

## **Brauns International, Inc. Terms, Conditions Liability of Service**

These terms and conditions of service constitute a legally binding contract between the "Company" and the "Customer". In the event the Company renders services and issues a document containing Terms and Conditions governing such services, the Terms and Conditions set forth in such other document(s) shall govern those services. **By consigning a shipment Customer agrees to these Terms, Conditions & Liability of Service.**

**1. Definitions.** (a) "Company" shall mean Brauns International, Inc., its subsidiaries, related companies, agents and/or representatives; (b) "Customer" shall mean the person for which the Company is rendering service, as well as its principals, agents and/or representatives, including, but not limited to, shippers, importers, exporters, carriers, secured parties, warehousemen, buyers and/or sellers, shipper's agents, insurers and underwriters, break-bulk agents, consignees, etc. It is the responsibility of the Customer to provide notice and copy(s) of these terms and conditions of service to all such agents or representatives; (c) "Documentation" shall mean all information received directly or indirectly from Customer, whether in paper or electronic form; (d) "Ocean Transportation Intermediaries" ("OTI") shall include an "ocean freight forwarder" and a "non-vessel operating carrier"; (e) "Third parties" shall include, but not be limited to, the following: "carriers, truckmen, cartmen, lightermen, forwarders, OTIs, customs brokers, agents, warehousemen and others to which the goods are entrusted for transportation, cartage, handling and/or delivery and/or storage or otherwise".

**2. Company as agent.** The Company acts as the "agent" of the Customer for the purpose of performing duties in connection with the entry and release of goods, post entry services, the securing of export licenses, the filing of export and security documentation on behalf of the Customer and other dealings with Government Agencies, or for arranging for transportation services or other logistics services in any capacity other than as a carrier.

**3. Limitation of Actions.** Unless subject to a specific statute or international convention, all claims against the Company for a potential or actual loss, must be made in writing and received by the Company, within 90 days of the event giving rise to claim; the failure to give the Company timely notice shall be a complete defense to any suit or action commenced by Customer. All suits against Company must be filed and properly served on Company as follows: (i) For claims arising out of ocean transportation, within one year from the date of the loss; (ii) For claims arising out of air transportation, within two years from the date of the loss; (iii) For claims arising out of the preparation and/or submission of an import entry(s), within 75 days from the date of liquidation of the entry(s); (iv) For any and all other claims of any other type, within two years from the date of the loss or damage.

**4. No Liability for The Selection or Services of Third Parties and/or Routes.** Unless services are performed by persons or firms engaged pursuant to express written instructions from the Customer, Company shall use reasonable care in its selection of third parties, or in selecting the means, route and procedure to be followed in the handling, transportation, clearance and delivery of the shipment; advice by the Company that a particular person or firm has been selected to render services with respect to the goods, shall not be construed to mean that the Company warrants or represents that such person or firm will render such services nor does Company assume responsibility or liability for any actions(s) and/or inaction(s) of such third parties and/or its agents, and shall not be liable for any delay or loss of any kind,

which occurs while a shipment is in the custody or control of a third party or the agent of a third party; all claims in connection with the Act of a third party shall be brought solely against such party and/or its agents; in connection with any such claim, the Company shall reasonably cooperate with the Customer, which shall be liable for any charges or costs incurred by the Company.

**5. Quotations Not Binding.** Quotations as to fees, rates of duty, freight charges, insurance premiums or other charges given by the Company to the Customer are for informational purposes only and are subject to change without notice; no quotation shall be binding upon the Company unless the Company in writing agrees to undertake the handling or transportation of the shipment at a specific rate or amount set forth in the quotation and payment arrangements are agreed to between the Company and the Customer.

**6. Reliance on Information Furnished.** (a) Customer acknowledges that it is required to review all documents and declarations prepared and/or filed with U.S. Customs & Border Protection, other Government Agency and/or third parties, and will immediately advise the Company of any errors, discrepancies, incorrect statements, or omissions on any declaration or other submission filed on Customer's behalf; (b) In preparing and submitting customs entries, export declarations, applications, security filings, documentation and/or other required data, the Company relies on the correctness of all documentation, whether in written or electronic format, and all information furnished by Customer; Customer shall use reasonable care to ensure the correctness of all such information and shall indemnify and hold the Company harmless from any and all claims asserted and/or liability or losses suffered by reason of the Customer's failure to disclose information or any incorrect, incomplete or false statement by the Customer or its agent, representative or contractor upon which the Company reasonably relied. The Customer agrees that the Customer has an affirmative non-delegable duty to disclose any and all information required to import, export or enter the goods. (c) Customer acknowledges that it is required to provide verified weights obtained on calibrated, certified equipment of all cargo that is to be tendered to steamship lines and represents that Company is entitled to rely on the accuracy of such weights and to counter-sign or endorse it as agent of Customer in order to provide the certified weight to the steamship lines. The Customer agrees that it shall indemnify and hold the Company harmless from any and all claims, losses, penalties or other costs resulting from any incorrect or questionable statements of the weight provided by the Customer or its agent or contractor on which the Company relies.

