

Institute of Acoustics Website

Terms and conditions of use

1. Introduction

- 1.1 These terms and conditions shall govern your use of our website.
- 1.2 By using our website, you accept these terms and conditions in full; accordingly, if you disagree with these terms and conditions or any part of these terms and conditions, you must not use our website.
- 1.3 If you register with our website, submit any material to our website or use any of our website services, we will ask you to expressly agree to these terms and conditions.
- 1.4 You must be at least 18 years of age to purchase any product or service through our website; and by purchasing through our website or agreeing to these terms and conditions, you warrant and represent to us that you are at least 18 years of age.
- 1.5 Our website uses cookies; by using our website or agreeing to these terms and conditions, you consent to our use of cookies in accordance with the terms of our privacy and cookies policy.

2. Credit

- 2.1 This document was created using a template from [SEQ Legal](http://www.seqlegal.com) (<http://www.seqlegal.com>).

3. Copyright notice

- 3.1 Copyright (c) 2016 Institute of Acoustics.
- 3.2 Subject to the express provisions of these terms and conditions:
 - (a) we, together with our licensors, own and control all the copyright and other intellectual property rights in our website and the material on our website; and
 - (b) all the copyright and other intellectual property rights in our website and the material on our website are reserved.

4. Licence to use website

- 4.1 You may:
 - (a) view pages from our website in a web browser;
 - (b) download pages from our website for caching in a web browser;

- (c) print pages from our website;
 - (d) stream audio and video files from our website; and
 - (e) use our website services by means of a web browser,
- subject to the other provisions of these terms and conditions.
- 4.2 Except as expressly permitted by Section 4.1 or the other provisions of these terms and conditions, you must not download any material from our website or save any such material to your computer.
- 4.3 You may only use our website for your own personal and business purposes, and you must not use our website for any other purposes.
- 4.4 Except as expressly permitted by these terms and conditions, you must not edit or otherwise modify any material on our website.
- 4.5 Unless you own or control the relevant rights in the material, you must not:
- (a) republish material from our website (including republication on another website);
 - (b) sell, rent or sub-license material from our website;
 - (c) show any material from our website in public (exempt any material that specifically states this is acceptable, eg material designed for schools);
 - (d) exploit material from our website for a commercial purpose; or
 - (e) redistribute material from our website.
- 4.6 Notwithstanding Section 4.5, you may redistribute our E-newsletter in print and electronic form to any person.
- 4.7 We reserve the right to restrict access to areas of our website, or indeed our whole website, at our discretion; you must not circumvent or bypass, or attempt to circumvent or bypass, any access restriction measures on our website.

5. Acceptable use

- 5.1 You must not:
- (a) use our website in any way or take any action that causes, or may cause, damage to the website or impairment of the performance, availability or accessibility of the website;
 - (b) use our website in any way that is unlawful, illegal, fraudulent or harmful, or in connection with any unlawful, illegal, fraudulent or harmful purpose or activity;

- (c) use our website to copy, store, host, transmit, send, use, publish or distribute any material which consists of (or is linked to) any spyware, computer virus, Trojan horse, worm, keystroke logger, rootkit or other malicious computer software;
- (d) conduct any systematic or automated data collection activities (including without limitation scraping, data mining, data extraction and data harvesting) on or in relation to our website without our express written consent;
- (e) access or otherwise interact with our website using any robot, spider or other automated means;
- (f) violate the directives set out in the robots.txt file for our website; or
- (g) use data collected from our website for any direct marketing activity (including without limitation email marketing, SMS marketing, telemarketing and direct mailing).

5.2 You must not use data collected from our website to contact individuals, companies or other persons or entities.

5.3 You must ensure that all the information you supply to us through our website, or in relation to our website, is true, accurate, current, complete and non-misleading.

6. Registration and accounts

6.1 Only members of the Institute of Acoustics (excludes Student Members) will be eligible to have an individual account on our website with access to the members area.

6.2 Members must not allow any other person to use your account to access the website.

6.4 You must notify us in writing immediately if you become aware of any unauthorised use of your account.

6.5 You must not use any other person's account to access the website.

7. User IDs and passwords

7.1 If you a member of the Institute of Acoustics you will be asked to choose a user ID and password for the members section of the website.

7.2 Your user ID must not be liable to mislead and must comply with the content rules set out in Section 10; you must not use your account or user ID for or in connection with the impersonation of any person.

