

Design consultancy terms and conditions

1. All designs will be produced as closely as possible to the brief supplied by the client. No pertinent points that the client considers to be 'obvious' but have not been included in the brief shall be considered in the design.
2. All designs are considered carefully in terms of strength, rigidity and impact resistance. WH Skinner will choose a redundancy margin (spare strength above the maximum expected loading) that we feel is appropriate in line with the brief and then produce a sample where appropriate with the relevant balance between cost/strength and protection of the product. The client assumes full responsibility for advising WH Skinner of any requirements to increase or decrease redundancy as necessary.
3. Paper products such as corrugated cardboard are organic and therefore vary in strength from batch to batch and in relation to temperature and moisture content. Cardboard grades vary from country to country and therefore the client should give consideration to this variation whilst choosing a redundancy level.
4. WH Skinner will produce a working prototype but as there is a wide variety of machinery available for processing it may be necessary to make minor adjustments if moving to different types of manufacturing machinery. The client assumes full responsibility for this.
5. WH Skinner will produce a design that is as close to the client brief as possible. Sometimes a redundancy margin is required but in other cases it may be economically preferable to have a negative value of a few per cent. That is to say that the contents of a box are of low value and are not easily breakable and therefore considerable savings may be made by making a lighter box at the risk that a small percentage of items may be damaged in transit. This is common practice in the packaging industry. For this reason WH Skinner cannot be responsible for the final choice of design. We will make recommendations and the client will choose the most appropriate design and will take full responsibility if it should turn out that a different design or strength would have been more appropriate.

Addendum to WH Skinner standard terms and conditions relating to Design Consultancy services only.