**7. Declaring Higher Value to Third Parties.** Third parties to whom the goods are entrusted may limit liability for loss or damage; the Company will request excess valuation coverage only upon specific written instructions from the Customer, which must agree to pay any charges therefore; in the absence of written instructions or the refusal of the third party to agree to a higher declared value, at Company's discretion, the goods may be tendered to the third party, subject to the terms of the third party's limitations of liability and/or terms and conditions of service.

**8. Insurance.** Unless requested to do so in writing and confirmed to Customer in writing, Company is under no obligation to procure insurance on Customer's behalf; in all cases, Customer shall pay all premiums and costs in connection with procuring requested insurance.

**9. Disclaimers; Limitation of Liability.** (a) Except as specifically set forth herein, Company makes no express or implied warranties in connection with its services; (b) In connection with all services performed by the Company, Customer may obtain additional liability coverage, up to the actual or declared value of the shipment or transaction, by requesting such coverage and agreeing to make payment therefor, which request must be confirmed in writing by the Company prior to rendering services for the

covered transaction(s). (c) In the absence of additional coverage under (b) above, the Company's liability shall be limited to the following: (i) where the claim arises from activities other than those relating to customs business, \$50.00 per shipment or transaction, or (ii) where the claim arises from activities relating to "Customs business," \$50.00 per entry or the amount of brokerage fees paid to Company for the entry, whichever is less; (d) In no event shall Company be liable or responsible for consequential, indirect, incidental, statutory or punitive damages, even if it has been put on notice of the possibility of such damages, or for the acts of third parties.

**10. Advancing Money.** All charges must be paid by Customer in advance unless the Company agrees in writing to extend credit to customer; the granting of credit to a Customer in connection with a particular transaction shall not be considered a waiver of this provision by the Company.

**11. Indemnification/Hold Harmless.** The Customer agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold the Company harmless from any claims and/or liability, fines, penalties and/or attorneys' fees arising from the importation or exportation of customers merchandise and/or any conduct of the Customer, including but not limited to the inaccuracy of entry, export or security data supplied by Customer or its agent or representative, which violates any Federal, State and/or other laws, and further agrees to indemnify and hold the Company harmless against any and all liability, loss, damages, costs, claims, penalties, fines and/or expenses, including but not limited to reasonable attorney's fees, which the Company may hereafter incur, suffer or be required to pay by reason of such claims; in the event that any claim, suit or proceeding is brought against the Company, it shall give notice in writing to the Customer by mail at its address on file with the Company.

**12. C.O.D. or Cash Collect Shipments.** Company shall use reasonable care regarding written instructions relating to "Cash/Collect on Deliver (C.O.D.)" shipments, bank drafts, cashier's and/or certified checks, letter(s) of credit and other similar payment documents and/or instructions regarding collection of monies but shall not have liability if the bank or consignee refuses to pay for the shipment.

**13. General Lien and Right to Sell Customer's Property.** (a) Company shall have a continuing lien on any and all property and documents relating thereto of Customer coming into Company's actual or constructive possession, custody or control or enroute, which lien shall survive delivery, for all charges, expenses or advances owed to Company with regard to the shipment on which the lien is claimed, a prior shipment(s) and/or both. Customs duties, transportation charges, and related payments advanced by the Company shall be deemed paid in trust on behalf of the Customer and treated as pass through payments made on behalf of the Customer for which the Company is acting as a mere conduit. (b) Company shall provide written notice to Customer of its intent to exercise such lien, the exact amount of monies due and owing, as well as any on-going storage or other charges; Customer shall notify all parties having an interest in its shipment(s) of Company's rights and/or the exercise of such lien. (c) Unless, within thirty days of receiving notice of lien, Customer posts cash or letter of credit at sight, or, if the amount due is in dispute, an acceptable bond equal to 110% of the value of the total amount due, in favor of Company, guaranteeing payment of the monies owed, plus all storage charges accrued or to be accrued, Company shall have the right to sell such shipment(s) at public or private sale or auction and any net proceeds remaining thereafter shall be refunded to Customer.

**14. No Duty to Maintain Records for Customer.** Customer acknowledges that pursuant to Sections 508 and 509 of the Tariff Act, as amended, (19 USC §1508 and 1509) it has the duty and is solely liable for

maintaining all records required under the Customs and/or other Laws and Regulations of the United States; unless otherwise agreed to in writing, the Company shall only keep such records that it is required to maintain by Statute(s) and/or Regulation(s), but not act as a "recordkeeper" or "recordkeeping agent" for Customer.

