

ANNEX #03_UNLOADING AND PREPARATION LEVELS

Unloading level-1 (UL-1)

- During **UL-1** only competitors and assistants can be present in the designated area(s).
- During **UL-1** competitors can have a maximum of 2 registered helpers in the designated area(s) for transportation. These “helpers” are not allowed to do any other kind of work! This rule is competition specific, only applicable if the regulation allows it!!!
- During **UL-1** competitors and assistants will be allowed to unload trucks, cars etc. to the designated area(s)
- During **UL-1** competitors and assistants are **not allowed (!!!)** to open boxes, containers and unpacking constructions, bases.
- During **UL-1** boxes, containers etc. can be removed from trollies, pallets in case those must go back on the trucks, cars etc.
- If available, extra help can be required from the organizing committee during **UL-1** according to the specific competition’s regulations.

Unloading level-2 (UL-2)

All the above listed **Unloading level (UL-1)**, plus the followings:

- During **UL-2** competitors and assistants can open boxes, containers, packaging and check the props’ condition after transportation.
- During **UL-2** competitors can have a maximum of 2 registered helpers in the designated area(s) for assembling constructions only. These “helpers” are not allowed to do any other kind of work! This rule is competition specific, only applicable if the regulation allows it!!!

Preparation level-1 (PL-1)

- During **PL-1** only competitors and assistants can be present in the designated area(s).
- During **PL-1** competitors and assistants can **condition** (!!!) the alive materials (flowers, greenery, plants etc.), for instance cleaning, removing leaves from the stems or cutting off a short piece of the stems.

Preparation level-2 (PL-2)

All the above listed **Preparation level (PL-1)**, plus the followings:

- During **PL-2** competitors and assistants can make, build up and/or assemble their frameworks, constructions, bases, supports etc.
- During **PL-2** ask TC to check the parts of your frameworks, constructions, bases, supports etc. before you assemble them, in the specific cases when competition regulations do not allow to bring ready-made frameworks, constructions, bases, supports etc.
- During **PL-2** competitors and assistants can attach soaked floral foam on these supports.
- During **PL-2** competitors and assistants can fix tubes (a small and narrow container of glass or synthetic material like a test-tube) and fill with water on these supports.
- During **PL-2** competitors and assistants can prepare individual/single flowers, leaves, stems etc. (For example technical wiring, sealing stems with wax or glue, etc.)
- During **PL-2** competitors and assistants can use any kind of non-organic materials, processed wood products for example plywood, MDF, bark etc., dried and preserved plant materials.



- During **PL-2** in general, it is not allowed to use any alive* floral material (requiring or not requiring life support) except for branches* (twigs, bamboos, polygonum etc.) and seeds*.
- During **PL-2** the used branches, twigs, bamboos must not bear leaves, fruits, berries, and/or flowers.

**Definition of alive: "alive is a characteristic of organisms which undergo metabolism, maintain homeostasis, and possess a capacity to grow, to respond to stimuli and to propagate themselves".*

**Definition of branch: "a woody structural member connected to but not part of the central trunk of a tree, or sometimes a shrub".*



**Definition of a seed: "a seed is a small embryonic plant enclosed in a covering called the seed coat. It is produced by plants in the process of reproduction. It can be "naked" or enclosed by for instance a fruit or a capsule".*



Preparation level-3 (PL-3)

All the above listed **Preparation levels (PL-1, PL-2)**, plus the following:

- During **PL-3** competitors and assistants are allowed to use parts of the indicated alive materials (requiring or not requiring life support) to create surfaces, to cover floral foams, tubes, and any other kind of surfaces: moss, Iceland moss, grass, leaves, petals, barks, fruit peels. To create such surfaces only one kind of material is allowed to be used.



Preparation level-4 (PL-4)

All the above listed **Preparation levels (PL-1, PL-2, PL-3)**, plus the following:

- During **PL-4** competitors and assistants are allowed to make tendrils/garlands from one kind of alive material. Each of these tendrils/garlands must be made from only one type of alive material but can contain other kinds of (not alive) decorative elements.

