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APPLICANT TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT: The undersigned, for himself or herself, and, if applicable, for the person or organization on behalf of whom this application is submitted "the Applicant", hereby agrees to indemnify Bensidoun USA, Inc. and its officers, agents, employees and assigns, and to hold them harmless, from any liability occurrence arising out of the use of the premises pursuant to this application, and any liability for any contractual or quasi-contractual obligations to third parties in connection with any related activity, event, use or occurrence.

PARTICIPATION AND BOOTH ASSIGNMENT: An acceptance as either a Full-time or Part-Time Vendor does not guarantee participation in a market or for a date or a vendor space in a market. Bensidoun USA, Inc., in its sole discretion, has the right to accept or reject either a Full-Time or Part-time vendor for any market on any date for any reason, and to refund payment to vendor if payment has been made. That refund will be the vendor's sole remedy. This applicant acknowledges and agrees that the assignment of booth location at each Bensidoun USA, Inc. market on each date is in the sole and absolute discretion of Bensidoun USA, Inc. and its agents. Assignment of a booth location at one Bensidoun USA, Inc. market on a specific date does not guarantee or constitute an agreement by Bensidoun USA, Inc. to provide that same location to a Vendor on future dates. Applicant further acknowledges and agrees that no commitment regarding booth location has been made to applicant.

GOVERNING LAW/ATTORNEY'S FEES: This application and any transactions between the parties that may arise pursuant thereto shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the substantive laws of the State of Illinois, without giving effect to its principles of conflict of laws. The parties agree that the most appropriate venue for any dispute involving this application or its subject matter is any state or federal court in or for Cook County, Illinois, and that any suit, action or proceeding with respect to this application or its subject matter shall be brought in such forum. Each party submits to the jurisdiction of such courts for any such proceeding, and waives any objection that could otherwise be raised to either of those venues. In the event of the commencement of suit, action or proceeding, the Bensidoun USA, Inc. shall be entitled to recover its reasonable attorney's fees, costs and expenses incurred about those proceedings.

FORCE MAJEURE: Bensidoun USA, Inc. shall not be liable for any failure to perform any obligation under any agreement, or for any delay in performance, due to events or circumstances beyond Bensidoun USA, Inc.'s reasonable control including but not limited to weather, acts of God, acts or threats of terrorism, government acts, technical failures, fire, or other similar events or circumstances. Bensidoun USA, Inc. shall not be liable for any act by a city, village or other municipality which may result in Bensidoun USA, Inc.'s failure to perform any obligation under any agreement, or for any delay in performance, including but not limited to that municipality canceling the market, placing additional restrictions on vendor participation at a market or failing to enforce laws or ordinances affecting a market.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY: Bensidoun USA, Inc. shall not be liable to applicant or any other person for special, indirect, incidental, consequential or exemplary losses, damages or expenses, directly or indirectly arising from the participation or non-participation of Applicant in any market, or from any other cause relating thereto. In no event, shall Bensidoun USA, Inc.'s liability hereunder, whether based on contract, warranty, tort (including but not limited to negligence and strict liability) or otherwise, exceed the amount paid by the applicant vendor for its booth.

CERTIFICATION: Applicant certifies that all the information set forth in this Vendor Application is true and complete to the best of their belief. Applicant further agrees to perform all the obligations, which may be required under applicable laws, ordinances, rules and regulations and under all agreements, which may be annexed hereto. Applicant certifies that applicant has read the rules and Regulations for Vendors at Bensidoun USA, Inc. French Markets governing the Farmers Market and agrees to abide by them.



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BENSIDOUN USA, INC. MIDWEST MARKETS - 2024 SEASON VENDOR RULES AND REGULATIONS

For these rules and regulations, "Market Hours" means the advertised hours of operation. "Promoter" means Bensidoun USA, Inc., "Space," means the area rented by the Vendor from the Promoter. "Vendor" means an applicant confirmed to participate in a market by the Promoter. "Vendors" means each applicant confirmed to participate in a market by the Promoter. The Promoter reserves the right to adjust the rules and regulations as it deems necessary or appropriate to better serve the buying public, maintain fair market competition among Vendors or respond to changing conditions or circumstances. All Vendors will be promptly notified of any such changes.