**15. Obtaining Binding Rulings, Filing Protests, etc.** Unless requested by Customer in writing and agreed to by Company in writing, Company shall be under no obligation to undertake any prior post Customs release action, including, but not limited to, obtaining binding rulings, devising of liquidations, filing of petition(s) and/or protests, etc.

**16. No Duty to Provide Licensing Authority.** Unless requested by Customer in writing and agreed to by the Company in writing, Company shall not be responsible for determining licensing authority or obtaining any license or other authority pertaining to the export from or import into the United States.

**17. Preparation and Issuance of Bills of Lading.** Where Company prepares and/or issues a bill of lading, Company shall be under no obligation to specify thereon the number of pieces, packages and/or cartons, etc.; unless specifically requested to do so in writing by Customer or its agent and Customer agrees to pay for same, Company shall rely upon and use the cargo weight supplied by Customer.

**18. No Modification or Amendment Unless Written.** These terms and conditions of service may only be modified, altered or amended in writing signed by both Customer and Company; any attempt to unilaterally modify, alter or amend same shall be null and void.

**19. Compensation of Company.** The compensation of the Company for its services shall be included with and is in addition to the rates and charges of all carriers and other agencies selected by the Company to transport and deal with the goods and such compensation shall be exclusive of any brokerage, commissions, dividends, or other revenue received by the Company from carriers, insurers and others in connection with the shipment. On ocean exports, upon request, the Company shall provide a detailed breakout of the components of all charges assessed and a true copy of each pertinent document relating to these charges. In any referral for collection or action against the Customer for monies due the Company, upon recovery by the Company, the Customer shall pay the expenses of collection and/or litigation, including a reasonable attorney fee. Payment is due upon the submission of the invoice in accordance with the above stated terms. Accounts outstanding for more than thirty days will bear interest at the rate of 2% per month (24% APR) on the unpaid balance. Should it be necessary for the Company to engage an attorney or agency to enforce its right of payment under this contract, the customer agrees to pay all cost and expenses of collection, including attorney fees for up to 33% of the invoice totals.

**20. "The Work"** All work will be completed in a professional manner according to standard industry practices. The Company is due all monies as contracted unless termination of paid contract is agreed to, in writing, by both parties. Total charges apply only for quantities and/or services or any part thereof set forth in the proposal. The Company reserves the right to make additional billings for delays that are not caused by the Company, including but not limited to fire alarms, bomb scares, direction of government agencies, extreme weather conditions, trade union jurisdictional disputes, strikes, or other unforeseen delays. The Company will make its best effort to minimize the cost of any such delays. Any alterations or deviation from specifications listed in this proposal that involve extra labor, equipment, or additional time may result in adjustment of the quoted price in the form of additional charges. Such charges will be due and payable in accordance with the terms of payment listed in this proposal. At the time of the move, if

the customer requests additional items to be moved or additional services, charges for such will be assessed at the Company's applicable rate schedule in effect at that time. Storage is available at prevailing rates under the "California" Plan. Accounts brought in through the fifteenth of the month will be assessed full month 'charges, accounts arriving on the sixteenth through the thirty first will be charged one-half month's rent for receiving items into the warehouse. Thereafter, storage, based on a minimum 30-day period, will be billed on items in storage on the first day of each month. There will be a one-time handling charge equal to the first month rent for receiving items into the warehouse. All other warehouse charges are based on hourly rates. The contract will apply only when the following conditions exist at both origin(s) and destination(s) for the entire duration of the move(s): There must be adequate light, heat, air and power. Brauns International Inc must have the exclusive and uninterrupted use of the agreed upon number of elevators. Adequate loading and unloading areas must be made available and free of trash, construction equipment, other non-related furniture, or similar obstructions. Construction, renovation, or decorating work must not be in such state as to impede the move. This includes, but is not limited to; carpet laying, tiling, painting, and carpentry work. The doors agreed upon prior to execution of the contract, to be used for loading and unloading must be available. All furniture shall be placed once at the destinations as directed by the customer or in accordance with the floor plans. Cancellation, or any changes, must be made at least twenty-four hours prior to the move. Should a crew be dispatched due to the lack of notice, the customer will be charged according to the hourly rates and minimums in effect at the time.

The customer of the designate will be present at origin and destination during the actual move. Such personnel shall be authorized to make charges, should changes be necessary, during the actual move. Fees for electrical work and/or permits necessary for same are in addition to prices quoted.

