

VOLUME 2

SECTION 5: GUARANTEE ON PRE-FINANCING

(To be completed on paper bearing the letterhead of the financial institution)

For the attention of
<name and address of the contracting authority>
Referred to below as the 'contracting authority'

Subject: Guarantee No. ...

Financing guarantee for the repayment of pre-financing payable under contract <contract number and title> (please quote number and title in all correspondence)

We the undersigned, <name, and address of financial institution>, hereby irrevocably declare that we guarantee as primary obligor, and not merely as surety on behalf of <contractor's name and address>, hereinafter referred to as "the contractor", the payment to the contracting authority of <indicate the amount of the pre-financing>, corresponding to the pre-financing as mentioned in Article 46 of the special conditions of the contract <contract number and title> concluded between the contractor and the contracting authority, hereinafter referred to as 'the contract'.

Payment shall be made without objection or legal proceedings of any kind, upon receipt of your first written claim (sent by registered letter with confirmation or receipt) stating that the contractor has not repaid the pre-financing on request or that the contract has been terminated. We shall not delay the payment, nor shall we oppose it for any reason whatsoever. We shall not under any circumstances benefit from the defences of the security. We shall inform you in writing as soon as payment has been made.

We accept notably that no amendment to the terms of the contract can release us from our obligation under this guarantee. We waive the right to be informed of any change, addition or amendment of the contract.

We note that the guarantee will be released in accordance with the Article 46.7 of the general conditions. [and in any case at the latest on (at the expiry of 18 months after the implementation period of the contract)]¹.

[Any request to pay under the terms of the guarantee must be countersigned by the head of delegation of the European Union in the country of the contracting authority or his designated empowered deputy as par the applicable Commission rules. In case of a temporary substitution of the contracting authority by the Commission, any request to pay will only be signed by the representative of the Commission, namely whether the head of delegation, his designated empowered deputy or the authorised person at headquarters' level.

The law applicable to this guarantee shall be that of [; <the country in which the financial institution issuing the guarantee is established>]. Any dispute arising out of or in connection with this guarantee shall be referred to the courts : <the country in which the financial institution issuing the guarantee is established>].

¹ This mention has to be inserted only where required, for example where the law applicable to the guarantee imposes a precise expiry date or where the guarantor can justify that he is unable to provide such a guarantee without expiry date.

The guarantee will enter into force and take effect on payment of the pre-financing to the contractor.

Done at *[insert place]*, on *[insert date]*

[Signature]

[Signature]

[Function at the financial institution/bank]

[Function at the financial institution/bank]

Stamp of the body providing the guarantee