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### 1. DISCLAIMER

This informative document has been prepared to provide (prospective) market vendors at the Christmas Market during Winter in Antwerpen 2026–2027 with clear, accessible, and unambiguous information regarding all relevant regulations, conditions, categories, allocation procedures, technical requirements, and practical operations.

This text serves as supporting communication in order to clarify the Terms and the Regulations. In the event of any discrepancy, ambiguity, or difference in interpretation, the official documents shall always prevail, i.e.:

- [Regulations for stalls at events organised by the City of Antwerp](#), stipulating, amongst others, the obligations of the market vendor.
- [Terms Winter in Antwerpen 2026–2027](#)

This text serves as clarification, it does not qualify as a legal document.

If you have any questions after reading these documents, please contact [winterinantwerpen@antwerpen.be](mailto:winterinantwerpen@antwerpen.be)

### 2. APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION

#### 2.1 Conditions for application

In order to apply for a stall, the prospective market vendor must:

- **actively run a business;**
- be registered with the **Crossroads Bank for Enterprises**. Foreign business must be registered with a comparable official business registration system in the country where they are based;
- register using the electronic registration form from 6 May 2026 until 7 June 2026 via [www.antwerpen.be](http://www.antwerpen.be);
- the company number (or foreign registration) and the type of company must always be mentioned on the registration form;
- the email address and company information provided when registering will be used for all correspondence with the City and cannot be changed.

#### 2.2 Registration

On submitting the registration form, the prospective market vendor **declares its agreement** with the provisions of **Regulations for stalls at events organised** by the City of Antwerp. These Regulations stipulate, amongst others, the obligations of the market vendor.

In addition, the prospective market vendor declares on its honour that it will fulfil the valid higher legislation for the entire duration of the event.



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The application shall be deemed eligible if **all details have been filled in correctly and completely** and the registration form is accompanied by the **mandatory attachments**. Once the application is complete, the applicant shall receive confirmation of receipt by email.

If the registration is incomplete, the City shall notify the prospective market vendor and the latter shall have seven calendar days to complete the application, unless it registers less than seven calendar days before the end of the registration period. In such cases, the prospective market vendor shall only have until the end of the registration period to complete the application. If the missing or incorrect information is not supplied or corrected within the prescribed period, the registration shall be rejected.

Applicants can apply for a stall under several product categories or subcategories, but only one stall will be allocated per business.

### 2.3 Exclusion

The City of Antwerp reserves the right to exclude applicants if the legitimate trust that the City should reasonably have in the applicant and/or market vendor has been breached, if they no longer meet the operating conditions, if they have an **outstanding and undisputed debt** owed to the City of Antwerp, or if they have been temporarily excluded following a negative evaluation according to the Regulations.

## 3. OVERVIEW PRODUCT CATEGORIES

Winter in Antwerpen 2026–2027 consists of three major product categories for which market holders can register.

### 3.1 Gastronomic Experience

The *Gastronomic Experience* category includes **high-quality, artisanal preparations** whereby:

- the products are prepared on site,
- the focus lies on experience, quality and originality,
- the ingredients are fresh, high-quality and preferably locally sourced,
- both a meat and vegetarian alternative are mandatory,
- fried alternatives are forbidden,
- and the offering is distinct from traditional Christmas market dishes.

### 3.2 Food and Beverages

The Food and Beverages category includes all prepared food and unsealed beverages intended for immediate consumption on site.

The subcategories include, amongst others,

- Beverages: shots and jenever (gin), mulled wine/warm drinks/wine/beer/soft drinks
- Food: Italian dishes, Asian dishes, South American dishes, savoury Christmas Market dishes, sweet Christmas Market dishes, sweet recipes/desserts, fries and fried snacks
- Combinations food and beverages: chocolate preparations



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#### 3.3 Merchandise

The *Merchandise* category includes **gift items, fashion items** or all other merchandise not intended for consumption on site. This category can be further divided up **into subcategories** which are described in more detail under the Merchandise heading.

