

3. SAFETY STATEMENT
FOR THE PREPARATION AND ORGANIZATION OF
THE SPECIALIZED AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITION BATA AGRO
IN THE CONDITIONS OF COVID-19

(addendum to the General Order and Safety Rules for the Exhibition)

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I. General information

The Bulgarian Association of Traders of Agro Machinery provides this Statement to ensure a safe and healthy environment for all partners, participants, employees and visitors of the Specialized Agricultural Exhibition BATA AGRO in the conditions of the Covid-19 pandemic. It includes rules and measures that are fully compliant with the instructions and orders of the Ministry of Health, the applicable laws, regulations and administrative provisions, and the practices of international experts for the organization of exhibition events. This Safety Statement is in accordance with Order No. RD-01-677 of 25 November 2020, Order No. RD-01-718 of 18 December 2020, Order No. RD-01-51 of 26 January 2021 given by the Minister of Health.

This Safety Statement sets out the social distancing, disinfection and PPE requirements, which should be applied effectively and be observed in good faith and strictly by all to ensure the safety of attendees.

The BATA AGRO Specialized Agricultural Exhibition is held outdoors within an area of over 200,000 sq. m and has sufficient capacity to ensure social distancing and organize such anti-epidemic measures as required by the Ministry of Health.

II. General safety rules for the preparation and holding of the Exhibition and measures taken by the Organizer

1. Social distancing and traffic organization

- The Exhibition premises have the space required to keep social distancing of at least 1.5 m between attendees;

- Distance is provided between the exhibition areas (from 3 to 6 meters) and clear aisles (from 5 to 9 meters);
- Separate entry and exit points are designated and one-way traffic is organized in the exhibition areas by placing appropriate marking with a distance of 1.5 m maintained between the two streams of traffic;
- Visitors can make an online booking to limit physical contact;
- At the entrances of the Exhibition, persons with symptoms of acute respiratory infection, such as fever, cough, difficult breathing, loss of smell, reduced or lost sense of taste, etc., will be prohibited access. In the event of a confirmed case of COVID-19 on the Exhibition premises, the surfaces the infected person have been in contact with and the common areas will be disinfected and sanitized immediately.

2. Sanitary measures and protective equipment

- The Organizer will sanitize and disinfect all common areas/common spaces and bathrooms (other than the areas rented by the Exhibitors and other participants/renters). The surfaces that come into hand contact shall be cleaned and disinfected daily and on schedule and according to such algorithm as specified in Annex 1 to Order No. RD-01-51 of 26 January 2021 by the Minister of Health;
- The cleaning agents and disinfectants used shall be as approved by the Ministry of Health and meeting the requirements of Annex 1 to Order No. RD-01-51 of 26 January 2021 by the Minister of Health;
- Hand sanitizer is provided at the entrance of the Exhibition and in the bathrooms;
- Continuous supply of fresh air is ensured in all common areas;
- For the Exhibition staff hired by the Organizer, the necessary PPE is provided as well as protective screens, where necessary;
- All attendees shall wear PPE covering the nose and mouth;
- Protective masks can be obtained at the entrance of the Exhibition, in case of need;
- Placing instruction boards for the proper wearing of face masks.

3. Medical aid

During the working days of the Exhibition, the Organizer shall provide an emergency medical care team and an ambulance on site.

4. Safety rules and measures information

Information boards shall be placed at key points on the Exhibition premises describing the obligations to observe physical distance, maintain hand hygiene and wear protective facemasks.

III. Rules for exhibitors

Exhibitors agree with the General Rules set out in Section II, as well as with the specific rules described in this Section, and shall have the obligation to make all groups of persons present at their exhibition space, such as

employees, subcontractors, visitors, guests, etc., familiar with these rules. Exhibitors shall monitor how the safety rules and measures are observed within their exhibition space. With regard to the space rented by them, Exhibitors shall be treated as persons who manage a public facility and/or commercial or other space and, thus, shall comply with all anti-epidemic measures provided for by Order No. RD-01-51 of 26 January 2021 by the Minister of Health and the Annexes thereto, or any other relevant order given by the Minister of Health, which amends or replaces Order No. RD-01-51 of 26 January 2021. Exhibitors must observe the anti-epidemic measures both in relation to their own staff and in relation to the visitors of their space.

