

General terms and conditions of purchase for suppliers

All purchase / subcontracting orders are subject to these General Terms and Conditions of SODECA, S.L.U. (hereinafter, SODECA), unless otherwise expressly agreed in writing.

Acceptance of the order

All supplies must comply with the conditions stated in our order, including, by way of example and without limitation, the delivery date, price, and payment terms. In the event of any disagreement with any of these conditions, the supplier must notify it in writing within forty-eight (48) hours from the date of the order and obtain our express approval before proceeding with its fulfillment.

Once the forty-eight (48) hour period has elapsed without any claim, the supplier shall be deemed to have fully accepted the conditions stipulated in the order, including the right of access by SODECA, its customers, and regulatory authorities, under the terms set out in the section "RIGHT OF ACCESS".

The supplier undertakes to pass on to its subcontractors the applicable requirements set out in the purchasing documents, including key characteristics.

Economic conditions

Any modification of prices, surcharges, or economic conditions must be previously approved in writing by SODECA prior to the supply.

Unilateral price increases or those reflected in invoices without such prior approval shall not be accepted.

Invoicing

Invoices must be duly completed and must obligatorily include: order number, delivery note number, product code, description, quantity, unit price, and total amount.

If the invoiced amount does not match the agreed price, the invoice shall be rejected and returned to the supplier for correction.

Invoices must be received within the month calendar in which the material was received and, in any case, no later than the 5th day of the following month.

Invoices received after this date shall be accounted for in the following month, and their date of receipt for due date purposes shall be deemed to be that corresponding to said month.

Consequently, payment of such invoices shall be made in the next payment cycle in accordance with the agreed conditions (bank transfer, confirming, or other means). For those payment methods not subject to a fixed payment day, the due date shall be deferred by thirty (30) days from the new accounting date.

Delivery date

The delivery date shall be deemed to be the date on which the material is received and accepted at our facilities, within the established receiving hours.

In the event of non-compliance with the agreed delivery date, SODECA reserves the right, at its sole discretion and without prior notice, to cancel the order in whole or in part, without this giving rise to any right to compensation in favor of the supplier.

Penalties for failure to meet deadlines

In the event of non-compliance with the agreed or confirmed delivery date by the supplier or tacitly accepted in accordance with the section "ACCEPTANCE OF THE ORDER", the supplier shall be liable for the damages and direct costs that such delay may cause to SODECA.

Without prejudice to any other rights that may correspond to SODECA, it may apply a penalty equivalent to one point five percent (1.5%) of the value of the affected order for each calendar week of delay, or fraction thereof, with a maximum limit of fifteen percent (15%) of the total value of the order.

Additionally, the supplier shall bear and compensate duly justified costs arising from the delay, including, but not limited to:

- administrative rescheduling costs;
- urgent or extraordinary transport costs;
- penalties or claims from SODECA's end customers arising from contractual commitments, where such penalties are a direct consequence of the delay attributable to the supplier.

The indicated penalties and costs may be offset, in whole or in part, by deduction from pending or future invoices, without prejudice to SODECA's right to claim additional damages as applicable.

The penalties established shall constitute a penalty clause and shall not limit SODECA's right to claim compensation for additional damages in accordance with applicable law.

Identification of material

Each shipment must be accompanied by a delivery note clearly and legibly indicating, at a minimum: order number, product code, description, and quantity supplied and, where applicable, batch number or traceability identification.

Likewise, each package must be duly identified, visibly indicating its quantitative and qualitative contents, allowing proper identification, handling, and verification upon receipt.

Documentation

The supplier and, where applicable, its subcontractors, must submit to SODECA, when required, dimensional reports and/or certificates of product conformity, as well as any other technical or quality documentation necessary to demonstrate product compliance with specified requirements.

Such documentation may include, among others, material certificates, test reports, process control records, traceability evidence, certificates of special treatments, declarations of regulatory compliance, or any documentation required by legal, regulatory, customer, or certification requirements.

The documentation must expressly identify the order number and/or the SODECA Manufacturing Order to which it corresponds.

Incoming inspection

Material shall be deemed received once the Quality Control department has carried out the corresponding verification, in accordance with the applicable quality standards in each case.

Defective or non-conforming material may be rejected and returned to the supplier, with transport costs borne by the supplier.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, SODECA is authorized, for production needs, to select, repair, or carry out the necessary recovery work to correct detected defects, the cost of such operations being entirely borne by the supplier.

