Due to the fact that the use of fog and haze may trigger the automatic fire alarms installed in the exhibition halls, Messe Frankfurt Venue GmbH’s Technical Event Management Department must be notified in writing of the use of such devices latest six weeks before the start of the setup period.

This notification must include the number of such devices, their model(s), and information on the type of fog generation being employed. No specific form is necessary for this notification. A copy of the operating instructions for the device(s) and safety data sheet for the fog fluid(s) must also be provided. Only those fog machines which satisfy the fundamental requirements of the German Product Safety Act (ProdSG) may be used. If fog machines are to be used as vaporizers, it is recommended that the declarations of conformity for the devices used confirm their compliance with DIN VDE 0700-245. The type of use and specific conditions of use must be taken into account when selecting fog machines. The fog machine operator must have access to the corresponding operating instructions. The only fog fluids which can be used inside the exhibition halls are those which do not contain any flammable, highly flammable or extremely flammable substances pursuant to Section 3 of the German Hazardous Substances Ordinance (GefStoffV) and which are not classified as hazardous substances under EU guidelines. Fog machine fluids can only be stored in the manufacturer’s original packaging.

Fog machines may not be utilized if they result in the disruption of operations at neighboring stands. For this reason, it is also necessary to specify the times during which the machines will be used and how often they will be used. Suitable measures must be devised to ensure that the volume of fog is kept to a minimum in areas where it is not required. It may be necessary to obtain the consent of your neighboring stands.

During operation it is important to ensure that there is no heat accumulation and that the housing is able to dissipate heat without hindrance. In order to avoid the danger of fire from overheating in the event of a malfunction, the power supply to any fog machines not being used must be disconnected.

The cost of any measures necessary to deactivate fire alarm systems may be charged to the exhibitor or organizer by Messe Frankfurt.

If the utilization of fog machines is not coordinated with Messe Frankfurt and the fire alarm system issues a false alarm as a result, we will be forced to pass on the costs resulting from the deployment of the fire brigade to the party responsible.

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