#### Dear business associate,

### THE METAL COMPANY

In the appendix you will find a detailed description of our amended acceptance conditions. These conditions contain our regulations, which will become effective as of  $1^{st}$  Januari 2025. These have been tightened particularly on Waste Tax and PV panels.

We would also like to explain our conditions further. HKS and its underlying subsidiaries have drawn up these acceptance conditions based on four core values, namely:

#### 1. Safety

The people working in our sector can be exposed to a wide variety of health and safety risks. Gas cylinders in a furnace, asbestos in enclosed storage areas, drums of toxic chemicals, flammable batteries, and materials with Chrome6 paint coatings.

These are all examples of situations that involve (unacceptable) risks.

#### 2. Corporate Social Responsibility

We are not only responsible for the people working within our sector, but also for the people living and working around us. The environment, people, and animals should not suffer because of our carelessness or negligence. Clear acceptance conditions in combination with proper inspections of incoming goods are therefore necessary.

#### 3. The preservation of our good name and reputation amongst our buyers and suppliers

HKS places a great deal of value on the business relationships that it has built up over more than 100 years. Not only the relationships with our buyers, but also the relationships with our suppliers. Our company is known throughout the world for supplying high quality ferrous and non-ferrous materials. Naturally, we want to preserve our good name and reputation. It is one of the reasons why we are able to accept and process your streams of high-quality metals at a competitive price and pay promptly.

#### 4. Financial interests

Our buyers judge us by the quality of our metals.

Deliveries of sub-quality metals can lead to high fines and deductions. We have to pay high prices for the removal and processing of the waste materials that are delivered to us. The sanctions imposed by society for any failure to avoid environmental impact can be very harsh.

In short, these are the reasons why we have drawn up these acceptance conditions. We hope this will help to create a better understanding of our policy.

We would therefore ask you to respect and abide by our policy so that together we can contribute to a safe and healthy working and living environment.

We would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Yours faithfully,

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## THE METAL COMPANY

General	Applicable acceptance standards
Waste disposal charge for unprocessed	Up to 3% residual waste = deduction + tax à €160 p/t
materials	
	Above 3% residual waste = deduction + tax à €260 p/t
Waste disposal charge for finished materials	Up to 2% residual waste = deduction + tax à €160 p/t
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	Above 3% residual waste = Delivery may not be accepted (material goes
Hazardous substances covered by environmental	Above 570 residuat waste – Delivery may not be accepted (matchat goes
Transformers	Accepted on the condition environmentally hazardous substances have been removed and a decontamination certificate or PCB-free certificate is presented.
Radioactive materials	Will not be accepted. Processed in accordance with the "Radioactively Contaminated Scrap Metal Detection Decree NL", "FANC-B". Costs will be charged on.
Sealed objects in <u>finished</u> products	Deduction of €150 per item
Gas canisters of less than 15 l are refillable.	Deduction of €150 per item
(except if tap removed and hole >50mm)	
Gas canisters technical/industrial larger than 15 l	Deduction of €500 per item
Ammunition, explosives & asbestos (or materials	Will not be accepted. Costs will be charged on.
equivalent to asbestos)	
Objects that have not been drained of fluids/oils	Will not be accepted. Costs will be charged on.
Shredder feed material with CR6 paint coatings	Will not be accepted
Shear feed material with CR6 paint coatings	Will not be accepted
Shear feed material with CRO paint coatings	* Unless delivered in Amsterdam, notified in advance of the delivery, and in
	accordance with the agreements made.
Shredder feed material containing products	
with processing hazards	
Steel cable, heavy iron	Sorting charges on request
Specific materials	
End-of-life vehicles:	Acceptance if the fluids and materials have been removed as described in
	Article 3.27d, paragraphs 2 to 7, of the Activities Decree, VLARE-B for Yellow
- Passenger car tyres	Deduction of €15 per tyre
- Batteries	Offered separately after consultation with the account manager
- Batteries in electric cars	Deduction of €1,000 per battery. End-of-life vehicle returned by ADB/dealer.
- Gas tank (LPG) in end-of-life vehicle	Deduction of €250 per gas tank. End-of-life vehicle returned by ADB/dealer.
	Sliding scale: 2nd gas tank €750. 3rd gas tank €1,500 (within 3 months)
Undrained fuel tank in end-of- life vehicle	Deduction of €150 per end-of-life vehicle
Waste of Electrical and Electronic Equipment	
<u>(WEEE):</u>	
Small and large household electrical appliances +	Accepted on the condition offered <u>separately</u> in accordance with the CENELEC
ICT	standard (the former WEEElabex standard) (undamaged so that depollution is
	still possible).
	*Large household appliances and other electrical devices must therefore <u>not</u> be
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PV panels	
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Miscellaneous:	
Batteries larger than 8cm in finished and unprocessed materials	Will not be accepted. Deduction of €500 per item.
Tyres from trucks, tractors, forklifts, etc.	Deduction of €50 per tyre
Fireproof cabinets/safes	Will not be accepted
Swarf	Deduction for moisture removal and/or fine particle %
Storage tanks	Accepted on the condition empty, clean, labelled, and accompanied by a cleaning certificate. Delivered with open manhole for inspection.
Drums, paint cans decontaminated and/or containing noxious substances	Will not be accepted
Concrete rubble/bitumen	Deduction + tax à €160 p/t
Packaging materials (non- metal)	Sent back immediately otherwise deduction + tax à €160 p/t
Urban heating installation pipe in shear and shredder feed material	Will not be accepted
Sandwich panels (polystyrene/rock wool)	Will not be accepted
Sandwich panels (PIR/PUR) in shredder feed material	Maximum 10 times weight % per load & maximum 10 cm thick
Scrap from AVI/waste incineration	Accepted if offered separately otherwise deduction + tax à €160 p/t
Cutting/branding iron in finished materials	Charge of €10 p/t for sorting and deduction of the price difference
Branding/cutting iron	Must not contain any high alloy materials (e.g., Chrome & Nickel), fluids, rubber CR6 paint coatings, bitumen, and/or synthetic coatings, greases/oil (that can be emitted during processing) and/or flammable chemicals, and unclean materials from the chemical industry. Large objects thicker than 1m which need to be turbo cut will not be processed by HKS (price on request).
Branding/cutting iron with CR6 paint coatings delivered	See 'Branding/cutting iron' * Unless in Amsterdam, notified in advance of the delivery, and in accordance with the agreements made.