

# Shaping the future: **Legal advice for logistics and transport**



## Legal advice for logistics and transport

Innovative technologies are rapidly changing the logistics industry and bringing new challenges and opportunities. Our team advises companies worldwide on all legal issues relating to transport and logistics from large-scale projects to day-to-day business. We provide comprehensive, interdisciplinary advice and offer you broad, practical and future-oriented solutions across all areas of law.

In the logistics sector, we work with our industry experts to consider relevant industry-specific characteristics, for example in the pharmaceutical, food, chemical, fashion, automotive, rail and aviation sectors. We also regularly deal with other industry-specific requirements.



**Transport and logistics law**



**Capital market law and M&A**



**Plant construction law**



**Planning and environmental law, public commercial law**



**Real estate law**



**Tax, customs and compliance**



**Financing and insurance**



**Public procurement, state aid and antitrust law**



**IT and data law**



**Employment law**



## Transport and logistics law

Efficient contract drafting and legal support for all logistics-related processes, from negotiations to dispute resolution before state courts and arbitration tribunals, both nationally and internationally.

- **Warehousing and handling:** Warehousing and handling contracts, including cross-docking.
- **Contract logistics:** Contract logistics and fulfilment agreements.
- **Liability and performance:** Liability issues, SLA/KPI, sustainability, resilience.
- **Terms and conditions:** ADSP, VBGL, DTLB, logistics terms and conditions and other standard terms and conditions.
- **Outsourcing:** Outsourcing of logistics services and processes.
- **Dispute resolution:** Dispute resolution and litigation before courts and arbitration tribunals.

## Plant construction law

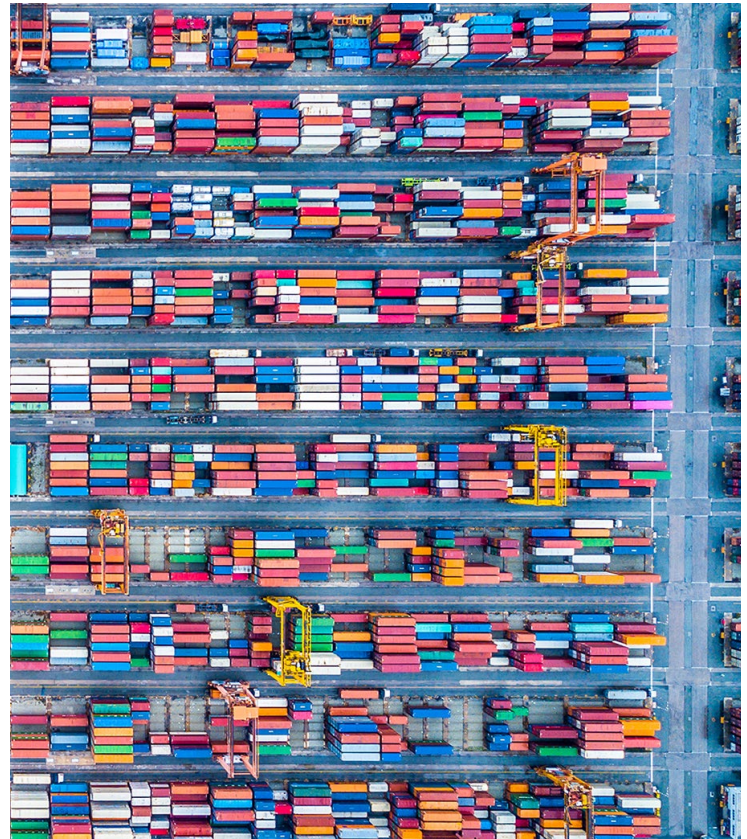
Comprehensive legal advice on legally compliant planning, contract drafting and implementation of complex plant construction projects in the logistics sector.

- **Plant contracts:** Drafting contracts for storage, conveyor and packaging technology.
- **Standard contracts:** Advice on FIDIC, NEC, VOB, VDMA and Orgalime from a legal perspective.
- **Back-to-back:** Coordination between main and subcontractor agreements.
- **Claims and dispute resolution:** Project-related conflict resolution, claims management (including FIDIC DAB) and warranty enforcement/defence.

## Real estate law

Comprehensive legal advice considering the high requirements for location, infrastructure and structural use of logistics sites – including all real estate law issues relating to the operation, expansion and restructuring of logistics and transport areas.

- **Project development:** Drafting of all contracts required for use (development, transport, 24/7 operation, nature/interventions, BlmSchG approvals).
- **Leasing:** Drafting of lease agreements considering industry-specific, bank-related and investor-related requirements as well as sustainability requirements.



- **Real estate transactions:** Support for the purchase and sale of individual logistics properties, industrial sites or portfolios, including tax and corporate law optimisation.
- **Financing:** Advice on acquisition and development, traditional and alternative forms of financing (e.g. joint ventures, property leasing).

## Financing and insurance

Comprehensive legal advice considering the high demands placed on tailor-made financing models and precisely tailored risk protection for transport and logistics infrastructures – including the deployment, procurement and protection of fleets as well as the financing of complex logistics projects.

- **Financing agreements:** Drafting and negotiating financing and security agreements for all means of transport.
- **Leasing agreements:** Structuring and negotiation of finance and operating lease agreements for all means of transport.



- **Charter and wet lease agreements:** Drafting and negotiation of charter, block space and wet lease agreements for road, rail and aircraft.
- **Insurance consulting and claims support:** Risk analysis, selection of suitable insurance products, support in communication and disputes with insurers, and access to experienced experts.

## IT and data law

Comprehensive legal advice on digital tools, networked supply chains and complex data flows as central components of modern logistics – including legally compliant IT solutions, data-driven business models and compliance with technical regulations.

