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Digital supply chain/e-procurement

The procurement of goods (e-procurement) and the related supply chain are an important part of any value chain. The digitalisation of the supply chain has continuously increased in recent years. Ordering processes and communications are handled electronically, data is recorded and exchanged in real time, and processes are automated, monitored and steered by remote control. The digitalisation of delivery requests, production, warehousing and logistics within the supply chain significantly facilitates procurement and supply chain management for companies. However, the varied nature of supply chains and the opportunities provided by digitalisation can also lead to a large number of commercial and legal challenges. A well-functioning digital supply chain therefore requires answers to numerous legal issues from diverse areas of law.



At Luther, we can advise you on all questions of law that arise in connection with the digital supply chain, both in a national and in an international context, and help you take preventive measures to avoid any legal risks.

Our range of advisory services

- Analysing existing supply chains and procurement activities and advising on legally compliant digitalisation.
- Assisting with the legally compliant development and design of all contractual relations, bearing in mind the special requirements of digitalisation, for example, the digitalisation of request processes, the electronic exchange of data or quality management.
- Reviewing, amending, designing and regularly consolidating general terms and conditions, such as purchase, sale, delivery or service conditions.
- Preparing and maintaining the contractual documentation and digital supply chain, risk and quality management.

- Providing data protection advice on the legally compliant collection and exploitation of data regarding, for example, the stock of or demand for products or product sales.
- Providing innovative contract drafting services for the procurement of goods, for example, when purchasing "onestop solutions" through performance-based contracts or inclusion of smart contracts.
- Drafting logistics contracts in the context of just-in-time deliveries and electronic organisation of warehousing and transport capacities.
- Organising the electronic transfer of transport documents, such as delivery bills, bills of lading and customs documents, in a legally compliant manner.
- Creating the contractual basis for further innovation, such as the mobile monitoring of logistics processes, automated requests for delivery or for maintenance, real-time stocktaking or predictive shipping.

Our digital expertise

Luther was named law firm of the year in 2019 by the German legal publisher JUVE and also holds the title "Digital Law Firm 2020". In 2019, we received the PMN Management Award for our collaboration platform.



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