In addition, there are three subcategories to which a **shorter rental period** apply, specifically with the aim of encouraging accessible participation:

1. Start-ups
2. Charities
3. Home-made artisanal products from Belgium

There are shorter hire periods for these stalls from 7 to 9 days, with four possible start weeks.

## 4. GASTRONOMIC EXPERIENCE

The 'Gastronomic Experience' product category refers to food or drinks actually prepared at the event, with an emphasis on the experience and on a high level of quality. The majority of the products must be prepared in an artisanal way on site (i.e. no food that is processed in an industrial way).

This category has one subcategory, i.e. Gastronomic preparation.

### 4.1 subcategory Gastronomic Preparation

#### **Gastronomic preparation**

The subcategory includes:

- Artisanal, savoury dishes, prepared on site.
- High-quality ingredients and a unique taste experience.
- The preparations must be in keeping with the festive atmosphere of a Christmas market.
- A meat dish and a vegetarian alternative are mandatory.
- Fried dishes are not permitted;
- The preparations offered must not be in direct competition with other subcategories in the Food and Beverages product category on Grote Markt, Groenplaats and Suikerrui.

A few examples of this subcategory are:

- Meat: a bread roll with pulled pork and pickled vegetables, a beef burger with caramelised onion and Comté cheese, spit-roasted ham or chicken, slow-cooked ribs, belly pork, game casserole, haute dogs, etc.
- Vegetarian alternatives: grilled aubergine burger, pulled jackfruit, a bread roll with a portobello burger, premium-quality vegetarian burger with grilled vegetables, a potato stuffed with vegetables, grilled vegetable satay, falafel with fresh dipping sauce, grilled halloumi, etc.



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#### 4.2 Accommodation

The City of Antwerp provides the accommodation for the Gastronomic Experience product category, consisting of a **wooden chalet with sales hatch** and door (rear/side), as well as a heating device and a small, enclosed storage area behind the chalet.

Maximum dimensions per location

Location	Maximum width	Maximum depth	Including storage area
Grote Markt	10 m	5 m	Yes
Groenplaats	7 m	4 m	Yes
Suikerrui	7 m	4 m	Yes

- Sales activities will be strictly limited to the interior of the allocated accommodation.
- Selling products or services outside the physical boundaries of the stall is not permitted.
- Shouting or loudly promoting what is on offer is not allowed.
- Own high tables are not allowed.

#### 4.3 Utilities

- On each square, the City of Antwerp will provide a tap where market vendors can get running **water**.
- **Electricity consumption** for Gastronomic preparations is limited to:
  - 1 connection of 10,000 Watts (three-phase, 16A – 380V)
  - 1 connection of 3,600 Watts (single-phase, 16A – 220V)
- The **consumption costs** for water and electricity are included in the stall fee.

#### 4.4 Registrations

The applicant shall create an extensive **file with all the necessary documents**, photos, awards and certificates to allow the application to be judged according to the aforementioned assessment criteria.

Once the registration date has passed, all applicants will first be checked for compliance with the conditions for applicants in the stall regulations.

#### 4.5 Allocation by means of criteria-based evaluation

The applicants are assessed based on a number of criteria, linked to a points system.

The applications will be evaluated per subcategory in accordance with the following criteria:

Criterion and description	Points
<i>The elements in the summary below per criterion will not be regarded as sub-award criteria and are non-exhaustive. Applicants will be evaluated based on the explanation as a whole.</i>	