7.3 You must keep your password confidential.

- 7.4 You must notify us in writing immediately if you become aware of any disclosure of your password.
- 7.5 You are responsible for any activity on our website arising out of any failure to keep your password confidential, and may be held liable for any losses arising out of such a failure.

8. Cancellation and suspension of account

8.1 We may:

- (a) suspend your account;
- (b) cancel your account; and/or
- (c) edit your account details,

at any time in our sole discretion without notice or explanation.

8.2 You may cancel your account on our website by contacting the Institute of Acoustics Office.

9. Your content: licence

9.1 In these terms and conditions, "your content" means all works and materials (including without limitation text, graphics, images, audio material, video material, audio-visual material, scripts, software and files) that you submit to us or our website for storage or publication on, processing by, or transmission via, our website.

9.2 You grant to us a worldwide, irrevocable, non-exclusive, royalty-free licence to use, reproduce, store, adapt, publish, translate and distribute your content in any existing or future media / reproduce, store and publish your content on and in relation to this website and any successor website / reproduce, store and, with your specific consent, publish your content on and in relation to this website.

9.3 You grant to us the right to sub-license the rights licensed under Section 9.2.

9.4 You grant to us the right to bring an action for infringement of the rights licensed under Section 9.2.

9.5 You hereby waive all your moral rights in your content to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law; and you warrant and represent that all other moral rights in your content have been waived to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law.

9.6 You may edit your content to the extent permitted using the editing functionality made available on our website.

9.7 Without prejudice to our other rights under these terms and conditions, if you breach any provision of these terms and conditions in any way, or if we

reasonably suspect that you have breached these terms and conditions in any way, we may delete, unpublish or edit any or all of your content.

10. Your content: rules

10.1 You warrant and represent that your content will comply with these terms and conditions.

10.2 Your content must not be illegal or unlawful, must not infringe any person's legal rights, and must not be capable of giving rise to legal action against any person (in each case in any jurisdiction and under any applicable law).

10.3 Your content, and the use of your content by us in accordance with these terms and conditions, must not:

- (a) be libellous or maliciously false;
- (b) be obscene or indecent;
- (c) infringe any copyright, moral right, database right, trade mark right, design right, right in passing off, or other intellectual property right;
- (d) infringe any right of confidence, right of privacy or right under data protection legislation;
- (e) constitute negligent advice or contain any negligent statement;
- (f) constitute an incitement to commit a crime[, instructions for the commission of a crime or the promotion of criminal activity];
- (g) be in contempt of any court, or in breach of any court order;
- (h) be in breach of racial or religious hatred or discrimination legislation;
- (i) be blasphemous;
- (j) be in breach of official secrets legislation;
- (k) be in breach of any contractual obligation owed to any person;
- (l) depict violence in an explicit, graphic or gratuitous manner;
- (m) be pornographic, lewd, suggestive or sexually explicit;
- (n) be untrue, false, inaccurate or misleading;
- (o) consist of or contain any instructions, advice or other information which may be acted upon and could, if acted upon, cause illness, injury or death, or any other loss or damage;
- (p) constitute spam;
- (q) be offensive, deceptive, fraudulent, threatening, abusive, harassing, anti-social, menacing, hateful, discriminatory or inflammatory; or

(r) cause annoyance, inconvenience or needless anxiety to any person.

11. Limited warranties

11.1 We do not warrant or represent:

- (a) the completeness or accuracy of the information published on our website;
- (b) that the material on the website is up to date; or
- (c) that the website or any service on the website will remain available.

11.2 We reserve the right to discontinue or alter any or all of our website services, and to stop publishing our website, at any time in our sole discretion without notice or explanation; and save to the extent expressly provided otherwise in these terms and conditions, you will not be entitled to any compensation or other payment upon the discontinuance or alteration of any website services, or if we stop publishing the website.

11.3 To the maximum extent permitted by applicable law and subject to Section 12.1, we exclude all representations and warranties relating to the subject matter of these terms and conditions, our website and the use of our website.

12. Limitations and exclusions of liability

12.1 Nothing in a contract under these terms and conditions will:

- (a) limit or exclude any liability for death or personal injury resulting from negligence;
- (b) limit or exclude any liability for fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation;
- (c) limit any liabilities in any way that is not permitted under applicable law; or
- (d) exclude any liabilities that may not be excluded under applicable law.

12.2 The limitations and exclusions of liability set out in this Section 12 and elsewhere in a contract under these terms and conditions:

- (a) are subject to Section 12.1; and
- (b) govern all liabilities arising under that contract or relating to the subject matter of that contract, including liabilities arising in contract, in tort (including negligence) and for breach of statutory duty, except to the extent expressly provided otherwise in that contract.

