

Information on Protection Against Product Piracy

Information concerning measures in cases of infringement of intellectual property rights including counterfeiting and piracy

This information sheet is intended to give exhibitors and providers of goods and services some initial information concerning procedures when intellectual property rights have been infringed.

PROCEDURES

1. Border seizure

In the run-up to a trade fair, seizure at the border is an effective legal remedy when goods are imported into the single European market.

An application for border seizure may be made online via ZGR-online, the German Customs Administration's centralized online accessible database for the protection of intellectual property rights.

The following office is responsible for border seizure:

Generalzolldirektion
Direktion VI
Zentralstelle Gewerblicher Rechtsschutz
Sophienstrasse 6
D-80333 München
Tel: +49 89 5995-2315/-2346/-2348
Fax: +49 89-5995-2317
www.ipr.zoll.de
dvia24gzd@zoll.bund.de

2. Trade fair seizures / criminal proceedings

Where intellectual property rights have been infringed by offenders registered in an EU Member State, a criminal (public prosecution) proceeding may be initiated. The customs service and the police take an active part in such proceedings as auxiliary officers of the public prosecutor's office. In this capacity, the customs service and the police may remove from the exhibition booth infringing products that come from third countries in the EU, and seize such products for use as evidence in criminal proceedings that follow.

An application may be filed (no special form required) with

Hauptzollamt Hannover (Hannover Customs Authority)
Hackethalstrasse 7
D-30179 Hannover
Tel: +49 511 5469 – 0
Fax: +49 511 5469 - 1199
poststelle.hza-hannover@zoll.bund.de

Further details about proceedings are available upon request from

Zollamt Messe (Customs Office at the exhibition grounds)
Europaallee 7
D-30521 Hannover
Tel: +49 511 5469 – 9900
Fax: +49 511 5469 - 9999
poststelle.za-hannover-messe@zoll.bund.de

In an emergency, you may contact

Polizeidienststelle Messegelände (exhibition grounds)
Europaallee 7
D-30521 Hannover
Tel: +49 511 109 – 3771 to – 3784
(reachable only during the trade fair's opening hours)

The police station responsible for the southern area of Hanover (including the exhibition grounds) is

Polizeikommissariat Döhren
Kastanienallee 1
D-30519 Hannover
Tel: +49 511 109 - 3615
Fax: +49 (511) 109 - 3650

3. (Fast track) court proceeding before the Regional Court (Landgericht) of Brunswick

The patent litigation chamber (Patentstreitkammer) at the Regional Court of Brunswick is competent in the state of Lower Saxony for disputes arising from infringements of patents, utility models, designs and trade marks. If such disputes arise from exhibitions on the Hannover trade fair grounds, in urgent and appropriate cases the patent litigation chamber is prepared to conduct court proceedings at short notice during the trade fair on the Hannover trade fair grounds.

During the IAA Transportation 2026 the service unit of the patent litigation chamber, it is possible to contact the reception point and the security office in the building of the

Regional Court of Brunswick
Münzstrasse 17
D-38100 Braunschweig
lgbs-poststelle@justiz.niedersachsen.de
Tel: +49 (531) 488 - 2374/-2378/-2253 (Dr. Reh, Office)
Fax: +49 (531) 488 - 2351

Monday to Thursday from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm, Friday from 9:00 am to 12:00 am

The admission of petitions requiring a fast track proceeding may be discussed by telephone. The patent litigation chamber can also be contacted by email lgbs-patentstreitkammer@justiz.niedersachsen.de. It is not possible to file legal petitions electronically.

Urgently required decisions by the Regional Court of Hannover arising from the IAA Transportation 2026 and for which the patent litigation chamber of the Regional Court of Brunswick is not competent, are in the competence of the Regional Court of Hannover.

Landgericht Hannover (Regional Court of Hannover)
Volgersweg 65
D-30175 Hannover
Tel: +49 511 3470
Fax: +49 511 347-2772

FURTHER CONTACTS

Bar association (RAK), Celle

In Hannover the bar association (RAK) Celle is competent.

RAK Celle
Bahnhofstrasse 5
D-29221 Celle
Tel: +49 5141 9282-0
Fax: +49 5141 9282-42
info@rakcelle.de

The *Chamber of Lawyers* may be contacted, for example, to request documentary evidence from lawyers close to the trade fair grounds.

GERMAN AND INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS / AUTHORITIES

1. Chambers of industry and commerce

Hannover Chamber of Industry and Commerce
Bischofsholer Damm 91
D-30173Hannover
Tel: +49 511 3107-0
Fax: +49 511 3107-333
info@hannover.ihk.de

2. German Anti-Counterfeiting Association (APM)

Poststraße 4-5
10178 Berlin Tel.: +49 30 206 790-71
Fax: +49 30 206 790-72
E-mail: info@apm.net

3. Aktion Plagiarius e.V. (on plagiarism)

Nersinger Str. 18
D-89275 Elchingen
Tel: +49 7308 922-422
Fax: +49 7308 922-423
E-Mail: info@lagiarius.com
www.plagiarius.com

4. OHIM, Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (on trade marks, designs and models)

Avenida de Europa, 4
03008 ALICANTE
SPAIN
Tel: +34 965 139100
Fax: +34 965 131344
www.oami.eu

5. European Patent Office (EPO)

Bob-van-Bentham-Platz 1
D-80469 München
Tel: +49 89 2399-4500
Fax: +49 89 2399-4560
www.epo.org

6. German Patent and Trade Mark Office (DPMA)

Zweibrückenstrasse 12
D-80331 München
Tel: +49 89 2195-1000
Fax: +49 89 2195-2221
E-Mail: www.dpma.de

INFORMATION ON EXHIBITION PROTECTION

Due to the announcement of exhibition protection for the IAA Transportation, the so-called trademark priority for trademark or utility model applications applies to exhibitors in accordance with § 35 MarkenG, § 6a GebrMG and § 15 De-signG. This means that the date of application for the respective trademark, utility model or design is not determined by the date of the respective application, but by the earlier date of the exhibition, if applicable.