**21. Insurance-Storage.** The responsibility of the warehousemen as bailee is to exercise that degree of care which a reasonably careful person would exercise in regard to similar goods of his own. Accordingly Company assumes no liability whatsoever for the loss or destruction of any damage to goods or property occasioned by fire, theft, water, leakage, shrinkage, breakage, ravage, vermin, heat, cold, frost, chance of weather or from inherent qualities of the goods from strikes, work stoppage, riot, civil commotion, accident, acts of God, or any other cause whatsoever, unless due to this companies negligence. Claims will not be valid unless: A complete and accurate inventory has been prepared by Company and signed by customer when items are placed in storage, noted in writing on the delivery ticket at time of delivery out of storage and payment is made in full prior to any settlement agreement of claims. The Company reserves the right of first refusal to make all repairs and assumes no liability on articles packed or unpacked by anyone other than the Company, nor does the Company assume any liability for any concealed item unless, caused and accompanied by external damage.

**22. Force Majeure.** Company shall not be liable for losses, damages, delays, wrongful or missed deliveries or nonperformance, in whole or in part, of its responsibilities under the Agreement, resulting from circumstances beyond the control of either Company or its sub-contractors, including but not limited to: (i) acts of God, including flood, earthquake, storm, hurricane, power failure or other natural disaster; (ii) war, hijacking, robbery, theft or terrorist activities; (iii) incidents or deteriorations to means of transportation, (iv) embargoes, (v) civil commotions or riots, (vi) defects, nature or inherent vice of the goods; (vii) acts, breaches of contract or omissions by Customer, Shipper, Consignee or anyone else who may have an interest in the shipment, (viii) acts by any government or any agency or subdivision thereof, including denial or cancellation of any import/export or other necessary license; or (ix) strikes, lockouts or other labor conflicts.

**23. Severability.** In the event any Paragraph(s) and/or portion(s) hereof is found to be invalid and/or unenforceable, then in such event the remainder hereof shall remain in Full force and effect. Company's decision to waive any provision herein, either by conduct or otherwise, shall not be deemed to be a further or continuing waiver of such provision or to otherwise waive or invalidate any other provision herein.

**24. Governing Law; Consent to Jurisdiction and Venue.** These terms and conditions of service and the relationship of the parties shall be construed according to the laws of the State of Virginia without giving consideration to principles of conflict of law. Customer and Company (a) irrevocably consent to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court and the State courts of Virginia; (b) agree that any action relating to the services performed by Company, shall only be brought in said courts; (c) consent to the exercise of *in personam* jurisdiction by said courts over it, and (d) further agree that any action to enforce a judgment may be instituted in any jurisdiction. (*Approved by NCBFAA Revised 6/16*).

**25. Insurance-Transit/Cargo**

1. Comprehensive liability insurance coverage is carried by the Company for all items handled while performing a move and while under her complete and total control.
2. Items of value (i.e. electronic equipment, art work, high value furniture, etc.) exceeding \$5,000.00/piece must be declared prior to being moved. Failure to provide such itemized list of high value items will limit our liability.  
Claims will not be valid unless: Presented in writing within five (5) working days after completion of the job. Payment is made according to the terms of the proposal.
3. The Company reserves the right of first refusal to make all repairs.
4. Should one or more items suffer breakage that is not settled per the valuation selection made prior to the move, twice the estimated repair cost maybe withheld from the total payment due until the claim is resolved. Once resolved per the valuation selection, balance will be due.
5. The Company assumes no liability on articles packed or unpacked by anyone other than her nor does the Company assume any liability for any concealed item, unless caused and accompanied by external damage.
6. The Company will not accept liability for missing items unless such items are considered missing while they are in our complete and total control, or if it can be proven that here was gross negligence on the part of personnel of the Company. Should either and/or both possibilities exist, claims for missing items will only be honored provide they are presented in writing within five (5) working days following completion of the job. The Company assumes liability for damages to all items handled by the Companies personnel during the cause of providing moving and storage services. Liability is limited to the sum of \$0.60/pound/item (Standard Valuation) unless a greater valuation was requested at the agreed upon rate. Costs related to valuation selection are in addition to quoted prices.

**Standard valuation:** Property is released at the declared value of \$0.60/pound/item at no additional charge per the terms of conditions of this contract. \_\_\_\_\_(initial)

**Full marked valuation:** Loss or damage will be adjusted up to the market value of the property at time of loss, based on the lesser cost to repair or replace with property of like kind and quality. Adjustment will not exceed the declared value listed below. Minimum premium is \$250.00. \_\_\_\_\_(initial)  
Declared value \$\_\_\_\_\_. Premium \$25.00/\$1,000 of coverage.

**Full replacement valuation:** Loss or damage will be adjusted up to the replacement value of your property at time of loss, based on the lesser cost to repair or replace with new property of like kind and quality. Adjustment will not exceed the declared value listed below. Minimum premium is \$500.00. \_\_\_\_\_(initial)

Declared value \$\_\_\_\_\_. Premium \$40.00/\$1,000 of coverage.

**IF NO GREATER VALUATION IS SELECTED, STANDARD VALUATION WILL BE INCLUDED.**