12.3 To the extent that our website and the information and services on our website are provided free of charge, we will not be liable for any loss or damage of any nature.

- 12.4 We will not be liable to you in respect of any losses arising out of any event or events beyond our reasonable control.
- 12.5 We will not be liable to you in respect of any business losses, including (without limitation) loss of or damage to profits, income, revenue, use, production, anticipated savings, business, contracts, commercial opportunities or goodwill.
- 12.6 We will not be liable to you in respect of any loss or corruption of any data, database or software.
- 12.7 We will not be liable to you in respect of any special, indirect or consequential loss or damage.
- 12.8 You accept that we have an interest in limiting the personal liability of our officers and employees and, having regard to that interest, you acknowledge that we are a limited liability entity; you agree that you will not bring any claim personally against our officers or employees in respect of any losses you suffer in connection with the website or these terms and conditions (this will not, of course, limit or exclude the liability of the limited liability entity itself for the acts and omissions of our officers and employees).

13. Breaches of these terms and conditions

- 13.1 Without prejudice to our other rights under these terms and conditions, if you breach these terms and conditions in any way, or if we reasonably suspect that you have breached these terms and conditions in any way, we may:
 - (a) send you one or more formal warnings;
 - (b) temporarily suspend your access to our website;
 - (c) permanently prohibit you from accessing our website;
 - (d) block computers using your IP address from accessing our website;
 - (e) contact any or all of your internet service providers and request that they block your access to our website;
 - (f) commence legal action against you, whether for breach of contract or otherwise; and/or
 - (g) suspend or delete your account on our website.
- 13.2 Where we suspend or prohibit or block your access to our website or a part of our website, you must not take any action to circumvent such suspension or prohibition or blocking (including without limitation creating and/or using a different account).

14. Variation

- 14.1 We may revise these terms and conditions from time to time.

14.2 The revised terms and conditions shall apply to the use of our website from the date of publication of the revised terms and conditions on the website, and you hereby waive any right you may otherwise have to be notified of, or to consent to, revisions of these terms and conditions. / We will give you written notice of any revision of these terms and conditions, and the revised terms and conditions will apply to the use of our website from the date that we give you such notice; if you do not agree to the revised terms and conditions, you must stop using our website.

14.3 If you have given your express agreement to these terms and conditions, we will ask for your express agreement to any revision of these terms and conditions; and if you do not give your express agreement to the revised terms and conditions within such period as we may specify, we will disable or delete your account on the website, and you must stop using the website.

15. Assignment

15.1 You hereby agree that we may assign, transfer, sub-contract or otherwise deal with our rights and/or obligations under these terms and conditions.

15.2 You may not without our prior written consent assign, transfer, sub-contract or otherwise deal with any of your rights and/or obligations under these terms and conditions.

16. Severability

16.1 If a provision of a contract under these terms and conditions is determined by any court or other competent authority to be unlawful and/or unenforceable, the other provisions will continue in effect.

16.2 If any unlawful and/or unenforceable provision of a contract under these terms and conditions would be lawful or enforceable if part of it were deleted, that part will be deemed to be deleted, and the rest of the provision will continue in effect.

17. Third party rights

17.1 A contract under these terms and conditions is for our benefit and your benefit, and is not intended to benefit or be enforceable by any third party.

17.2 The exercise of the parties' rights under a contract under these terms and conditions is not subject to the consent of any third party.

18. Entire agreement

18.1 Subject to Section 12.1, these terms and conditions, together with [our privacy and cookies policy], shall constitute the entire agreement between you and us in relation to your use of our website and shall supersede all previous agreements between you and us in relation to your use of our website.

19. Law and jurisdiction

- 19.1 A contract under these terms and conditions shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law.
- 19.2 Any disputes relating to a contract under these terms and conditions shall be subject to the [exclusive / non-exclusive] jurisdiction of the courts of England.

20. Statutory and regulatory disclosures

- 20.1 We are a UK registered company; you can find the online version of the register at

<http://wck2.companieshouse.gov.uk//wckframe?name=accessCompanyInfo>,
and our registration number is 01157249.

- 20.2 We are a UK registered Charity; you can find the online version of the register at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/charity-commission> ,and our
registration number is 267026

- 20.3 Our VAT number is GB240885651.

