

## **RULES OF PARTICIPATION IN THE CHRISTMAS MARKET 2008**

**article 1:** The Christmas Market will open on Saturday 29 November 2008 in the afternoon. The Guest Countries Market runs from Saturday 29 November to Wednesday 31 December 2008. The **obligatory** opening and closing times for the stalls are 10 am to 8 pm every day Fridays and Saturdays until 9 pm, Monday 24 December until 5 pm.

**article 2:** **Are authorised for sale, in accordance with the municipal by-law of 18 February 1986 amended:** craft items made or decorated by hand.

**Article 3:** **Are forbidden from sale: food products.**

**Article 4 :** **As well as the prohibition detailed in Article 3, the following are also forbidden:**

- the posting of bills in any form whatever, in accordance with Law no. 79-1150 of 29 December 1979 stipulating that advertising is forbidden in conservation areas and the area surrounding historic monuments, which includes the areas where the Christmas Market is held,
- auction sales,
- the installation, near the stalls, of stoves, grills, canopies or shutters that are too low and could cause accidents,
- the use of generator sets,
- installations outside the markings on the ground,
- the use of open stalls or "floating" items such as umbrellas or parasol stands,
- damage to trees, putting nails in their trunks, cutting off branches,
- the use of anchor points in the paving,
- street trading in the lanes, the security alleyways and between the stalls,
- the presence in the stalls of dogs or other animals.

**Article 5:** **Licences are granted on a precarious and revocable basis for the current Christmas Market.** They may be withdrawn without compensation for the holder, if the interests of public order, public health, the highways or traffic require it or if the licence holder fails to comply with the conditions specified to him or for any failure to comply with these rules. Licences are personal and may not be passed on or transferred in any way.

**article 6:** **All forms of subletting of stalls are strictly forbidden.** The holder may not transfer his/her licence, nor rent or lend the stall rented. The stall must be run by the exhibitor himself. Checks will be carried out by the relevant administrative departments. If the licence holder is unable to run the stall himself, s/he must declare the fact in writing to the "Service Réglementation du Domaine Public et de la Circulation" (public domain and traffic department) before the Christmas Market opens, giving the surname, first name, address and telephone no. of his/her employee(s), who, in the event of an inspection, must be able to present a payslip drawn up by the employer.

**article 7:** Any trader who displays items other than those for which s/he was selected will be excluded from the Christmas Market the following year, and possibly permanently.

**article 8:** In the event of unfavourable weather forecast by Météo France, the "Service Réglementation du Domaine Public et de la Circulation" (public domain and traffic department) will take all necessary measures so that all the stalls and chalets are closed, thus allowing the evacuation of the public from the different Christmas Market sites. Any exhibitors who fail to comply with such instructions do so at their own risk and liability.

**article 9:** The security companies in charge of the surveillance of the different market sites are obliged to close any stalls that have accidentally been left open using screws, in order to prevent theft, without prejudice for the said companies.

**article 10:** In accordance with Traffic Regulations for the City of Strasbourg, **the parking** of vehicles **is strictly forbidden and considered a nuisance** inside and in the immediate area around the Christmas Market, Place de la Cathédrale, Place Broglie, along the front of the Hôtel de Ville, along the tram lines as well as on the section between the Banque de France and the Théâtre Municipal. Vehicles infringing these rules may be removed to the pound on the orders of the Police.

**Deliveries must be made before 9.30** and all vehicles must have left the different sites by the opening of the Christmas Market. Those infringing this article will be given a ticket.

**article 11:** Exhibitors must present quality displays, both as regards the presentation of the items, the interior an exterior decoration and from a safety point of view.

**article 12:** Each exhibitor must keep the area around his/her stall clean. S/he is obliged to place empty cartons and other waste in the bins and containers provided.

An inventory of the different Christmas Market sites will be carried out every day by agents of the "Service Réglementation du Domaine Public et de la Circulation" (public domain and traffic department). A written warning will be given to those infringing this provision. In the event of a repeat offence, the stall holder will be temporarily excluded from the event.

**article 13:** Inside the stalls, a **sign** 25 cm x 20 cm or larger must indicate clearly the surname, first name and status of the trader. Furthermore, the **prices of the goods** offered for sale must be visibly attached to each item.

**article 14:** The City of Strasbourg declines all liability for any accidents that may result from the existence of the installations and traders' exercising of their business. The latter must have insurance cover for any damage liable to be caused to third parties.

**article 15:** Any infringement of these rules and instructions will give rise to sanctions ranging from a simple warning to the temporary and even permanent exclusion from the Christmas Market.