1. Design and construction of stands

- When planning the concept of how the stands and exhibits will be arranged on the Exhibition premises, it should be made possible to keep distance of at least 1.5 m within the rented space and the adjacent outdoor areas;
- When designing and building the stands, in prefabricated structures there must be at least one fully open side;
- For prefabricated structures where it is not possible to dismantle one of the walls:
 - continuous supply of fresh air to the premises must be ensured through open doors and windows during the working hours of the Exhibition;
 - an outdoor space for meetings with clients must be provided;
 - no visitors should have access to the indoor spaces and any other persons should have access to them only in strict compliance with all anti-epidemic measures, keeping a physical distance of at least 1.5 m, wearing face protection, and if protective screens are in place;
 - The stands must have surfaces available only for exhibitor's staff and equipped with protective screens isolating the stand surface from the visitors.

2. Indoor/covered spaces

With a view to the open spaces provided within the BATA AGRO Specialized Agricultural Exhibition, the Organizer prescribes that Exhibitors should limit the use of the indoor spaces. The indoor spaces shall be used only for specific purposes such as warehousing or repairs. Access of visitors to the Exhibition indoor spaces is prohibited.

3. Social distancing

- Every exhibitor shall control the traffic in their exhibition space to maintain a physical distance of at least 1.5 m and take measures to prevent crowding;

- Every exhibitor shall not allow access of any person with symptoms of acute respiratory infection to their exhibition space;
- Every exhibitor shall provide the following space for the persons present in their exhibition space, as approved by the Global Association of the Exhibition Industry: one person per four square meters. Depending on the size, the following exhibition stand attendance requirements should be met:
 - 9 square meters: only two people (1 exhibitor and 1 visitor);
 - up to 20 sq. m: 4 people;
 - from 20 sq. m to 100 sq. m: 4 people + 1 person per 10 sq. m. for a space of over 20 and up to 100 sq. m;
 - more than 100 sq. m: 12 people + 1 person per 15 sq. m. for a space of over 100 sq. m.
- Presentations and events are allowed on the exhibition stands, provided that all social distancing, protection and hygiene rules are applied according to this Safety Statement;
- It is recommended to avoid handshakes and manually exchange business cards and/or advertising materials. The preferred way to do so is in an electronic format;
- Every exhibitor must instruct their staff on the rules of social distancing, avoidance of contact, provision and use of PPE, regular ventilation and disinfection, and any other anti-epidemic measures.

4. Disinfection and protective equipment

4.1. All surfaces of the exhibition space, which are often touched by and accessible to a stream of people, must be sanitized and disinfected on a daily basis as provided for by Annex 1 to Minister of Health Order No. RD-01-51 of 26 January 2021;

4.2. Every exhibitor shall maintain their stand, exhibits and advertising materials disinfected. The frequently used surfaces shall be sanitized and disinfected at regular intervals at least 3 times a day;

4.3. Every exhibitor must provide their staff with the necessary PPE and disinfectants, and have a certain stock of PPE (masks and gloves) for visitors if necessary and on request;

4.4. Every exhibitor must put hand sanitizer on their stand. Choice of sanitizer/disinfectant:

- The selected disinfectant must be approved by the Ministry of Health;
- Depending on the space and surface to be treated, the disinfectant must be approved for Product Type 2: Disinfectants and algacides not intended for direct application to humans or animals and/or Product Type 3: Veterinary Hygiene and/or for Product Type 4: Food and feed area;
- It is necessary to choose a disinfectant, which scope of application includes virucidal activity or limited/partial virucidal activity;
- It is recommended to choose a disinfectant that achieves effectiveness with a shorter exposure time (up to 15 minutes).

