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6.3 You confirm that all registration details provided by you are complete and accurate and that you will not permit other people to use your email account or subscription to contact us.

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6.5 If you choose to purchase any materials from us you agree to be responsible for all charges resulting from such purchase and you are responsible for all charges related to your access to the Sites and any transactions which you may enter into on our Sites.

6.6 You agree not to publish, post, disseminate, distribute or otherwise transmit any defamatory, offensive, infringing, obscene, indecent or otherwise unlawful or objectionable material or information through our Sites nor use the Sites for any chain letters, junk mail, 'spamming' material or any other form of bulk communication or otherwise cause any liability for us.

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Termination

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9.1 You hereby undertake to us to indemnify and hold us harmless and defend us at your own expense against all claims, liabilities, costs and losses whatsoever and howsoever incurred by us or our staff arising out of any claim made against us in any jurisdiction in the world for infringement of any intellectual property rights of any third party caused by your use of the Sites.

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9.3 In the event that any part of these Terms is held to be unenforceable, such part will at our option be construed as far as possible to reflect our intentions and the remainder of the provisions will remain in full force and effect.

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