

Conditions of Buying at 2018 Spring Sale Hong Kong

All bids are received under the following Conditions of Buying set forth below from clause 1 to 13 by Est-Ouest Auctions Co., Ltd. (hereinafter, Est-Ouest) which are applicable to and in respect of the sale at "Est-Ouest Auction" (hereinafter, "Auction") at which Est-Ouest acts as the agent of seller.

1. Est-Ouest acts as the agent of sellers for Auction.
2. Auction participation is limited to those who have registered beforehand. If a person is not registered but who carries an inscription card or ticket belonging to someone else attends auctions and successfully wins any lot, the registrant is responsible for the payment of the lot(s). In general, any individual whose postal address can be confirmed by Est-Ouest may participate in Auctions. However, Est-Ouest reserves the right to refuse Auction participation at its discretion. Any photography or video taken during preview or Auction may be used in our pamphlets or other publications in our websites. All participants of preview and auction are assumed to have agreed to use those photography and video.
3. Those who are unable to attend Auction in person, can leave bidding instructions to Est-Ouest staff for absentee or telephone bids, who will then place bids on your behalf. Besides, participant may also place a bid through the Internet. Prospective buyer(s) need to provide credit references before Est-Ouest accepts any bid(s) by internet, absentee or telephone. Any payment for successfully bid items at Est-Ouest abides by Clause 6.
 - i) **Absentee Bids**
If instructions given by prospective buyer(s) is deemed to be inappropriate, the auctioneer has the right to refuse to adhere them at his discretion.
 - ii) **Telephone Bids**
Est-Ouest is not liable for any error or failure when executing telephone bid due to bad connection even the instructions were given by prospective buyers.
 - iii) **Bidding through Internet**
Est-Ouest does not take any responsibility for the mistyping, malfunction, problems of the communication environment, or any other causes subject to the malfunction. In addition, participant(s) who participate through the Internet agree to all the terms stated in "Terms of Use for Est-Ouest Live Bidding".
4. The person who makes the highest bid accepted for a lot by the auctioneer shall be the buyer, and sale contract is established when hammer hit. Information regarding increasing rate of bidding in auction is conformed to the "Bidding Increments" indicated in the catalogue. After the contract is established, the buyer shall sign the "Successful Bid Acknowledgement". However, the auctioneer is able to re-auction the lot at his or her discretion, if he or she judges the sale of the lot is questionable during or after an auction, or if there seems to be any other reason to re-auction.
5. The auctioneer has absolute discretion at any time to refuse any bids, withdraw any lot and re-offer a lot for sale (including after hitting the hammer), if he or she believes there may have been an error or dispute. At his or her discretion, the auctioneer has the right to take other actions such as cancelling an item as well as dividing items into different lots or putting plural lots together for sale.
6. i) The total amount due that buyers should pay includes the hammer price and the following commission.
18% of the Hammer Price of each lot up to and including HKD 3,000,000, 12% of the any Hammer of each lot above HKD 3,000,001

e.g. In case the Hammer was HKD 5,000,000, the Total Amount Due will be HKD 5,780,000.
Hammer HKD 5,000,000 + Premium HKD 780,000 (HKD 3,000,000 x 18% + HKD 2,000,000 x 12%)

Buyers may pay in cash (maximum 80,000HKD), bank cashier's check or by remittance. Any payment must be made in HongKong dollar and the payment shall be completed within 14 days after the sale. If a buyer has overdue payment after that period, Est-Ouest may charge the interest at 15% per annum of the total amount dues, including the costs for storage and insurance. Buyer shall pay 50% of the total payment if cancellation proposed before payment due date, and buyer shall pay 90% of the total payment plus storage fee, insurance fee, and a total of any expense used in regards to all the works of successful bid(s).
 - ii) Auction Participant must sign designated agreement of Est-Ouest before the auction starts. Participant is required to submit credit references upon request by Est-Ouest.
 - iii) When a buyer has purchased item, Est-Ouest may ask to pay the total amount due or a part of it immediately after Auction. If the buyer fails to make payment, the auctioneer reserves the right to re-auction the purchased item.
7. i) Buyer is unable to collect the lots until Est-Ouest receives full payment.
 - ii) Buyer shall collect the lots or give instructions for shipping to Est-Ouest. Cost for packaging, shipping and transit insurance is at buyer's expenses. Est-Ouest shall not be liable for accidents that occur after the completion of handing over the lots at Est-Ouest's designated place (such as destruction, loss, theft, damage, and defacement). Furthermore, Est-Ouest shall not be liable for accidents even when Est-Ouest selects the shipping company or packages the lots in accordance with the Buyer's wishes pursuant to instructions in the shipping Instruction Form, regardless of the suitability of the shipping company or packaging. Buyer shall insure the delivery of lots and handle packaging etc under its own responsibility and at its own expense.
 - iii) Buyers are expected to collect item purchased immediately. Uncollected item will be moved to paid storage after 20 days from the auction date, and Buyer should incur the charges for storage.