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<p><b>Gastronomic (flavour) experience, creativity and originality</b></p> <p>What products will be offered at the Christmas Market and how will the applicant create a culinary flavour experience? How is the applicant's offering distinct in terms of originality and added value?</p> <p>The application must be supported by an explanation that includes information about the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• original preparation on site, atypical cooking technologies (for example: closed BBQ, grill, oven);</li><li>• creative dishes and surprising flavour combinations;</li><li>• the choice available and the extent to which the combination of meat, vegetarian options and side dishes can be personalised;</li><li>• presentation: festive appearance and an attractive explanation about the product, its origin and method of preparation.</li></ul>	30
<p><b>Planned approach and organisation</b></p> <p>How will the flow and mise-en-place of the stall be organised in order to guarantee prompt service? What steps will be taken to ensure that the dishes can be prepared as efficiently and to a high level of quality in the conditions that exist at a Christmas market? In this case, we are particularly trying to identify the efficiency and feasibility of achieving high-quality food products.</p> <p>The application must be supported by providing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a plan regarding preparation and mise-en-place, so as to enable the dishes to be served quickly and consistently;</li><li>• a staffing plan for the number of staff within the stall and what tasks they will carry out in terms of preparation, service, payment and so on;</li><li>• an estimate of the quantity of dishes the applicant can prepare and sell per hour;</li><li>• a stock management strategy to guarantee quality and avoid being sold out</li></ul>	25
<p><b>Quality and sustainability</b></p> <p>How will you guarantee the freshness, origin and sustainability of the ingredients? What steps will be taken to limit food waste and select ecologically sound solutions?</p> <p>The application must be supported by providing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• premium meat or vegetarian alternatives (organic, local, artisanal);</li><li>• sustainable origin and seasonal ingredients;</li><li>• artisanal preparation, not involving purely industrial processing;</li><li>• ecological packaging within the production process and responsible production methods;</li><li>• strategies to minimise food waste.</li></ul>	25
<p><b>Price-quality ratio</b></p>	10



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How does the price relate to the quality, portion size and presentation of the dishes? The application must be supported by providing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• democratic prices that are in keeping with the ingredients, preparation and presentation;</li><li>• a balanced portion size for an appropriate price.</li></ul>	
<b>Decor &amp; presentation</b>  The prospective market vendor must demonstrate how the products and price lists will be presented. The entire presentation of the chalet must be appealing and must drive sales. Information is provided about the decor of the chalet. The decor and decoration should be atmospheric and wintry or Christmas-themed.	5
<b>Local</b>  The prospective market vendor will receive extra points if the products are produced locally: five points for items from the province of Antwerp, four points for items from Flanders, three points for items from the Benelux and two points for items from Europe.	5

This category is limited to **three guaranteed stalls** for the first three applicants with the highest scores from 60 points.

Selected market vendors will be assigned a stall on their preferred square based on availability. The applicant with the highest score will get first choice, followed by the vendor with the second-highest score.

All retained applicants who have not been selected will be placed on a **reserve list**, as a result of which they will be eligible for consideration under a replacement procedure as described in the regulations.

### 4.6 Stall fee

Fixed stall fee

Location	Dimensions including storage area	Minimum stall fee (excl. VAT)
Grote Markt	max. 10 m wide x 5 m deep	€9,000
Groenplaats	max. 7 m wide x 4 m deep	€8,000
Suikerrui	max. 7 m wide x 4 m deep	€8,000

### 4.7 Security deposit

A security deposit must be paid once the stall is allocated.

There is a fixed security deposit of: **€1,200 (excl. VAT)** for the Gastronomic Experience



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#### 3.8 Tasters of the products on offer

**Tasters are not permitted** within this product category.

## 5. MERCHANDISE

The **Merchandise** category includes gift items, fashion items or all other merchandise not intended for consumption on site.

### 5.1 Merchandise subcategory

It is determined for each subcategory how many applicants with a score above 60 points will be allocated a guaranteed stall.

#### 5.1.1 Clothing, fashion & shoes

All types of clothing and footwear, baby and children's clothing, slippers, socks, etc.

Not permitted: products from the subcategories 'Head coverings, scarves, gloves' and 'Fashion accessories'.

The first two applicants with the highest scores > 60 points will be given a guaranteed place.

#### 5.1.2 Head coverings, scarves & gloves

All head coverings, including hats, hoods and caps, scarves, gloves and mittens.

