

Checklist warning

Observe deadlines

- ▶ Take the warning seriously: Do not ignore it!
- ▶ What deadlines have been set?
- ▶ Contact a specialist lawyer as soon as possible, in any case before the deadline expires.
- ▶ Check whether your legal protection insurance covers the costs.

No hasty actions

- ▶ Do not sign: Do not sign a cease-and-desist declaration without prior legal review.
- ▶ Do not transfer any requested amounts before seeking legal advice.
- ▶ Do not contact the opposing party without consulting your attorney.

Documentation

- ▶ What are you being accused of?
- ▶ Gather all documents related to the accusation, such as screenshots of the alleged action, information connected to the alleged action (e.g., how long the action has existed, what revenue it generates, in which countries it takes place, whether there are printed materials, and if so, in what circulation).

Seek legal advice

- ▶ A warning letter must meet certain requirements. Seek advice to ensure that everything is handled correctly.
- ▶ Consult a specialized lawyer to verify whether the accusation is accurate and what you can do in response.
- ▶ With your lawyer, you can discuss the next steps and explore your options (defense strategies, modified cease-and-desist declaration, etc.).
- ▶ Make sure you understand the nature of the accusation in the warning letter and what options are available to you. If you sign a cease-and-desist declaration, you need to understand its scope in both time and practical terms.

Internal measures and long-term solutions

- ▶ Inform employees: Raise awareness within your team about the issue to prevent further violations.
- ▶ Adjust processes: Revise internal procedures to avoid future legal infringements.
- ▶ License agreements and research: Review possible licenses or usage rights and conduct research on potential conflicts.

To the point

A warning letter prepares for a lawsuit. If you quickly recognize and understand your options, you'll have time to make a decision and can avoid unnecessary costs. Our experienced team of lawyers will help you identify and expand your options.

Note:

Please be aware that the above information serves as general guidance and does not replace legal advice. Specific requirements may vary depending on the individual case. Professional legal assistance is recommended.



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