the area of the National Pavilion and are placed in the National Pavilion.
- Registration fee for co-exhibitors:** For participating companies of the National Pavilion no registration fee for co-exhibitors is charged.
- Stand sketch:** The organiser of the national pavilion is required to notify HMC of the exhibiting companies within the pavilion including their full contact details. Further, the organiser is required to provide a detailed stand sketch showing the stand space including stand dimensions allocated to each exhibiting company until **15 May 2026**. HMC will allocate the stand numbers on the basis of this sketch.
- Change of an individual exhibitor into a National Pavilion:** If an admitted main exhibitor changes to a space in a National Pavilion, this shall be deemed a rescission or cancellation in accordance with Clause 8 of the ATB.