The supplier shall have the right to verify the authenticity and nature of the detected defects, upon prior notification and by mutual agreement with SODECA, provided that such verification does not cause delays, production interference, or additional costs for SODECA. In any case, the classification of the material as conforming or non-conforming shall exclusively correspond to SODECA.

Non-conforming product

Without prejudice to the provisions of the section "INCOMING INSPECTION", if the supplier or, where applicable, its subcontractors detect the existence of non-conforming product, they must immediately notify SODECA and promptly apply the necessary containment measures, including, where appropriate, replacement of the affected product, in order to avoid impacts on production, delivery times, or safety.

The supplier must also request SODECA's prior written approval for the disposition, use, reprocessing, or destruction of non-conforming products.

In the event of a claim for non-conforming product, the supplier must respond within a maximum period of fifteen (15) calendar days, indicating the actions taken or planned to prevent recurrence of non-conformities in the affected products.

When required by SODECA, the supplier must carry out a root cause analysis and define and implement the necessary corrective actions to prevent recurrence of the non-conformity.

Product warranty

The supplier warrants that the supplied products shall be free from defects in design, materials, workmanship, and operation, and shall comply with the applicable technical, regulatory, and contractual specifications.

Unless expressly agreed otherwise in writing, the warranty period shall be twenty-four (24) months from the date of shipment of the product by SODECA or twelve (12) months from commissioning, whichever occurs first.

During the warranty period, the supplier undertakes to repair or replace, at its own expense and within a reasonable time, any product found to be defective or non-conforming due to causes attributable to the supplier.

All costs arising from the application of the warranty, including but not limited to transport, disassembly, assembly, replacement, testing, or verification, shall be entirely borne by the supplier.

The warranty established herein shall be without prejudice to any liabilities that may arise under applicable law or other sections of these General Terms and Conditions, particularly those relating to non-conforming product and supplier liability.

Supplier liability

The supplier shall be fully responsible for the conformity, safety, and reliability of the supplied products, as well as their compliance with applicable technical, regulatory, and legal requirements, regardless of whether such products are integrated into equipment, systems, or solutions manufactured or marketed by SODECA.

The supplier shall be liable to SODECA for any damage, loss, claim, sanction, or civil, administrative, or criminal liability arising from product defects, manufacturing failures, or regulatory or safety non-compliance, where such damages are directly or indirectly attributable to the supplier.

For products subject to testing, approvals, or certifications for a specific application (including, by way of example and without limitation, fire resistance certifications, functional safety, ATEX compliance, or any other applicable regulatory requirement), the supplier warrants that all subsequent production shall strictly comply with the technical information, data sheets, processes, materials, and components forming the basis of such certification.

Any modification, component substitution, process change, or deviation from the certified configuration must be previously notified to SODECA and shall not be implemented without its express written approval, and, where applicable, repetition of the relevant tests or certifications shall be required.

Failure to notify or the implementation of unauthorized changes affecting certified products shall result in the supplier assuming full and unlimited responsibility for any damages, consequences, or claims that may arise, including those affecting personal safety, property, or certification compliance, releasing SODECA from any liability to the extent permitted by law.

Integration of the product into SODECA's equipment, systems, or installations shall not in any case limit or exclude the supplier's liability for attributable defects, non-compliances, or deviations.

Records

The supplier and, where applicable, its subcontractors shall retain quality records relating to supplied products for a minimum period of five (5) years, unless a different period is expressly stated in the order, including digital records.

After this period, or if destruction is intended prior thereto, SODECA's prior written authorization shall be required.

Subcontracting

The supplier may not subcontract, in whole or in part, execution of the order without SODECA's prior written authorization.

Where subcontracting is authorized, the supplier shall remain solely and exclusively responsible to SODECA for quality, conformity, and compliance with applicable requirements of the supplied products within the scope of the order, regardless of subcontractor involvement.

Change control of requirements

The supplier and, where applicable, its subcontractors must previously notify SODECA of any changes to the product and/or process, as well as changes of suppliers, subcontractors, or manufacturing facility locations.

Such changes shall not be implemented without SODECA's prior written approval where they may affect product quality, conformity, or compliance with applicable requirements.

Right of access

The supplier and, where applicable, its subcontractors shall allow access to SODECA, its customers, and regulatory authorities, upon request, to their facilities and to documented information relating to orders, at any level of the supply chain involved.

Verification or validation activities at the supplier's facilities shall be communicated and planned in advance, with reasonable notice agreed between the parties, except where immediate access is required by legal or regulatory mandate.

