

The Registers provide the following information:

The most common register is the **Commercial Register Part B (HRB)**, where the companies (GmbH = private limited company; AG = public limited company, KGaA – company limited by shares, but having one or several general partners, and the VAG = mutual insurance societies) are registered. The register contains the following information:

Column 1 Number of entry

Column 2 a) Name of company

- b) Seat (Community of registered office)
name, location and registration data of branches, if any
- c) Object of company

Column 3 Capital

Column 4 a) General rule of representation

- b) Names, Place of Residence and Date of Birth of Directors (or other representatives) as well as their specific scope of representation, if other than general rule (cf. a)

Column 5 Prokura (General power of attorney as defined by Art. 49 of the German Commercial Code), Names, Place of Residence and Date of Birth of persons holding Prokura,
as well as the scope of Prokura.

Column 6 a) Type of company, date of articles of association and bylaws and all amendments thereof

- b) Other important legal aspects, such as:
mergers, splitting and reorganization;
control and profit-transfer contracts;
conditional and authorized capital;
dissolution, liquidation and decisions of insolvency proceedings;
squeeze-out.

Column 7: Date of entry

NB: The owners of the shares of a GmbH are not listed in the Commercial Register in Germany. The managing director is, however, obliged to file and update a list of the shareholders with their personal data and respective shares. This document will soon be accessible online together with the registered data.

Commercial Register A (HRA) is the register for individual enterprises (e.K.), commercial (general and limited) partnerships (OHG and KG), corporations of public law running a business and EEIGs.

The information is basically identical, but in most cases the object of the enterprise is not registered. There is also no capital; accordingly column 3 is missing; the columns 4-7 become columns 3-6. On the other hand, the registration for limited partnerships also contains the personal data (names, place of residence and date of birth of limited partners as well as their amount of liability) in column 5 c. The same column 5 c list the names, locations and registration data of the members of an EEIG.

Column 3 contains the owner of the enterprise or the general partners, who usually represent the partnerships, and in case of public corporations or EEIGs, the directors. The general partners are, however, listed in this column, even when they are excluded from representation of the partnership. In such case the exclusion is indicated in the same column.

Register of Cooperative Societies (GnR)

This register has a structure similar to HRB. Column 3 (capital column in HRB) informs you about obligations, if any, of the members to pay additional contributions.

Register of Professional Partnerships (PR)

This register is similar to the Commercial Register A (HRA). There is, however, no possibility of granting Prokura. This is the reason, why column 4 of HRA (column 5 of HRB) is missing. On the other hand, the personal data of the partners in column 3 also indicate the profession of the respective partner exercised in the partnership.

Register of Civil Associations (VR)

This register also lacks the columns 3 (capital) and 5 (Prokura); column 4 of HRB (representatives) accordingly becomes column 3; column 6 of HRB (a) type of entity, articles of association and bylaws; b) special legal aspects) becomes column 4.

RegisSTAR

RegisSTAR is part of the project BayTECH 2000 implementing modern PC technology in the Bavarian courts of justice and legal administration. RegisSTAR was developed by Siemens Business Services by order of the Länder Bavaria, Northrhine-Westphalia, Saxony and Saxony-Anhalt. Meanwhile the Länder Hamburg, Hesse and Saarland joined the group.

Electronic Registration

RegisSTAR allows the electronic administration of the Commercial Register as well as the Registers of Cooperative Societies, Professional Partnerships and Civil Associations. RegisSTAR is the logically consistent development of the electronic Land Register and Commercial Registration in Bavaria.

Conversion of the Register in Paper Form to the Electronic Register

In Bavaria there are 24 Commercial Register with more than 220.000 registered enterprises and companies. In a first the paper registers are scanned and processed by an OCR programme; thereafter the results are legally examined and the current data will be entered as first entry in the electronic register.

Electronic Information

RegisSTAR provides electronic information via internet; it offers actual (information of the present legal status of an enterprise), chronological (all entries in the register in a chronological order) and historical (scanned paper registers prior to conversion to the electronic register) information as well as general information about the enterprise (including address), lists of representatives and persons having procura.

The automated information programme differentiates between occasional and regular users with regard to the applicable fees.

If at least 38 enquiries are made per year, an application for registration as regular user is the more economical alternative.

Fees

Regular users have to pay an annual fee of 150 EUR plus a fee of 4 EUR per enquiry; the annual fee is set off against the user fees. If application is made in the course of a calendar year, the annual fee is prorated. Annual fees not used during a year forfeit.

Occasional users not paying an annual fee pay 8 EUR per enquiry.

Only one fee is levied, if additional enquiries concerning the same registered enterprise or legal entity are requested within one hour.

The mere search of an enterprise as well as the resulting list is free of costs.

Introduction

RegisSTAR was first introduced in Bavaria at the Court of Traunstein in the April 2001. Until now 12 of the 24 registers with a volume of approximately 85% of the registered enterprises have already been converted. The remaining courts will be converted by the end of 2003.

During the conversion period of a court only restricted electronic information for this register can be provided. The registered participants of the web service are informed about the actual state of conversion.

The web information is a search and information of the electronic register, valid at this very moment.

The following pages describe the web-based register information:

Pages	Short description
- Introduction	(The present page) Short survey of the programme
- Application	Legitimation as rightful user of the online register
- Research	Choice of search criteria for limiting the results
- Result of Search	Result of the search in the form of tables. A maximum of 20 enterprises are shown on one page. This page will lead you to the following types of information: (NB: If you click "Firmenhistorie", also former names of the enterprise are shown).
- Chronological extract	(Subject to fee) Entries in the register in their chronological order in a PDF formate. You get the chronological extract by double click on the registration Number (column: "Reg.Nr.")
- Actual extract	(Subject to fee) Only the current legal status of the enterprise is shown

- in PDF formate.
- Historical extract (Subject to fee) Former closed paper register in PDF formate.
 - Company info (Subject to fee) General information about enterprise (including address)
 - Representatives (Subject to fee) General list of representatives
 - Persons holding procura (Subject to fee) General list of persons holding procura

Contact:

Send the application to:

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-Joint IT agency of the Bavarian Courts-
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Remarks

- For a frequently use you can bookmark the application form.
- Please, adjust your PC to a resolution of at least 1024 x 768.
- The program was designed for the Microsoft INTERNET EXPLORER V4.0 or higher.
- Your browser has to allow cookies! (further information cf. the HELP PAGES and search for “cookies”)

To activate cookies on your Browser:

- INTERNET EXPLORER V5.0 or higher: Menu Tools->Internet Options
->Security->Custom Level
reset custom settings to Medium!
- NETSCAPE COMMUNICATOR V4.5 or higher: Menu Edit->Preferences
->Advanced
panel Cookies: Accept all cookies!

- For showing the chronological and the actual extract ADOBE ACROBAT READER V4.0 or higher has to be installed on the search PC. A download option is offered on the search result mask.

IMPORTANT: If the ACROBAT READER is not installed, a window similar to the present one is popping up on request of a chronological or actual extract. Please note, the web server has already transferred the data; accordingly the fee has already been calculated!! **Do not** press the abort button, but save the transferred extract on a floppy disc and open the file on a computer with an installed ACROBAT READER. If you press the abort button, the extract will be lost, but may be requested again without cost within 10 minutes from the first request under the same identification. After expiration of such term new fees will have to be paid.