21. Our details

- 21.1 This website is owned and operated by the Institute of Acoustics.
- 21.2 We are registered in England and Wales under registration number 01157249, and our registered office is at St Peter's House, 45-49 Victoria Street, St Albans, Herts, AL1 3WZ.
- 21.3 Our principal place of business is at St Peter's House, 45-49 Victoria Street, St Albans, Herts , AL1 3WZ.
- 21.4 You can contact us by writing to the business address given above, by using our website contact form, by email to ioa@ioa.org.uk or by telephone on 01727 848195.

(l) - Should the depiction of violence be prohibited? Should the prohibition on depicting violence be limited to explicit etc violence?

(m) - Should pornographic material be prohibited? Should the prohibition on pornographic material be supplemented with a prohibition on lewd, suggestive or sexually explicit material?

(n) - Should untrue, false, inaccurate or misleading content be prohibited?

(o) - Should potentially dangerous advice be prohibited?

(p) - Should spam be prohibited?

(q) - Should offensive etc material be prohibited?

(r) - Should annoying etc material be prohibited?

Section 12 - Limitations and exclusions of liability

Contractual limitations and exclusions of liability are regulated and controlled by law, and the courts may rule that particular limitations and exclusions of liability in contracts are unenforceable.

The courts are particularly likely to intervene where a party is seeking to rely on a limitation or exclusion of liability in its standard terms and conditions, but will also sometimes intervene where a term has been individually negotiated.

The courts may be more likely to rule that provisions excluding liability, as opposed to those merely limiting liability, are unenforceable.

If there is a risk that any particular limitation or exclusion of liability will be found to be unenforceable by the courts, that provision should be drafted as an independent term, and be numbered separately from the other provisions.

It may improve the chances of a limitation or exclusion of liability being found to be enforceable if the party seeking to rely upon it specifically drew it to the attention of the other party before the contract was entered into.

Exclusions and limitations of liability in UK contracts are primarily regulated by the Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977 ("UCTA").

Contracts regulated by UCTA cannot exclude or restrict a party's liability for death or personal injury resulting from negligence (Section 2(1), UCTA).

Except insofar as the relevant term satisfies the requirements of reasonableness, such contracts cannot exclude or restrict liability: (i) for negligence (which includes a breach of an express or implied contractual obligation to take reasonable care or exercise reasonable skill) (Section 2(2), UCTA); or (ii) for misrepresentation (Section 3, Misrepresentation Act 1967).

In addition, if a contract is regulated by UCTA, and one of the parties is dealing on the other's written standard terms of business, then except insofar as the relevant contractual term satisfies the requirements of reasonableness the other party cannot: (i) exclude or restrict his liability in respect of a breach of contract; or (ii) claim to be entitled to render a contractual performance substantially different from that which was reasonably expected of him; or (iii) claim to be entitled, in respect

of the whole or any part of his contractual obligation, to render no contractual performance at all (see Section 3, UCTA).

UCTA includes various other restrictions, particularly in the case of contracts for the sale of goods and contracts under which possession or ownership of goods passes.

If you wish to try to limit/exclude for liability in respect of reckless, deliberate, personal and/or repudiatory breaches of contract, you should specify this in relation to the relevant provision (for example, using the following wording: "The limitations and exclusions of liability in this Clause [number] will apply whether or not the liability in question arises out of any reckless, deliberate, personal and/or repudiatory conduct or breach of contract"). In many circumstances, however, the courts will find these types of limitations and exclusions to be unenforceable.

Somewhat different rules apply to limitations of liability in contracts with consumers, and these provisions should not be used in relation to such contracts.

These guidance notes provide a very incomplete and basic overview of a complex subject. Accordingly, you should take legal advice if you may wish to rely upon a limitation or exclusion of liability.

Section 12.1

Do not delete this provision (except upon legal advice). Without this provision, the specific limitations and exclusions of liability in the document are more likely to be unenforceable.

Section 12.3

Do you want to attempt to exclude all liability for free services and information?

This sort of exclusion is quite common, but unlikely to be enforceable in court.

Section 12.7

"Consequential loss" has a special meaning in English law: it means any loss that, whilst not arising naturally from the breach, was specifically in the contemplation of the parties when the contract was made.

Section 12.8

If the website operator is a limited liability entity (e.g. a limited company), do you want to expressly exclude liability on the part of officers and employees?

Section 14 - Variation

Changes to legal documents published on a website will not generally be retrospectively effective, and variations without notice to and/or consent from relevant users may be ineffective.