Official quality assurance – PECAL 2110 (AQAP)

All requirements arising from the order and these General Terms and Conditions may be subject to Official Quality Assurance (OQA) in accordance with the applicable requirements of PECAL 2110 (AQAP).

The supplier shall be duly informed of any OQA activities to be carried out, including inspections, verifications, or audits, by regulatory authorities or designated bodies.

Prevention of counterfeit parts

The supplier and, where applicable, its subcontractors shall plan, implement, and control processes appropriate to their organization and supplied products in order to prevent the use of counterfeit or suspected counterfeit parts, as well as their inclusion in products delivered to SODECA or its customers.

Quality management system

The supplier and, where applicable, its subcontractors shall have, when required by SODECA, a Quality Management System compliant with ISO 9001 or equivalent, or otherwise demonstrate implementation of adequate controls and procedures ensuring product or service conformity.

The supplier shall immediately inform SODECA of the loss, suspension, or non-renewal of any ISO or customer certification required for product or service provision.

The supplier and, where applicable, its subcontractors shall also implement and maintain actions to ensure that personnel are aware of:

- their contribution to product or service conformity;
- their contribution to product safety;
- the importance of ethical behavior.

Supplier self-inspection

The supplier and, where applicable, its subcontractors shall establish and maintain appropriate self-inspection systems to ensure conformity of products or services with specified requirements prior to delivery to SODECA, in accordance with ISO 9001 principles.

Performance monitoring

The supplier and, where applicable, its subcontractors shall be continuously evaluated in accordance with SODECA's supplier monitoring and evaluation process.

Such evaluation shall consider, among other criteria, service quality, product quality, and compliance with agreed deadlines and may affect continuation of the business relationship or allocation of future orders.

Risk management and supply continuity

The supplier shall immediately inform SODECA of any circumstance that may affect supply continuity, including, but not limited to, production capacity issues, stock shortages, critical incidents, or supply chain disruptions.

The supplier shall also have reasonable contingency measures or plans in place to minimize the impact of such incidents on order fulfillment.

Ethics and legal compliance

The supplier and, where applicable, its subcontractors undertake to comply with applicable legislation, maintain ethical and professional conduct, and reject any fraudulent, corrupt, or bad-faith commercial practices, as well as avoid conflicts of interest that may affect the relationship with SODECA.

Confidentiality and information ownership

All information provided by SODECA to the supplier, including but not limited to drawings, specifications, samples, technical documentation, end-customer data, and know-how, shall be confidential.

Such information shall not be used for purposes other than order execution nor disclosed to third parties without SODECA's prior written authorization, and this obligation shall remain in force even after termination of the commercial relationship.

These provisions are general and shall apply without prejudice to specific confidentiality agreements (NDAs) that SODECA may require. Where an NDA exists, its terms shall prevail.

Ownership of tooling and technical documentation

Tooling, molds, gauges, machinery, drawings, and technical documentation provided by SODECA shall remain its exclusive property and shall be used solely for execution of SODECA orders.

Upon termination of the commercial relationship, such items shall be returned or destroyed as instructed by SODECA, and the supplier may not retain or use them for third parties.

These conditions shall apply without prejudice to specific contracts entered by SODECA regarding ownership, use, custody, or return of tooling, assets, or production means, which shall prevail where applicable.

Force majeure

Total or partial failure to perform obligations arising from an order shall not be attributable to the affected party where such failure results from force majeure events, defined as unforeseeable or unavoidable events beyond reasonable control, including, but not limited to, natural disasters, fires, wars, armed conflicts, pandemics, general strikes, governmental acts, or serious disruptions of energy, transport, or raw material supply.

The affected party shall notify the other party as soon as reasonably possible and take necessary measures to mitigate the effects.

Suspension of obligations due to force majeure shall be limited to the strictly necessary duration.

Applicable law and jurisdiction

These General Terms and Conditions and the orders to which they apply shall be governed by and construed in accordance with Spanish law.

Any dispute arising from their interpretation or application shall be submitted to the Courts and Tribunals of Barcelona, with express waiver of any other jurisdiction that may apply.

Final provision

In the event of conflict between these General Terms and Conditions and any supplier conditions, SODECA's conditions shall prevail, unless otherwise expressly agreed in writing.

Acceptance or receipt of supplier documentation (including delivery notes, quotations, or invoices) shall not imply acceptance of the supplier's general terms and conditions.