



Legal support services to address supply chain disruptions caused by the coronavirus pandemic

Coronavirus pandemic affecting the global product supply chain

The worldwide coronavirus pandemic has significantly impacted component production and the product supply chain, with factories in Asia having to pause production and logistics operations being disrupted. For component buyers, wholesalers, installers, project developers and other stakeholders in end-markets, this has resulted in a large degree of uncertainty in planning how these products will be shipped, when they will arrive, and determining if these products were built according to the agreed bill of materials (BOM) and fulfill the desired quality level.

The challenges being faced by end-customers can be classified into three areas:

1. Impact of the disruptions on the supply and logistics chain
2. Production capability and quality
3. Enforcement of existing supply contracts or renegotiation of supply contracts

With these in view, the partners VDE, LPA-GGV and DHL have formed a cooperation to address the broad range of needs and challenges being faced by end-customers and other stakeholders in the market.



LPA-GGV – Legal specialist in the renewable energy sector

With our extensive expertise and track record in the renewable energy sector, we provide comprehensive advice to clients regarding all legal issues along the value chain of renewable energy products, beginning with manufacturing, followed by delivery, construction, and through to the sale and acquisition, as well as operations of renewable energy projects.

With a view to the adverse legal and economic effects on the supply chain imposed by the coronavirus pandemic, we are able to provide affected clients with highly qualified legal advice.

Supporting services of the cooperation partners

To find out more about the related supporting services being offered by DHL Group (logistics evaluation and solutions), LPA-GGV (legal advice), and VDE (production inspection and testing services), please visit our website: <https://www.vde.com/supply-chain-support>



Through our offices in Paris, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Singapore, Dubai and Tokyo, we are present in some of the most important Asian business hubs focusing on in- and outbound business. Our services comprise of the assessment and enforcement of potential claims in most relevant jurisdictions. We are currently involved in evaluating supply chains in the context of the coronavirus pandemic and, as far as possible, securing them legally. In the case of customs law issues, we can draw on our network of proven local experts who can assist in all major jurisdictions in the handling and acceleration of supply chains.

Our legal services include the following¹:

- Evaluation, assessment and enforcement of potential claims against manufacturers, suppliers or logistics companies;
- Negotiation and execution of new supply contracts as well as the adjustment, termination or suspension of existing contracts;
- Legal services relating to customs law issues; and
- Evaluation and securing of legal aspects of new logistics and supply chain agreements.

In advising our clients, we adhere to international legal standards and regulations, particularly relating to conflicts of interest and compliance with applicable anti money laundering regulations.

¹ LPA-GGV is committed to international legal standards and regulations. Any services provided by LPA-GGV are subject to conflicts of interest and compliance with the German Money Laundering Act.



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About LPA-GGV

LPA-GGV is an international law firm with German offices in Munich, Frankfurt and Hamburg and international offices in Paris, Dubai, Hong Kong, Singapore, Shanghai, Tokyo as well as Algiers, Casablanca and Yaoundé/Douala.

With more than 230 lawyers worldwide, LPA-GGV provides targeted support for the movement of goods and economic exchange between continental Europe and Asia or Africa.

LPA-GGV has decades of expertise and a significant track record in all areas of renewable energies and advises manufacturers and investors in the fields of PV, wind and all other areas, and in all stages of project implementation.