The first two applicants with the highest scores > 60 points will be given a guaranteed place.

#### 5.1.3 Fashion accessories (handbags, belts, wallets)

All fashion accessories, including handbags, backpacks, belts, braces, ties and bows, wallets, mobile phone covers, laptop bags, sunglasses, hair slides and other hair accessories.

Not permitted: products from other subcategories 'Jewellery'.

The first two applicants with the highest scores > 60 points will be given a guaranteed place.

#### 5.1.4 Chocolate and sweets

Packaged sweets, such as liquorice, lollipops, caramels, gummies, nougat and marzipan, as well as chocolate, such as bonbons, pralines and chocolate-coated marshmallow treats.

Not permitted: chocolate-covered fruit

The first three applicants with the highest scores > 60 points will be given a guaranteed place.

#### 5.1.5 Regional cold meats and cheeses

Packaged cold meats and cheeses that are produced in an artisanal way and are typical for a particular region. The emphasis is placed on quality and the artisanal production method.

The first three applicants with the highest scores > 60 points will be given a guaranteed place.

#### 5.1.6 Other regional products

Packaged food items that are produced in an artisanal way and are typical for a particular region. The emphasis is placed on quality and the artisanal production method. Examples are fresh pastries, honey, olive oil, jams and marmalades and fresh tapenade.



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Not permitted: products from the 'Chocolate and sweets' and 'Regional cold meats and cheeses' subcategories

The first three applicants with the highest scores > 60 points will be given a guaranteed place.

#### 5.1.7 Jewellery

All types of jewellery and watches.

The first two applicants with the highest scores > 60 points will be given a guaranteed place.

#### 5.1.8 Decoration and interior items

All practical and decorative items for inside and around the house, including towels, oven gloves, candles, vases, dried flowers, statues, wall decorations, crockery, chopping boards, lamps, baskets and baking tins.

The first two applicants with the highest scores > 60 points will be given a guaranteed place.

#### 5.1.9 Pet products

All items for pets, including clothing, beds, snacks and toys.

The first applicant with the highest scores > 60 points will be given a guaranteed place.

All types of toys, craft materials and hobby items.

The first two applicants with the highest scores > 60 points will be given a guaranteed place.

#### 5.1.11 Artisanal products with activation or experience

Gift items and/or packed food that are sold with an additional experience. This could, for instance, be a process in which a product is made on site (baking cookies, making cotton candy, roasting and/or caramelising nuts, making candles, or personalising an item). This experience may only take place in the chalet.

The first three applicants with the highest scores > 60 points will be given a guaranteed place.

## 5.2 Merchandise shorter rental period

In addition to the standard Merchandise subcategories, there are three special subcategories with shorter rental periods, designed to make it easy for vendors to participate in the Christmas market.

The dates of the shorter rental periods are:

- Period 1: Friday 4 December – Thursday 10 December (7 days)
- Period 2: Friday 11 – Thursday 17 December (7 days)
- Period 3: Friday 18 – Thursday 24 December (7 days)
- Period 4: Friday 25 December – Sunday 3 January (9 days)

#### 5.2.1 Start-ups

Start-ups that were **registered** no more than **five years** ago with the Crossroads Bank for Enterprises.

The first four applicants with the highest scores > 60 points will be given a guaranteed place.



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### 5.2.2 Charities

Products or services offered for a charity, and therefore of a **non-commercial** nature.

The following charities can register:

- Charities of a social and compassionate kind, a social objective or aimed at protecting and promoting nature, or founded in the case of a humanitarian crisis.
- Charities with a certain longevity (no temporary associations), founded on a private initiative and with a clear organisational structure (including, as a minimum, a board that meets regularly).

The first four applicants with the highest scores > 60 points will be given a guaranteed place.

