

ANNEX #02_UNLOADING AND PREPARATION LEVELS

Unloading level-1 (UL-1)

- During the **UL-1** phase, access to the designated competition and preparation areas is strictly limited. Only officially accredited competitors and their registered assistants are permitted to be present within these zones. No external logistics personnel, drivers, or unauthorised guests will be granted entry during this period.
- During the **UL-1** phase, competitors and their assistants are authorised to unload materials from delivery vehicles—including trucks and cars—directly into the designated competition or storage areas.
- During the **UL-1** phase, competitors and assistants are strictly prohibited from opening boxes or containers. Furthermore, the unpacking of constructions, bases, or structural frameworks is forbidden.
- During the **UL-1** phase, competitors and assistants are permitted to remove boxes, crates, and individual units from trolleys or pallets if such transport equipment must be immediately returned to the delivery vehicle. This exception is granted solely to facilitate the efficient turnaround of trucks and cars and does not authorise the unpacking of materials.

Unloading level-2 (UL-2)

All regulations previously established for the **UL-1** phase remain in full effect.
In addition to the above standards, the following expanded regulations must be followed:

- During the **UL-2** phase, competitors and their assistants are authorised to open boxes, containers, and protective packaging. This phase is specifically designated to allow for assessment of all structural props and materials following transit. Participants are encouraged to check their equipment during this time. Any damages or faults discovered at this stage should be documented immediately and reported to the TC.

Preparation level-1 (PL-1)

- During the **PL-1** phase, access to the designated competition and preparation areas is strictly limited. Only accredited competitors and their assistants are permitted to be present within these zones. No external logistics personnel, drivers, or unauthorised guests will be granted entry during this period.
- During the **PL-1** phase, competitors and their assistants are permitted to begin the conditioning of all living materials, this includes flowers, greenery and plants. Participants may perform essential maintenance tasks required to ensure the health and longevity of the

botanical materials, for instance cleaning, removing leaves from the stems or cutting off a short piece of the stems.

Preparation level-2 (PL-2)

All regulations previously established for the **PL-1** phase remain in full effect.
In addition to the above standards, the following expanded regulations must be followed:

- During the **PL-2** phase, competitors and their assistants are permitted to make, build up, assemble their frameworks, constructions, bases, supports etc.
- During the **PL-2** phase, competitors are required to request a formal inspection by the Technical Committee (TC) of all individual components—including frameworks, constructions, bases and supports—prior to their final assembly. This mandatory check applies specifically to tasks where task descriptions do not allow to bring ready-made frameworks, constructions, bases, supports etc.
- During the **PL-2** phase, competitors and their assistants are permitted to attach soaked floral foam on their supports and frameworks.
- During the **PL-2** phase, competitors and their assistants are permitted to fix water tubes—defined as small, narrow containers made of glass or synthetic materials, such as test tubes—to their structural frameworks, supports and fill with water.



- During the **PL-2** phase, competitors and their designated assistants are permitted to use any kind of non-organic materials, processed wood products for example plywood, MDF, bark etc., dried and preserved plant materials. While these materials may be prepared and integrated into the framework during PL-2, they must remain subordinate in the final composition, according to the **"1/3rd - 2/3rd Alive Botanical Material Dominance Rule"**.

The 1/3rd – 2/3rd - Alive Botanical Material Dominance Rule

Visual Dominance: Non-living components—including supports, bases, constructions—must never visually dominate the final design.

Alive Botanical Material Dominance:

In every competition piece, the alive botanical plant and flower material must be the primary visual focus. More than two-thirds (2/3rd) of the total work must consist of alive botanical materials.

Technical Consultation: Competitors are advised to seek official advice from the Technical Committee during preparation time or before starting the task if they have any doubts or concerns regarding this rule or the use of live botanical plants and flowers.

- During the **PL-2** phase, 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*. The used branches, twigs, bamboos etc. 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”.*

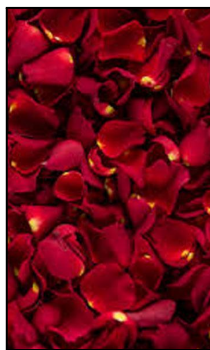


- During the **PL-2** phase, competitors and their assistants are permitted to prepare individual/single flowers, leaves, stems etc. (For example technical wiring, sealing stems with wax or glue, etc.)

Preparation level-3 (PL-3)

All regulations previously established for the **PL-1** and **PL-2** phase remain in full effect.
In addition to the above standards, the following expanded regulations must be followed:

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



Preparation level-4 (PL-4)

All regulations previously established for the **PL-1**, **PL-2** and **PL-3** phase remain in full effect.
In addition to the above standards, the following expanded regulations must be followed:

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