- iv) If the purchased item remained uncollected by Buyer 1 year after the sale without any legitimate reason, as is considerable that there is no will to collect the purchased items, Est-Ouest reserves the right to sell the item again at its own discretion regardless of the amount the buyers have paid for the lots. Besides, Est-Ouest does not compensate for the hammer price of the initiate auction when resale. In case that a loss is incurred in the resale to the original buyer, Est-Ouest does not have obligation to compensate for the loss. Est-Ouest will pay the original buyer the balance amount from resale hammer after deducted the charges for storage according to iii) of this clause and expenses for resale such as consignment fee and cataloguing fee etc. as prescribed in relevant regulations.
- v) Regarding products of Ivory, Coral and Agalloch wood which are under control of the Washington Convention, cancellation due to the issues concerning CITES permit/certificate or export permission is not acceptable.
8. i) Commentaries stated in catalogues, advertisements, pamphlets and website for each lot are just for participants' reference, the pictures and explanation (artist, year, size, weight, materials, color, technique, provenance, condition, title, damage, and restorations) are not to subject representation of facts but rather subjective statements of opinions held by Est-Ouest, and does not guarantee any warrant for buy-sell transactions from this statement. The pictures of the lots may not reflect the exact texture, color, or materials of the actual works, and the illustrated materials are not meant to indicate defects nor conditions of the works. Thus, Est-Ouest does not hold legal responsibility stated in the catalogues. For those who wish to purchase, it is highly recommended to examine the works in person and make judgement at the auction preview. (Some items may not be displayed at the preview, but they can be shown by having an appointment at time and place designated by Est-Ouest.)
- ii) Consignors and Est-Ouest do not bear responsibility for any flaws, restorations, and defects. Est-Ouest does not accept any claims such as cancellation after successful bid due to flaws, restorations, and defects on the won items, even these are not mentioned in the catalogue.
- iii) Descriptions concerning the operation of items involve mechanical parts such as clocks and music boxes are not guaranteed whether they can be endured for everyday use. Moreover, please acknowledge the possibility that the operating items may stop operating at any time. Cancellation for mechanical reasons is not acceptable.
9. Excluding no reserve items, Est-Ouest offers one-year-warranty on authenticity for all lots sold at the auction from the date of the sale. However, it does not apply for item of which artists or ateliers are uncertain and described as "Attributed" or "Style" in the catalogue. Likewise, any items of antique and other generally acknowledged items are not subject to any warranty coverage. Also, we do not accept cancellation due to its authenticity on lots which are not subject to warranty of authenticity.
- i) The warranty is non-transferable, and is valid only to Buyer at Auction; any owner of the item after re-sale or transfer is not eligible for the warranty coverage.
- ii) Any claim of the authenticity warranty mentioned above can be made within one year from the date of the sale; only in the case that item is appraised as counterfeit by a third party connoisseur whom Est-Ouest deems appropriate and Est-Ouest confirms that item is in the same condition as the time of the sale. In such case, Est-Ouest shall finally repossess the lot and in return refund the full amount of the purchase to the claimer. By the completion of the refund payment, the situation shall be deemed to be resolved. Other than the refund, Est-Ouest does not guarantee the liability for any damages incurred by returning item to Est-Ouest. Cost for packing, shipping and transit insurance to send item to the buyer after the sale and the cost for returning item to Est-Ouest is at the claimer's expenses.
- iii) If the successful lot turns out as a stolen item or lost by any chance, and is requested to be returned to the rightful owner, Est-Ouest will nullify the sale at once; in the case of where the payment is completed, the original purchase price paid for the lot shall be refunded without interest as a solution.
10. In the case where buyers do not abide by Conditions 6 and 7 and do not pay the total amount due on any lot without collecting, Est-Ouest is entitled to exercise other rights or remedies listed below.
- i) Without giving any notice to a buyer, Est-Ouest may re-auction unpaid item at public or private auctions. If a re-sale results in a lower price than the original hammer price, the original buyer should pay the balance with any other incurred costs. If a re-sale results in a higher price than the original hammer price, the surplus should be paid to the seller.
- ii) Successfully bid item could be stored at Est-Ouest's building or other designated warehouse at buyer's expenses, and we shall allow the buyer to collect the lots after the buyer paid the total amount due and arrears. Despite of the condition mentioned, Est-Ouest has the right to re-sale in connection with 10-i) under any circumstances when there is overdue at the time that the payment due date is past.
11. The ownership of lots is not transferred to a buyer until the buyer has made full payment for the total amount due. However, any responsibilities for the lots including risks are transferred to the buyer at the point that Est-Ouest gives a notice to the buyer. Est-Ouest has the right not to release any sold lots.
12. The interpretation of provisions in the Conditions shall be governed by and executed by the laws of Japan. Any provision of "United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods" shall be excluded.
13. Tokyo District Court and the Tokyo Summary Court shall have exclusive jurisdiction for the first instance over any lawsuit in connection with this matter.
(The English version of the Conditions is for the purpose of reference only. If there is any discrepancy between the Japanese version and the English version, the Japanese version shall have the binding effect.)