

You have a national trademark (DPMA)

A national application is an application requesting the authorities of a Member State to take action exclusively within that Member State against infringements of a specific intellectual property right.

Registration in Germany via an ELSTER certificate or the Zoll-Ident app on the Customs Portal

You have an EU trade mark (EUIPO)

An EU application requests the customs authorities of one or more Member States to take action within their respective jurisdictions against infringements of a specific intellectual property right

The application procedure is the same for both procedures

In Germany, submit your application entirely online via the German Customs Administration's ZGR-Online portal. The information provided, such as photographs, technical drawings, serial numbers or typical security features, should be as detailed and unambiguous as possible to assist customs in identifying counterfeit goods. It may also be helpful to provide details of known import routes or frequently used transshipment points for counterfeit goods.

National procedure, including in cases where parallel imports from other EU countries or intra-Community infringements are anticipated.

and/or

EU application, if the small consignment procedure (for parcels weighing less than 2 kg) is to be applied for. This applies in particular where counterfeit goods are imported into the EU internal market as postal items in small consignments.

**Costs may be incurred:**

1. in connection with the seizure proceedings (e.g. storage costs, transport costs, disposal costs) in connection with any claim for liability arising from an application that has not been submitted correctly

**Please note:** Both procedures require regular renewal after one year.