4.5. Establishment of critical points and frequency of treatments

- For each facility and exhibition space, critical points subject to disinfection must be determined. Critical points are all surfaces associated with a stream of people or frequently touched surfaces (desks, tables, door handles, windows, railings, customer service counters, touch screens, sinks and many other frequently touched surfaces, depending on the specifics of each facility/work space, floor coverings);
- Critical points shall be disinfected on a daily basis at least three times a day;
- In the event of a confirmed case of COVID-19 on the Exhibition premises, and if the person has been in the facility/exhibition space, the surfaces that have come into contact with the infected person shall be immediately sanitized and disinfected.

5. Responsibility

Exhibitors are the persons managing the facilities, exhibition and commercial spaces rented by them and are full responsible to select and provide proper materials (sanitizers, disinfectants, etc.) and set a disinfection schedule in accordance with Annex 1 and Annex 2 to Minister of Health Order No. RD-01- 51 of 26 January 2021, and determine critical points for disinfection, disinfect, as frequently as necessary, the exhibition spaces rented by them and the areas adjacent thereto, provide instruction to their staff and supply them with appropriate PPE, meet the physical distance between staff and visitors requirements, and ensure that all the rules set out in this Safety Statement are observed within the exhibition space rented by them.

Exhibitors are responsible to design and build their exhibition spaces in such a way as to ensure compliance with the prescribed anti-epidemic measures and distance requirements.

Exhibitors must also inform their guests, customers and visitors of the safety measures set out herein and ensure that they are observed. Exhibitors must use such exhibit arrangement plans that provide the necessary distance and prevent crowding on the aisles between the stands. Presentations and other events may be held at the stand, provided that the hygiene and safety rules set out in this Statement are observed.

Exhibitors must organize and mark the space in such a way as to allow separation of the traffic of visitors (incoming and outgoing) and maintaining of a distance of 1.5 meters. Every exhibitor must provide protective screens or other PPE. Exhibitors must take measures to avoid crowding of people, which could increase the risk to their health. Exhibitors must display the exhibits in such a way as to avoid touching of the surfaces with hands.

Should this Statement provides for higher safety and distance requirements/measures than those specified in Minister of Health Order No. RD-01-51 of 26 January 2021 or any other relevant regulations or administrative provisions, Exhibitors must and agree to adhere to these higher requirements and anti-epidemic measures.

IV. Rules for visitors

- To ensure a distance between the visitors at the waiting spots, i.e. at the entrance and the booking area of the Exhibition, markings and protective screens are placed;

- Visitors agree that they enter at their own risk a place, where it is clear in advance that there will be a large number of people and a potential risk of Covid-19 infection. This information is also provided by the information boards with protection measures installed on the premises;
- Visitors are expected to strictly observe the distance and disinfection requirements, to take the necessary actions for personal hygiene and safety, to follow the instructions on the information boards, markings and staff directions;
- Online booking is encouraged to pass faster through the entrance area;
- Visitors provide their own PPE as determined by the health authorities. Persons without such PPE will not be allowed to access the indoor areas or any outdoor area where it is not possible to maintain a physical distance of 1.5 m;
- The Organizer has provided hand sanitizing points as well as one-way traffic organization to prevent the mixing of the two streams of traffic providing a distance of 1.5 m between them;
- On the exhibition premises an emergency medical care team is provided;
- At the entrance, visitors can obtain protective face masks if necessary;
- Visitors are advised to avoid shaking hands and to use protective masks or other PPE covering the nose and mouth, even in open spaces;
- Visitors are required to use the hand sanitizer available at the Exhibition entrance and get familiar with all the information boards displaying the anti-epidemic measures.

V. Official opening and events

During the official opening of the Exhibition, the effective social distancing rules and safety measures shall be fully applied.

VI. Catering

The catering shall be organized in accordance with the instructions of the health authorities and the provisions of the applicable Restaurant Operating Procedure.

THE RULES AND MEASURES WILL BE UPDATED AND SUPPLEMENTED IN THE EVENT OF ANY CHANGE IN THE PROVISIONS OF THE HEALTH AUTHORITIES.