Section 14.2

Will website users be notified of changes to the document?

Section 14.3

Will registered users be required to consent to variations?

Section 17 - Third party rights

This provision is designed to exclude any rights a third party may have under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.

Section 18 - Entire agreement

Section 18.1

What other documents govern the use of the website?

Section 19 - Law and jurisdiction

The questions of which law governs a document and where disputes relating to the document may be litigated are two distinct questions.

Section 19.1

Which law should govern the document?

This document has been drafted to comply with English law, and the governing law provision should not be changed without obtaining expert advice from a lawyer qualified in the appropriate jurisdiction. In some circumstances the courts will apply provisions of their local law, such as local competition law or consumer protection law, irrespective of a choice of law clause.

Section 19.2

Should the jurisdiction granted be exclusive or non-exclusive? Choose "non-exclusive" jurisdiction if you may want to enforce the terms and conditions against users outside England and Wales. Otherwise, choose "exclusive jurisdiction". The courts of which country or jurisdiction should adjudicate disputes under the document?

In some circumstances your jurisdiction clause may be overridden by the courts.

Section 20 - Statutory and regulatory disclosures

Do the Electronic Commerce (EC Directive) Regulations 2002 apply to the website or is the website operator registered for VAT?

This section can be deleted where website operator is not registered for VAT and the Electronic Commerce (EC Directive) Regulations 2002 do not apply. Generally, those Regulations will apply unless a website is entirely non-commercial, i.e. where a website does not offer any goods or services and does not involve any remuneration (which includes remuneration for carrying AdSense or other advertising).

Section 20.1

Is the website operator registered in a trade or similar register that is available to the public?

What is the name of the trade register? At what URL can the trade register be found? What is the website operator's registration number?

The Electronic Commerce (EC Directive) Regulations 2002 provide that if you are "registered in a trade or similar register available to the public", you must provide "details of the register in which the service provider is entered and his registration number, or equivalent means of identification in that register".

Section 20.2

Is the website operator subject to an authorisation scheme (e.g. under financial services legislation)?

What is the name of the authorisation scheme to which the website operator is subject? What authority supervises the authorisation scheme?

The Electronic Commerce (EC Directive) Regulations 2002 provide that "where the provision of the service is subject to an authorisation scheme" you must provide "the particulars of the relevant supervisory authority".

Section 20.3

Is the service provider a member of a regulated profession (e.g. solicitors)?

What is the website operator's professional title? Which professional body regulates the website operator? In which jurisdiction was the professional title granted? What is the name of the document containing the rules governing the profession? At what URL can the rules be found?

The Electronic Commerce (EC Directive) Regulations 2002 provide that if "the service provider exercises a regulated profession", it must provide "(i) the details of any professional body or similar institution with which the service provider is registered; (ii) his professional title and the member State where that title has been granted; (iii) a reference to the professional rules applicable to the service provider in the member State of establishment and the means to access them".

Section 20.4

Does the website operator subscribe to any codes of conduct?

Identify the codes of conduct in question. Where can the codes be viewed?

The Electronic Commerce (EC Directive) Regulations 2002 provide that "a service provider shall indicate which relevant codes of conduct he subscribes to and give information on how those codes can be consulted electronically".

Section 20.5

Is the website operator registered for VAT?

What is the website operator's VAT number?

Section 21 - Our details

UK companies must provide their corporate names, their registration numbers, their place of registration and their registered office address on their websites (although not necessarily in this document).

Sole traders and partnerships that carry on a business in the UK under a "business name" (i.e. a name which is not the name of the trader/names of the partners or certain other specified classes of name) must also make certain website disclosures: (i) in the case of a sole trader, the individual's name; (ii) in the case of a partnership, the name of each member of the partnership; and (iii) in either case, in relation to each person named, an address in the UK at which service of any document relating in any way to the business will be effective. All websites covered by the Electronic Commerce (EC Directive) Regulations 2002 must provide a geographic address (not a PO Box number) and an email address. All website operators covered by the Provision of Services Regulations 2009 must also provide a telephone number.

Section 21.1

What is the name of the company, partnership, individual or other legal person or entity that owns and operates the website?

Section 21.2

Is the website operator a company?

In what jurisdiction is the website operator registered? What is the website operator's company registration number or equivalent? What is the website operator's registered address?

Section 21.3

Optional element.

Where is the website operator's head office or principal place of business?

Section 21.4

What is the website operator's contact email address? What is the website operator's contact telephone number?