

Leipzig, March 2025

Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Dear exhibitors,

In the run-up to the trade fair, we would like to inform you about the following legal topics.

### Product piracy

If you wish to take legal action against an exhibitor who is selling unauthorised products or infringing your industrial property rights, it is best to consult your lawyer.

Attached you will find a list of lawyers specialising in intellectual property law with offices in Leipzig who can support you locally. Advice is usually subject to a fee. You can ask for a cost estimate in advance. You can use the search engine of the Saxony Bar Association to narrow down or expand your search.

<https://www.rak-sachsen.de/fuer-buerger/anwaltssuche/>

We recommend requesting support outside normal office hours in good time, as the offices are not always staffed at weekends and on public holidays.

### Issue certificates

If you would like to present an innovation at our trade fair for which you have not yet applied for an industrial property right (trade mark right, utility model, design), you can have a so-called "exhibition certificate" issued by us. We charge a fee of 60.00 euros plus VAT for the certificate.

The application can then be filed with the Patent and Trade Mark Office within six months of the first day of the trade fair. The date of the first exhibition at the trade fair is recognised as the filing date. With the exception of patents, this gives you a head start over applicants who have applied for rights after the date of the issued priority certificate.

Please note that we do not issue priority certificates retrospectively, but only on working days during the trade fair. It is best to contact our legal department in good time, i.e. before the trade fair.



### **WARNING: Unofficial exhibitor directories ("Expo Guide", "International Fairs Directory", "Connect Publisher", etc.)**

Leipziger Messe GmbH warns exhibitors against misleading offers for catalogue entries that do not originate from Leipziger Messe GmbH and its service partners. Our

official service partner for catalogue production is NEUREUTER FAIR MEDIA GmbH, based in Munich.

Please be particularly careful if you receive forms, invoices or requests for payment from other publishers. At first glance, the "Expo Guide", "International Fairs Directory", "Connect Publisher" and other offers give the impression that they come from Leipziger Messe GmbH and that the offer is free of charge. Only in the small print is it pointed out that by signing the contract you are entering into a three-year agreement that would cost you more than 3,000 euros in total. Leipziger Messe GmbH distances itself from these offers and recommends that you do not sign them.

AUMA e. V. has published an information sheet. There you will find useful information on what to do if you have already signed.

<http://www.auma.de/de/tippsfueraussteller/recht/abofallen/seiten/default.aspx>

For further information, please contact the respective project team and our legal department.

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**We wish you a successful trade fair!**