

TERMS OF BUSINESS

FOR COMMISSIONED TRANSLATION WORK

0. INTRODUCTION

I offer high quality, reliable translation work and friendly, professional service to help you grow your business and achieve your objectives successfully.

I work primarily in the following areas:

- Non-fiction books (themes: feminism, and self-development/self-help);
- Academic works (books and articles in the social sciences and humanities);
- Culture (exhibition catalogues, visitor's guide, websites, brochures, programmes for museums, festivals and other cultural events);
- Tourism and Hospitality (brochures, menus, websites, travel guides);
- Marketing (communication materials and marketing campaigns);
- Audio Video (scripts, subtitles).

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1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 Definitions

In this Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions shall be given the following meanings:

'Agreement' means these standard terms of business.

'Assignment' means the period during which a Translator performs services or carries out work for or on behalf of the Client or as otherwise agreed between the Client and the Translator, commencing at the time the Translator first starts such work and services and ending upon the cessation by the Translator of all such work and services.

'Client' means the Party commissioning a Translation in the normal course of business.

'Confidential Material' means any sensitive or private information with regard to the Client or their business.

'Source Material' means any text or other medium provided by the Client to the Translator and which contains a communication which has to be translated, and may comprise text, sound and/or images.

'Translator' means the Party providing a Translation in the normal course of business. The Translator

shall normally be the creator of a Translation unless the Client has been explicitly informed that the Translation Task will be subcontracted, or the Translator customarily trades as an intermediary.

‘Translation Task’ means the preparation of a Translation or any other translation-related task such as revising, editing, etc., which calls upon the translation skills of a Translator, but not copywriting or adaptation.

‘Translation’ means the commissioned work produced by the Translator. ‘Third Party’ means any party who is not a party to this Agreement.

1.2 Interpretation

In this Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires:

Words in the singular shall include the plural and vice versa. No part of any numbered clause shall be read separately from any other part.

Clause headings are provided for convenience of reading only and shall be ignored for the purposes of ascertaining meaning.

A reference to a statute or statutory provision is a reference to it as amended, extended or re-enacted from time to time.

References to a “Party” or the “Parties” means the parties to this Agreement. Such Parties may be natural or legal persons, including, for example, private individuals, associations, partnerships, economic interest groupings or corporate entities.

Any words following the terms “including”, “include”, “in particular”, “for example” or any similar expression shall be construed as illustrative and shall not limit the sense of the words, description, definition, phrase or term preceding those terms.

2. COPYRIGHT

2.1 The Translator accepts a Translation Task from the Client on the understanding that performance of the Translation Task will not infringe any Third Party rights. Accordingly the Client warrants to the Translator that:

1. The Client has full right and authority to enter into this Agreement, having acquired the right and licence to translate and publish the Source Material; and
2. The Source Material does not infringe the copyright or any other right of any person.

2.2 The Client shall indemnify the Translator against any loss, injury or damage (including legal costs and expenses and compensation paid by the Translator to compromise or settle any claim) which the Translator suffers as a consequence of any breach or alleged breach of any of the above warranties or as a consequence of any claim that the Source Material contains anything objectionable, libellous, blasphemous or obscene or which constitutes an infringement of copyright or of any other rights of any Third Party.

2.3 In the absence of a specific written agreement to the contrary, copyright in the Translation remains the property of both the Translator and the author of the Source Material.

2.4 Where the Translation is subsequently printed for distribution, the Client shall acknowledge the Translator's work in the same weight and style of type as used for acknowledgement of the printer and/or others involved in production of the finished document, by the following statement: "(English or other) Translation by (Translator's name)", as appropriate to the particular case.

2.5 All Translations are subject to the Translator's right of integrity.

2.6 If a Translation is in any way amended or altered without the written permission of the Translator, he/she shall not be in any way liable for amendments made or their consequences.

2.7 No amendment or alteration may be made to a Translation without the Translator's written permission.

3. FEES: (BINDING) QUOTATIONS AND (NON-BINDING) ESTIMATES

3.1 In the absence of any specific agreement, the fee to be charged shall be determined by the Translator on the basis of the Client's description of the Source Material, the purpose of the Translation and any instructions given by the Client.

3.2 No fixed quotation shall be given by the Translator until he/she has seen or heard all the Source Material and has received clear and complete instructions in writing from the Client.

3.3 Where VAT is chargeable it will be charged in addition to the quoted fee if the Translator is VAT registered.

3.4 Any fee quoted, estimated or agreed by the Translator on the basis of the Client's description of the Translation Task may be subject to amendment by agreement between the Parties if, in the Translator's opinion on having seen or heard the Source Material, that description is materially inadequate or inaccurate.

3.5 Any fee agreed for a Translation which is found to present latent special difficulties of which neither party could be reasonably aware at the time of offer and acceptance shall be renegotiated, always provided that the circumstances are made known to the other Party as soon as reasonably practical after they become apparent.

3.6 An estimate shall not be considered contractually binding, but given for guidance or information only.

3.7 Subject to clause 3.2 above, a binding quotation once given after the Translator has seen or heard all the Source Material shall remain valid for a period of thirty (30) days from the date on which it was given, after which time it may be subject to revision.

3.8 Costs of delivery of the Translation shall normally be borne by the Translator. Where delivery requested by the Client involves expenditure greater than the cost normally incurred for delivery (for example, courier and/or recorded or special delivery), the additional cost shall be chargeable to the Client.