1. Vendors must comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, rules and regulations, including but not limited to those related to health and licensing. Food Vendors are responsible for complying with applicable health and sanitation requirements and must be permitted by the County Health Departments of the markets they attend.
2. Vendors offering food products must provide an ACORD certificate of Commercial Liability Insurance listing Bensidoun USA, Inc. (405 N Wabash #3404, Chicago, IL 60611) as additional insured prior to participation in the market.
3. Vendors are responsible for collecting and reporting all applicable Federal, state and local taxes and will provide their tax identification number before attending market. Bensidoun USA will be reporting monthly vendor participation at the Geneva French market to the City of Geneva and vendors not remitting local sales tax will be barred from participation at this market.
4. The Promoter has the right to restrict products sold or displayed by Vendor to those that Promoter deems appropriate for a family audience. In addition, Vendors shall only sell products that are of good quality, which they have lawfully obtained, manufactured or grown.
5. Vendors must be prepared to sell at the start of market hours and must continue to sell until the close of market hours and will be banned from market participation after the third violation of arriving late or leaving early. Loading and unloading will occur only before and after market hours.
6. Vendors must haul out any garbage generated during business and must leave their booth's space swept clean of any refuse.
7. Vendors will abide by the parking/loading and unloading rules and regulations of the Markets that such Vendor participates in. Vendors may not park anywhere on the market site during hours of operation without express permission by the site supervisor. Vendors may not unload/load their vehicle(s) from the drive-through aisle of the Market. At the end of the market, Vendors must pack up all goods completely before bringing a vehicle on the site for loading.
8. Vendors must keep their spaces as clean as possible during Market Hours and will always be polite with customers, using their best efforts to enthusiastically sell their products.
9. Vendors will cooperate with and participate in promotions organized by the Promoter (for example, contributing a reasonable amount of vendor product towards Market customer giveaways) and may be asked to provide information for publicity.
10. If Promoter determines, in its sole discretion, that Vendor is not selling appropriate products, or that Vendor or its employee's conduct is inappropriate at any point in time, the Promoter may request the Vendor vacate its space immediately. The Vendor agrees to comply with any such request. The Promoter will have the right to prohibit any such Vendor from leasing future space.
11. Vendors using electricity are required to supply their own weather proof extension cords and also safety mats to cover the cords in areas where they present a trip hazard.