### 5.2.3 Home-made artisanal products from Belgium

- The company must have a (head) office in Belgium and a **Belgian VAT number**.
- The products (such as gift items) offered here are **handmade and designed** by the market vendor. Purchasing and selling products designed and manufactured by third parties is not permitted.

The first four applicants with the highest scores > 60 points will be given a guaranteed place.

## 5.3 Accommodation

The City of Antwerp provides the accommodation for the Merchandise product category, consisting of a wooden chalet with sales hatch and door (rear/side), and a heating device.

- Sales activities will be strictly limited to the interior of the allocated accommodation.
- Selling products or services outside the physical boundaries of the stall is not permitted.
- Shouting or loudly promoting what is on offer is not allowed.

## 5.4 Utilities

- On each square, the City of Antwerp will provide a tap where market vendors can get running **water**.
- **Energy consumption** for Merchandise is limited to:
  - Per 3-metre chalet: 1 connection of 3,600 Watts (single-phase, 16A – 220V)
  - Artisanal products with activation/experience subcategory:
    - 1 connection of 10,000 Watts (three-phase, 16A – 380V), regardless of the size.
- The **consumption costs** for water and electricity are included in the stall fee.

## 5.5 Registrations

The applicant shall create an extensive file with all the necessary documents, photos, awards and certificates to allow the application to be judged according to the aforementioned assessment criteria.



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Once the registration date has passed, all applicants will first be checked for compliance with the conditions for applicants in the stall regulations.

#### 5.6 Allocation by means of criteria-based evaluation

The applicants are assessed based on a number of criteria, linked to a points system.

The applications will be evaluated per subcategory in accordance with the following criteria:

<b>Criterion and description</b>	<b>Points</b>
<b>Product choice</b>  Which products will be offered at the Christmas Market and how do these tie in with the Christmas and New Year atmosphere? How is your offering distinct from the other products in terms of originality and added value? To what extent are the products unique and stand out in their field?	50
<b>Quality and sustainability</b>  High-quality products that are sustainable, well made and robust in the long term but are also produced with a focus on ecological impact, e.g. using recycled materials or methods that minimise the CO2 footprint. Also ecological or reusable packaging and offering items that support a sustainable lifestyle are preferred.	20
<b>Decor &amp; presentation</b>  The prospective market vendor must demonstrate how the products will be staged. The product presentation must be appealing and must drive sales. Information is provided about the decor of the chalet. The decor and decoration should be atmospheric and wintry or Christmas-themed.	10
<b>Price-quality ratio</b>  Affordability to make the event accessible to everyone: reasonable prices for the items on offer, taking into account the materials used, finish, craftsmanship, exceptional quality, etc.	10
<b>Handmade</b>  The prospective market vendor will be awarded five points if the products are handmade. "Handmade" refers to products that are manufactured largely by hand. They may be partly machine-produced or a small amount of machine work may have been involved. Every item, however, must have unique features and demonstrate craftsmanship.	5
<b>Local</b>  The prospective market vendor will receive extra points if the products are produced locally: five points for items from the province of Antwerp, four points for items from Flanders, three points for items from the Benelux and two points for items from Europe.	5



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Only prospective market vendors who score **at least 60 out of 100** and meet all the eligibility requirements will be considered.

All retained applicants who have not been selected will be placed on a **reserve list**, as a result of which they will be eligible for consideration under a replacement procedure as described in the regulations.

### 5.7 Stall fee

Fixed amounts (excl. VAT):

Chalet width	Location	Amount
3 m	Grote Markt & Groenplaats	€3.000
3 m	Suikerrui and Handschoenmarkt	€2.500
6 m	Grote Markt & Groenplaats	€6.000
9 m	Grote Markt	€9,000
3 m (shortened period excluding charities)	Still to be determined.	€550 per period
3 m (Charities)	Still to be determined.	Free of charge

### 5.8 Security deposit

A security deposit must be paid once the stall is allocated. The security deposit will be set according to the size of the stall, the rental period and the type of accommodation:

Type of stall	Security deposit (excl. VAT)
3 metres	€500
6 metres	€1,000
9 metres	€1.200
Shortened rental period	€200

### 5.9 Tasters of the products on offer

Tasters are permitted subject to the following conditions:

- no alcoholic beverages;
- small amounts;
- not filling;
- using reusable equipment not provided by the city.



