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A Mid-20th Century Painted Metal Auctioneers' West Country Conditions of Sale Sign

Price

GBP 395

| USD \$539 | EUR 461

Item Reference: SA1231456**Date of manufacture: 1950**

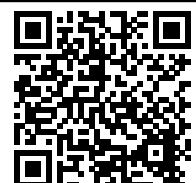
Description

A Mid-20th Century Painted Metal Auctioneers' Conditions of Sale Sign – Hussey & Son, Exeter A large (and heavy) painted metal Conditions of Sale sign made for the Exeter auctioneers Hussey & Son, dating to the mid-20th century, circa 1950. The sign is dominated by the bold black CONDITIONS OF SALE lettering, beneath which are eight numbered conditions governing the conduct of the firm's auctions. At the bottom, despite considerable losses from years of use, the name HUSSEY & SON, their Exeter address and AUCTIONEERS remain visible. Hussey & Son were a long-established firm of Exeter auctioneers and surveyors, operating from Queen Street, Exeter, and conducting sales in the city and surrounding Devon countryside. Rather than an advertising sign, this was a functional piece of auction-room equipment. Displayed prominently during a sale, it ensured that bidders could see the conditions under which the auction was being conducted. The wording provides a fascinating glimpse into the workings of the traditional provincial auction room. The highest bidder was to become the purchaser; disputed bidding could result in a lot being offered again; the aucti...

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