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12. In markets where Bensidoun USA provides the canopy, the Vendor will ensure that the canopy over its space is fully rolled out and securely tied to the framework at a minimum of 6 points (4 corners, 1 center front, and one center back) and will inspect the canopy over its space regularly during the Market Hours to ensure that it remains securely tied. The Vendor understands that the canopy may become untied during the market especially on windy or gusty days and Vendor will be especially alert and vigilant at these times. The Vendor will report any defects in the canopy fabric, woodwork, ties and framework to the Promoter immediately. If Promoter advises Vendor that Promoter deems the approaching weather conditions hazardous, Vendor shall untie and roll back the canopy. Vendor understands that severe injury may result if the canopy detaches from the framework and becomes airborne due to high wind and accepts responsibility for any negligence on its part if this occurs. Vendor must roll back their canopy(s) at end of market day.
13. Vendors using their own tents must properly weigh the tent.
14. Vendor acknowledges and agrees that assignment of booth location at each French or Farmers Market on each date is in the sole and absolute discretion of Bensidoun USA, Inc. and its agents. Assignment to Vendor of a booth location at a French or Farmers Market on a specific date does not guarantee or constitute an agreement by Bensidoun USA, Inc. to provide that same location to Vendor on future dates.
15. Vendor acknowledges and agrees a) Vendor shall not be entitled to a refund for any fees paid for failure to participate in a Bensidoun USA, Inc. Market that such vendor has been accepted to; and b) Vendor shall be assessed a \$20.00 cancellation penalty if such vendor fails to provide 24-hour cancellation notification.
16. Vendor certifies that all persons assisting in the Vendor's booth have read and fully understands these rules and regulations and will abide by them.
17. Vendor understands that none of the following conditions guarantees participation by such vendor in a particular market and/or for a particular date or a particular vendor space in a market: 1) the receipt of this application, 2) the acceptance of this application by Bensidoun USA, 3) the designation of eligibility status of a Vendor to participate in the Bensidoun USA, Inc. markets on either a full-time or part-time basis, 4) payment by vendor or 5) prior participation by a Vendor in any market. Bensidoun USA retains the right at any time, including during the operation of a market, to reject participation of a vendor in a market in its sole discretion, and to issue a refund of vendor payment as the vendor's sole remedy. At the sole discretion of Bensidoun USA, any payment received for a market may be reallocated by Bensidoun USA to 1) a different date, location or time based on events that occur after the remittance of payment; 2) or to any outstanding fees /penalties owed to Bensidoun USA, Inc. by vendor. This application will be used by Bensidoun USA, Inc. to assess vendors for their appropriateness and potential eligibility for participation in specific Bensidoun USA Midwest Markets.
18. All decisions regarding the eligibility of a vendor for participation in a market will be made solely at the discretion of Bensidoun USA, Inc. and shall not be contestable by vendor.
19. I agree to abide by the ADVERTISING POLICY Distribution of any form of advertising or business promotion at any Bensidoun USA Inc. French or Farmers Market is strictly prohibited with the following exceptions. A.) Advertising or Business Promotion is for a Bensidoun USA, Inc. Event OR B.) Advertising or Business promotion is distributed by the vendor listed in the advertising or business promotion and the vendor name, name of business and location of business is identical to the vendor name, name of business and location of business registered with Bensidoun USA, Inc. and no other vendor, group of vendors or event or location that represents or utilizes multiple vendors may be represented in any manner in the advertising or business promotion OR C.) Advertising or business promotion has been approved by Bensidoun USA, Inc. Midwest market Manager or Senior Executive officer prior to distribution. Vendors distributing advertising or Business promotion outside of these guidelines will immediately be banned from any future participation in a Bensidoun USA, Inc. market.



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20. By completing this application vendor understands and agrees that this information may be released to other agencies and used in marketing/advertising campaigns.
21. Vendors, excluding service vendors, must sell a physical product at the market. The markets may not be used as a business expo, downline recruiting event or home party lead generator.
22. Produce vendors must clearly display the origin (State) of all their products during all market hours and produce must be regional (Illinois and States bordering Illinois) unless prior written approval from Bensidoun USA has been given and may not be imported from outside of the USA..
23. Vendors are solely responsible for all payments for confirmed dates and may not share or sublet its booth(s).
24. There is no smoking allowed within 20 feet of any portion of the market
25. Vendors may not bring animals to market (including dogs) unless the animal is kept in a kennel
26. In the event an individual market season should (a) begin later or end earlier than as set forth in this Vendor Application, or (b) be canceled in its entirety, Licensor shall: (x) notify all Vendors whose reservations have been affected by such change, and (y) within 120 days of such notification, refund any unused portion of rent paid or deposited by each such Vendor for the market season that has been modified, less any outstanding financial obligation owed by such Vendor to Licensor as determined by Licensor in its reasonable discretion, including, but not limited to, any other market rents, fees or fines due from such Vendor to Licensor. Such refund shall constitute each such Vendor's only recourse against Licensor about any such market season modifications."
27. In the event the hours of operation, days of operation or location of a market should materially change from the terms set forth in this Vendor Application and such changes are reasonably unacceptable to a Vendor, such Vendor must deliver to Licensor a written objection to such changes. Within 120 days of Licensor's receipt of such written objection, Licensor shall refund any unused portion of rent paid or deposited by such Vendor for the market that has been modified, less any outstanding financial obligation owed by such Vendor to Licensor as determined by Licensor in its reasonable discretion, including, but not limited to, any other market rents, fees or fines due from such Vendor to Licensor. Such refund shall constitute such Vendor's only recourse against Licensor about any such market modifications.