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### 6. FOOD AND BEVERAGES: HISTORIC CITY CENTRE

The Food and Beverages category includes all prepared food and unsealed beverages intended for immediate consumption on site with stalls on the **Grote Markt, Groenplaats and Suikerrui**.

#### 6.1 subcategories

The Food and Beverages category includes drinks, food preparations and combinations of food and drinks.

Each subcategory has its own requirements and limitations.

##### 6.1.1 Drinks

There are two subcategories:

#### A. Shots and jenever (gin)

- Permitted: Jenever (gin), cold spirits, (herbal) liqueurs and non-alcoholic shots (for example, ginger shot, botanical shot).
- Mandatory: an alcohol-free alternative.

#### B. Mulled wine, hot drinks, wine, beer and soft drinks

- Permitted: (non) alcoholic mulled wine & punch (cold or hot) and (non) alcoholic hot chocolate or coffee, all wines and sparkling wines, pilsner beers, heavy beers and soft drinks.
- Not permitted: jenever (gin) and shots.
- Mandatory offering (at least): mulled wine, hot drinks, wine, beer and soft drinks.

##### 6.1.2 Food

**At least one vegetarian option is required** in all food subcategories, except for subcategories which only offer sweet items.

The subcategories are:

#### A. Italian dishes

- Examples: fresh pasta, risotto, pizza cooked in a wood-fired oven, antipasti, bruschetta, etc. with(out) meat and/or fish.
- Not permitted: fried dishes, desserts.

#### B. South American dishes

- Examples: empanada, tortilla, quesadilla, ceviche, tamale, fajita, burrito, chili con/sin carne, guacamole, tacos, etc.
- Not permitted: fried dishes, desserts.

#### C. Asian dishes

- Examples: Thai, Indian, Vietnamese recipes, curry, wok, rice dishes, freshly made spring rolls, dumplings, etc.



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- Not permitted: desserts.

#### **D. Fries and fried snacks**

- Examples: fries made from (sweet) potatoes and fried snacks: curried sausage, mexicano, corn dogs, potato twisters, cheese croquettes, vegetarian snacks, etc.
- Not permitted: snacks served in buns (e.g. burgers). Fried snacks must not be in direct competition with other product categories or subcategories (e.g. spring rolls and noodles fall under the “Asian dishes” subcategory).

#### **E. Savoury Christmas Market dishes**

- Examples: bacon potatoes, tartiflette, bread roll with raclette, flammkuchen, fried German potato pancakes, 'hutsepot' (casserole) with(out) smoked sausage, etc.
- Not permitted: sweet dishes, fried dishes and fried snacks such as potato twisters and corn dogs.

#### **F. Sweet Christmas Market dishes**

- Examples: pretzels, chimney cakes, mini Christmas cakes, Kaiserschmarren, apple strudel.
- Not permitted: foods from the “Sweet dishes/Desserts” or “Chocolate dishes” subcategories.

#### **G. Sweet dishes/Desserts**

- Examples: warm or cold waffles, pancakes, Dutch batter cakes (poffertjes), Dutch beignets (smoutebollen), churros.
- Not permitted: food from the Sweet Christmas Market dishes subcategory or chocolate dishes.

#### 6.1.3 Combinations food and drinks

##### **A. Chocolate dishes**

- Permitted: fresh chocolate milk (with or without alcohol), chocolate cake, chocolate-covered fruit, coffee (with or without alcohol), etc.
- Mandatory: an alcohol-free and/or vegetarian option.

#### 6.2 Accommodation

The City of Antwerp provides the accommodation for the Food and Beverages product category on the Grote Markt, Groenplaats and Suikerrui, consisting of a wooden chalet with sales hatch and door (rear/side), and a heating device. A small, partitioned storage area is provided behind the chalet.

