

## **TERMS OF USE OF THE ONLINE IMAGE LIBRARY**

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### **1 GENERAL**

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**1.3** Use of the HOFBURG Vienna image library is on a strictly non-binding and non-exclusive basis, according to the terms set out below. Any business terms of the user diverging from these terms are hereby expressly rejected.

**1.4** The User of the HOFBURG Vienna image library hereby expressly states his/her acceptance of these terms of use. "User" means anyone obtaining access to the HOFBURG Vienna image library by registering, regardless of whether he/she downloads images therefrom. Please note our privacy statement.

**1.5** Use of the image files stored in the HOFBURG Vienna image library is free of charge.

**1.6** Downloaded and digitally transmitted pictorial material shall at all times remain the property of the originator or HOFBURG Vienna.

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**2.1** All visitors to the HOFBURG Vienna image library must register online to obtain access to it. Please note our privacy statement. Visitors may browse the images in the HOFBURG Vienna image library and download the images desired.

**2.2** The User shall treat the access authorisation data in confidence and shall not pass on such data to third parties. In the event that the User culpably causes the abuse of his/her authorisation data he/she shall be liable for any resultant damages or losses.

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**2.5** HOFBURG Vienna shall not be obliged to offer the image files in any size formats other than those in the image library, by storage on compact discs or by any other means.

### **3 LIABILITY**

**3.1** HOFBURG Vienna assumes no liability whatsoever for hardware or software malfunctions, errors or defects occurring during online picture research, data transmission or other use of the HOFBURG Vienna image library, or for any other damages or losses.

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### **4 RESTRICTIONS ON USE**

**4.1** To register the User must state his/her name, company/news organisation and e-mail address. Please note our privacy statement. Only upon registration shall the User obtain access to the HOFBURG Vienna image library.

**4.2** In the event that the details given by the User do not correspond to the actual form of use or that the User uses the material for a prohibited purpose permission to use the image library shall be deemed to have been refused.

**4.3** Data downloaded from the online image library may not be used in any manner likely to be directly prejudicial to the reputation and good standing of HOFBURG Vienna, the events held there, or the objectives of the operating company or any other public or private entity and its management.

**4.4** Data downloaded from the HOFBURG Vienna online image library may not be used for commercial purposes, i.e. as part of products intended for sale (e.g. T-shirts bearing pictures drawn from the HOFBURG Vienna image library), or for advertising purposes (e.g. inclusion of a picture from the image library in an advertising brochure). In case of doubt the User shall obtain the written permission of the HOFBURG Vienna image library for the use of the image(s) in question.

**4.5** Any and all manipulation of the images, and in particular, their distortion by copy drawing, rephotographing, photocomposing, the use of electronic aids or other means is prohibited. The use of parts of images is also prohibited. It is thus only permitted to use complete, unmanipulated images. Exceptions are only possible by separate, written agreement. The visual or textual falsification of images, or their use in a manner degrading to the persons depicted is prohibited and shall render the User liable for damages.

**4.6** The use of images in erotic, criminal or other offensive connections, and uses that are defamatory of minorities, or ethnic, religious or other groups or are likely to be hurtful to the feelings or beliefs of members of such groups are prohibited. Neither may the personal rights of persons depicted be infringed.

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**4.8** In the event of use of the images in the HOFBURG Vienna image library in contravention of the above clauses the User shall pay HOFBURG Vienna a contractual penalty of EUR 3,000 (three thousand euro) within 14 days of the request for payment. The aforementioned penalty is based on the 2025 price base and is subject to an annual index price adjustment. For the year 2026 and subsequent years, the price adjustment is based on the change in the CPI 2020 (or a CPI replacing it) as at September of the previous year to the CPI 2020 as at September of the current financial year. HOFBURG Vienna reserves the right to assert claims for damages in excess of this amount and to obtain an injunction requiring the User to desist from such use. Any profits made by the User through the improper direct commercial use of images in the meaning of Section IV (3) shall be remitted to HOFBURG Vienna. In such case the User shall be obliged to deliver up the invoices arising from such transactions to HOFBURG Vienna.

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**5.2** It is prohibited to archive the pictorial material or pass it on to third parties.

**5.3** The User bears sole responsibility for the captioning of the images.

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**6.1** HOFBURG Vienna expressly requires the display of an agency and copyright notice (indication of source) in such manner that there can be no doubt that the notice relates to the image in question. Collective indications of source are only sufficient if these likewise leave no doubt as the attribution of each image. The User shall hold harmless and indemnify the HOFBURG Vienna against claims of third parties arising from the omission of copyright notices. **"HOFBURG Vienna"** and the name of the **photographer** shall be deemed to constitute a **copyright** notice.

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**6.3** Unless otherwise provided for above, any and all uses of images shall be subject to the Austrian Copyright Act.

**6.4** Complete sample copies of all printed publications containing any images used shall be sent to HOFBURG Vienna unrequested and free of charge, stating which image was used in which publication, and where.

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**7.1** Any agreements subsidiary to these contractual terms shall not be made except as in writing. The same shall apply to any waiver, amendment or revocation of this written form requirement.

**7.2** Austrian substantive law shall be applied to any disputes arising from the use of the HOFBURG Vienna image library. The application of Austrian law shall be deemed to be agreed even in case of the use of the image library by foreign users.

**7.3** Any litigation arising from the use of the HOFBURG Vienna image library on the basis of these terms of use shall be for the sole jurisdiction of the court of substantive competence in the 14<sup>th</sup> District of Vienna. HOFBURG Vienna may, however, proceed against the User in another domestic or foreign jurisdiction.

**7.4** In the event that any provision of these terms of use shall be invalid, HOFBURG Vienna and the User hereby expressly undertake to agree a valid provision that approximates as closely as possible to the economic purpose of the invalid provision. The validity of all the remaining provisions shall not be affected by the invalid provision.

**7.5** All rights and duties arising from these terms of use shall pass to any legal successor of HOFBURG Vienna.

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