- **IT projects and contract drafting:** Support with logistics-related IT projects and drafting of software and platform contracts.
- **Data, cyber and digital regulation:** Data protection/cybersecurity, advice on B2B/B2C platforms (including the Data Act) and implementation of the AI and Data Acts.

## Capital market law and M&A

Comprehensive legal advice on transformation processes in the logistics sector that require strategic investments, participations and transactions

– including all capital market law and corporate structuring issues.

- **Structuring:** Corporate realignment and strategic restructuring.
- **Joint ventures and investors:** Investments and co-operations with market participants.
- **M&A:** Acquisition and sale of companies and shareholdings in Germany and abroad.



- **Capital measures:** capital increases, private placements and other forms of financing.

## Planning and environmental law, public commercial law

Comprehensive legal advice for logistics projects, from warehouses and transshipment terminals to transport infrastructure, which are subject to complex approval and environmental requirements, including legally compliant planning, implementation and operation of such facilities.

- **Approvals:** Public law advice on all aspects of logistics properties.
- **Regulatory matters:** Support with all regulatory issues relating to logistics and transport services.
- **Project development:** Support from development and planning to (re)construction.
- **Environmental law:** Advice on emission, soil, water and waste law.
- **Revitalisation:** Support for brownfield developments.
- **Energy:** Energy law advice on renewable energies, self-supply, grid feed-in and subsidy programmes.





## Tax, customs and compliance

Comprehensive legal advice on international supply chains that involve complex tax, customs and regulatory obligations – including the legally compliant design of global logistics processes and the establishment of effective compliance structures.

- **Supply chains:** Implementation of the requirements of the Supply Chain Due Diligence Act.
- **Value added tax:** Value added tax law for imports and exports as well as formal documentation requirements (e.g. confirmation of arrival).
- **Taxation:** Income tax assessment and choice of legal form in an international context.
- **Customs procedures:** Setting up and managing customs warehouses and providing support in shipping, processing and other customs procedures.
- **Contact with authorities:** Representation before customs authorities and support with all formalities.
- **Export control:** Questions regarding the origin of goods and export restrictions.
- **Compliance:** Training, organisational optimisation and support in the event of compliance violations and internal investigations.

## Public procurement, state aid and antitrust law

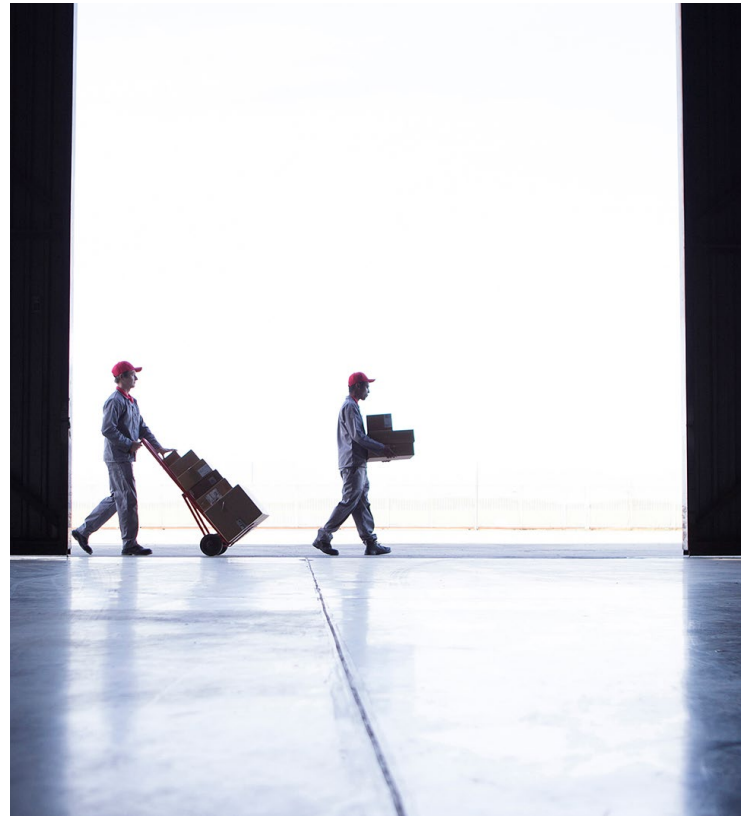
Comprehensive legal advice on procurement processes, cooperations and public subsidies in the logistics sector – with a focus on tenders, antitrust law and EU regulations in the transport and infrastructure sector.

- **Tenders:** Support in tendering, review and court proceedings.
- **Concessions:** Advice on the awarding of construction and service concessions, e.g. ground handling services.
- **Procurement Directives:** Compliance with EU Procurement Directives for sectoral contracting authorities, including social standards and minimum wages.
- **New Concessions Directive:** Implementation of the requirements for airports, ports and other contracting authorities in the sector.
- **Authorities and courts:** Cooperation with the EU Commission, national authorities and courts, including on antitrust issues.
- **State aid law:** Advice on EU subsidies and state aid schemes.

## Employment law

Comprehensive legal advice on flexibility, shift models and international assignments that shape staffing requirements in the logistics industry, with a focus on all employment law issues for efficient and legally compliant personnel deployment.

- **Employment law:** Ongoing advice on contracts, recruitment, hiring, termination and discrimination issues.
- **Personnel deployment:** Efficient systems, flexible assignments, temporary employment, freelancers and secondments.
- **HR and compliance:** HR compliance, occupational health and safety.
- **Working hours and collective agreements:** Review of working time models and implementation in accordance with collective and individual employment law; drafting of industry-specific working conditions.
- **Restructuring:** Strategic and legal advice on corporate changes, operational changes and M&A processes.
- **Work 4.0 / New Work:** Home office, SaaS, people analytics, coopetition and modern working models.



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