- Sales activities will be strictly limited to the interior of the allocated accommodation.
- Selling products or services outside the physical boundaries of the stall is not permitted.
- Shouting or loudly promoting what is on offer is not allowed.



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- Own high tables are not allowed.

#### 6.3 Utilities

- On each square, the City of Antwerp will provide a tap where market vendors can get running **water**.
- **Energy consumption** for Food and Beverages is limited to:
  - Shots: 1 connection of 3,600 Watts (single-phase, 16A – 220V)
  - Mulled wine/wine/beer/soft drinks: 1 connection of 10,000 Watts (three-phase, 16A – 380V) + 1 connection of 3,600 Watts (single-phase, 16A – 220V)
  - Other subcategories on Groenplaats & Suikerrui: 1 connection of 10,000 Watts (three-phase, 16A – 380V)
  - Other subcategories on Grote Markt
    - 3 meter chalet: 1 connection of 10,000 Watts (three-phase, 16A – 380V)
    - 6 meter chalet: 1 connection of 10,000 Watts (three-phase, 16A – 380V) + 1 connection of 3,600 Watts (single-phase, 16A – 220V)
- The consumption costs for water and electricity are included in the stall fee.

#### 6.4 Registrations

Once the registration date has passed, all applicants will first be checked for compliance with the conditions for applicants in the stall regulations.

#### 6.5 Allocation through online, public bidding

The allocation of a stall in the "Food and Beverages" product category will take place by means of online public bidding under the supervision of a court bailiff.

- **Date of bidding:** Wednesday 24 June 2026
- **Test bidding:** On Tuesday 23 July between 4 and 4:15 p.m., a demonstration will be given and selected participants can get to know the procedures and test their login.

From Monday 22 June 2026, the list of lots and the location plan will be sent by email to all retained candidates.

The list of lots shows the following items: ranking of the lots during the bidding, stall size, square, subcategory, electricity supply, entry-level price and bidding step.

#### Bidding rules

- A separate bidding shall be organised for each stall.
- A stall will be awarded to the highest bidder.
- A maximum of one stall will be assigned per company number.
- The bid made will be binding once issued.

Once a Food and Beverage stall has been allocated by the bailiff, the market vendor must specify its offerings and prices within the subcategory assigned to the stall.



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### 6.6 Entry-level prices & bidding steps

Size	subcategory	Entry-level price (excl. VAT)	Bidding step
3 m	Sweet Christmas Market dishes	€7,500	€500
3 m	Italian dishes	€7,500	€500
3 m	South American dishes	€7,500	€500
3 m	Asian dishes	€7,500	€500
6 m	Savoury Christmas Market dishes	€10,000	€1,000
6 m	Chocolate preparations	€15,000	€1,000
6 m	Sweet preparations/desserts	€15,000	€1,000
6 m	Fries and fried snacks	€18,000	€1,000
3 m	Shots & jenever (gin)	€20,000	€1,000
6 m	Mulled wine/wine/beer/soft drinks	€29,000	€1,000

### 6.7 Security deposit

A security deposit must be paid once the stall is allocated.

The security deposit for Food and Beverage stalls amounts to:

Type of stall	Security deposit (excl. VAT)
3 metres	€500
6 metres	€1,000
9 metres	€1.200

### 6.8 Tasters of the products on offer

Tasters are **not permitted** within this product category.

## 7. FOOD AND BEVERAGES – OPERAPLEIN (OWN ACCOMMODATION)

For the Winter in Antwerpen 2025 -2026 edition, Food and Beverage stalls with own accommodation were offered for a longer period on Operaplein.

For the 2026 – 2027 edition, new registrations are not possible. These stalls have already been taken.



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### 8. REUSABLE CATERING EQUIPMENT

#### 8.1 Who provides what?

During Winter in Antwerpen 2026–2027, the City of Antwerp will provide a central system for reusable catering equipment, both for food and drink.