3.9 Other supplementary charges, for example those arising from:

- Discontinuous text, complicated layout or other forms of layout or presentation requiring additional time or resources, and/or
- Poorly legible copy or poorly audible sound media, and/or
- Terminological research, and/or
- Priority work or work outside normal office hours in order to meet the Client's deadline or other requirements, may also be charged.

The nature of such charges shall be agreed in advance.

3.10 If any changes are made in the text or the Client's requirements at any time while the Translation Task is in progress, the Translator's fee, any applicable supplementary charges and the terms of delivery shall be adjusted in respect of the additional work.

4. DELIVERY

4.1 Any delivery date or dates agreed between the Translator and the Client shall become binding only after the Translator has seen or heard all of the Source Material to be translated and has received complete instructions in writing from the Client.

4.2 The date of delivery shall not be of the essence unless specifically agreed in writing.

4.3 Unless otherwise agreed, the Translator shall dispatch the Translation in such a way that the Client can reasonably expect to receive it not later than the normal close of business at the Client's premises on the date of delivery.

5. PAYMENT

5.1 Payment in full to the Translator shall be effected no later than thirty (30) days from the date of invoice by the method of payment specified.

5.2 Payment shall be made in Pound Sterling (£) and all bank transfer and currency exchange fees shall be borne by the client.

5.3 For any given Assignment, the Translator may request an initial payment and periodic partial payments on terms to be agreed.

5.4 Settlement of any invoice, part-invoice or other payment shall be made by the due date agreed between the Parties or in the absence of such agreement within the period stipulated in clause 5.1.

5.5 Where delivery is in instalments and notice has been given that an interim payment is overdue, the Translator shall have the right to stop working on the Translation Task at hand until the outstanding payment is made or other terms agreed.

5.6 Any payment that is not made on or before the due date shall bear interest at the rate of ten per cent (10%) above the base rate of the European Central Bank as well as a flat-rate recovery fee of £40.

6. CONFIDENTIALITY AND SAFE-KEEPING OF THE CLIENT'S DOCUMENTS

6.1 No documents for Translation shall be deemed to be confidential unless this is expressly stated by the Client.

6.2 However the Translator shall at all times exercise due discretion in respect of disclosure to any Third Party of any information contained in the Client's Source Material or Translations thereof without the express authorisation of the Client.

6.3 Notwithstanding clause 6.2, the Parties agree that a Third Party may be consulted over specific translation terminology queries in relation to the Source Material.

6.4 The Translator shall be responsible for the safe-keeping of the Client's Source Material and copies of the Translations, and shall, where necessary, ensure their secure disposal.

6.5 If requested to do so by the Client, the Translator shall insure documents in transit from the Translator, at the Client's expense.

7. CANCELLATION AND FRUSTRATION

7.1 If a Translation Task is commissioned and subsequently cancelled, reduced in scope or frustrated by an act or omission on the part of the Client or any Third Party, the Client shall except in the circumstances described in clause 7.4 pay the Translator the full fee for the work completed and fifty per cent (50%) of the full fee for the work yet to be completed.

7.2 The work completed shall be made available to the Client.

7.3 If a Client goes into liquidation (other than voluntary liquidation for the purposes of reconstruction), or has a receiver appointed or becomes insolvent, bankrupt or enters into any arrangement with creditors the Translator shall have the right to terminate a contract.

7.4 Neither the Translator nor the Client shall be liable to the other or any Third Party for consequences which are the result of circumstances wholly beyond the control of either Party.

7.5 The Translator shall notify the Client as soon as is reasonably practical of any circumstances likely to prejudice the Translator's ability to comply with the terms of the Client's order, and assist the Client as far as reasonably practical to identify an alternative solution.

8. COMPLAINTS AND DISPUTES

8.1 Any complaint in connection with a Translation Task shall be notified to the Translator by the Client (or vice-versa) within one month of the date of delivery of the Translation. If the Parties are unable to resolve the complaint, the matter may be referred by either Party to the Société Française des Traducteurs (SFT) arbitration committee. Such referral shall be made no later than two months from the date on which the original complaint was made.

8.2 If a dispute cannot be resolved amicably between the Parties, or if either Party refuses to accept arbitration, the Parties shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of France. In any event this Agreement shall be construed in accordance with French law.

9. RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY

9.1 The Translation Task shall be carried out by the Translator using reasonable skill and care.

9.2 Time and expense permitting, the Translator shall use his or her reasonable commercial endeavours to do the work to the best of his or her ability, knowledge and belief, and consulting such authorities as are reasonably available to him/her at the time.

9.3 Subject to clause 9.4, a Translation shall be fit for its stated purpose and target readership, and the level of quality specified.

9.4 Unless specified otherwise, Translations shall be deemed to be of "for information" quality only.

9.5 Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as seeking to restrict a Party's liability for personal injury or death arising from its own negligence.

9.6 Subject to clause 9.5, the liability of the Translator under or in respect of this Agreement, whether in tort, contract or otherwise, shall be limited to the cost of the Translation Task being undertaken when the liability arises.

9.7 Neither Party shall be liable to the other in respect of any consequential or indirect loss whatsoever.

10. APPLICABILITY AND INTEGRITY

10.1 This Agreement shall come into effect either (1) when the Client signs the Agreement; or (2) when the Client commences delivery of the Source Material; or (3) when the Translator provides any services under the Agreement, whichever is the earlier.

10.2 This Agreement may be subject to any detailed requirements or variants expressly specified in the order relating to a particular Translation Task.

10.3 No waiver of any breach of any condition in this Agreement shall be considered as a waiver of any subsequent breach of the same or any other provision.