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IMPORTANT Circular – International Exhibitions

Dear friends,

In matters relating to exhibitions organised outside India, particularly with reference to the exhibitions held in 2021-2022, several irregularities have been noted with respect to the procedures followed by the Exhibitors and the National Commissioner.

For the best interests of the country and the Exhibitor, the following procedure is to be followed henceforth :

1. As per the GREX provisions, all applications must be sent through the National Commissioner only.
2. The National Commissioner shall communicate approval or rejection to each applicant. All accepted entries must be sent to the National Commissioner who alone corresponds with the Exhibition Authorities. No separate or private arrangements should be made by any Exhibitor even if the exhibitor intends to visit the exhibition and/or goes with the Commissioner in the same flight. The Customs regulations require a single point of handling in respect of the country and not individuals. This should be strictly followed by the National Commissioner and the Exhibitor.
3. For any entry requiring a Temporary Export Permission from the Antiquities Survey of India (ASI) such TEP is issued only in the name of the National Commissioner. Henceforth all such letters, with regard to such exhibition under patronage of FIP and/or FIAP and recognised by PCI, shall be issued in the name of the National Commissioner only.
4. For all exhibits going from India, Insurance Policy will be taken out by the National Commissioner for the value declared for the exhibit/fixed by ASI (whichever is higher and as applicable). In addition, the Exhibitor, if he so desires, can take out insurance coverage separately for his exhibit, over and above the policy made by the National Commissioner, to cover any other risk perceived by him for his exhibit.
5. Any misleading or incorrect information provided by the Exhibitor shall invite disciplinary action against the exhibit and/or the exhibitor.
6. The exhibitor must pay the fee to the National Commissioner in time and in advance. The National Commissioner will ensure that the fees are remitted in time and a strict account is maintained by him for the same.

Extracts from the GREX of the FIP for ready reference only :

Re : Relations with the Exhibition Management

24.1 The Commissioner is solely responsible for maintaining contact with the Exhibition Management on behalf of the exhibitors in the competitive classes. All correspondence between the exhibitors of a country and the Exhibition Management, and vice versa, must be routed through the Commissioner.

24.3 A Commissioner shall maintain constant contact with the Exhibition Management.

24.4 The Commissioner must inform the Exhibition Management promptly if an exhibit is withdrawn.