Market vendors must use this system and are not permitted to use their own reusable or disposable catering equipment. The aim is to provide a consistent, sustainable, and user-friendly system for visitors and market vendors.

The City of Antwerp provides:

- a sufficient supply of reusable catering equipment;
- All transportation for delivery and collection;
- Industrial washing up (the costs of washing up will be charged to the market vendor);
- Central storage;
- a central depot from which, on 5 days out of 7, the reusable catering equipment is transported to the market vendors based on an order;
- more detailed information on the use of reusable catering equipment before the event;
- visitor communication on the deposit system.

The market vendor:

- provides a clean, dry and safe place to store the reusable catering equipment on loan;
- accepts the reusable catering equipment from every visitor and refunds the deposit (€2,00) after use;
- ensures a sufficient supply of change to pay back the deposit or a digital payment system that can reimburse the deposit to the visitor's account. If the market vendor is operating digitally, sufficient small change must be available for visitors who wish to receive the deposit refund in cash;
- pays the washing-up costs for industrial cleaning in compliance with the hygiene standards.

Only serviettes made from biodegradable material may be used (no other disposable material is permitted);

#### 8.2 Types of reusable equipment and washing-up costs

The following reusable catering equipment is made available to market vendors.

Market vendors pay for the washing-up costs per box ordered.

Type of recipient	Washing-up cost for each piece	Number of crates per box	Washing-up cost per box ordered* (excl. VAT)
Regular cup 25 cl	€0.08	560	€44.80



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Bodega 20 cl	€0.08	351	€28.08
Shot glass 10 cl	€0.08	560	€44.80
Round plate – 20 cm	€0.14	110	€15.40
Bowl – 18 cm (630 ml)	€0.14	100	€14.00

Market vendors pay for lost and/or missing items;

- Reusable cups/plates/bowls: €1.65 (excl. VAT) for each lost or missing item.
- For the loss of or damage to a storage crate: €40.00 (excl. VAT) per box

## 9. PAYMENT AND FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

### 9.1 Invoicing of the stall fee

You will receive two invoices for the stall fee:

#### 1. First invoice – Advance

Once the stall has been allocated, the market vendor will receive:

- a first invoice, including an **advance of 25%** of the total stall fee (excl. VAT),
- plus the security deposit for the stall in question.

#### 2. Second invoice – Balance

In September 2026, the City will issue the second invoice for the outstanding balance of the total stall fee

### 9.2 Applying VAT

**VAT is due** on all amounts (stall fees, washing-up costs for reusable equipment, etc.), unless otherwise stated (e.g. security deposits).

### 9.3 Payment term

According to the Regulations for Stalls at City of Antwerp Events, payment of all invoices must be made within **30 calendar days of the invoice date**.

The payment term is binding for all market vendors, regardless of their product category or location. If a market vendor is allocated a stall less than eight weeks before the event, the full stall fee, including the security deposit, must be paid immediately.

### 9.4 Procedures in the event of late payment

In the event that an invoice is paid after the due date, **interest on arrears** shall be charged at the legal rate from the first of the month following the due date stated on the first reminder, by



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operation of law and without further notice. From the second reminder onwards, an administrative fee shall be charged in accordance with the fee regulations for recovery costs.

In the event that an invoice remains unpaid, the City of Antwerp shall be entitled to exclude a market vendor from taking part. All payments already made shall definitively accrue to the City of Antwerp.

### 9.5 Security deposit scheme

The security deposit is mandatory for all types of stalls and can be used to cover the following costs:

- any damage to the accommodation or public property;
- additional cleaning up;
- loss of keys or other equipment.

The security deposit:

- will be fully refunded provided the stall is returned in good condition after the event;
- may be withheld in part or in full if violations, damage, or shortages are found.

If the security deposit is insufficient, the remaining amount shall be recovered from the market vendor.