

Reviewer pack: Germany

For: the person appointed in Germany to verify the EAF country study "Airsoft regulation in Germany" (EAF-WG-DE-2026-01) **From:** EAF Country Regulations and Guidelines Working Group **Date:** 02.10.2026

1. Why you are receiving this

Everything that can be found in public sources has already been researched: the federal Weapons Act and its ordinances, the federal administrative regulation, BKA classification decisions, case law, customs, EU law, and the law of **all sixteen Länder** on forests, nature, hunting, unexploded ordnance, events, assemblies, venues, weapon-ban zones, competent authorities and building law. That is **479 official sources**, every quote checked against the stored text.

You do not need to repeat any of that. Your task is what we cannot do from outside:

1. **Confirm or correct** our readings where the law is unclear (marked [INTERPRETATION] or [UNVERIFIED]).
2. **Describe practice:** how authorities, police, customs and courts actually treat airsoft (marked [UNKNOWN]).
3. **Obtain official answers** from the competent authorities where only they can decide.

Every item below has an ID. Please answer per ID, so your answers go straight back into the study and onto the EAF map.

2. What to read first (about 1 hour)

Read	Why
Chapter 1 "Germany on one page"	the whole result in one page
Chapter 14 "Conflict register"	the 93 conflicts, sorted by severity
Chapter 7b, section 7b.12 "The player's map"	what differs between the Länder
Chapter 16 "Open questions"	the full list behind section 4 of this pack

3. Priority 1: the ten questions that decide most

#	ID	Question	Who can answer	Where in the study
1	DE-K-09, DE-K-F1-01	Do authorities treat a game on fenced third-party land with the owner's consent as lawful for (a) F-marked replicas and (b) realistic replicas up to 0.5 J under § 42a WaffG? Any fines on record?	Länder interior ministries; police; federation records	ch. 4, 7, 14.1
2	DE-K-02, DE-K-F1-02	Are permanent airsoft fields and CQB halls treated as shooting ranges (§ 27 WaffG)? Does any field hold a range permit? How is the OVG Niedersachsen 1 LC 244/07 reading applied?	Land weapons authorities; field operators	ch. 7, 7b.10

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3	DE-K-04	Has any weapons authority ever granted a § 32 permit to a foreign player for replicas without the F mark? Can a visiting player have a replica F-marked by a proof house (BeschlussV § 11 Abs. 6 Satz 5), at what cost and lead time, and how can it lawfully be brought there?	weapons authority of an event district; a Beschlussamt	ch. 5
4	DE-K-06	Are weapon lights and lasers on replicas above 0.5 J enforced as prohibited items? Is a § 2 Abs. 5 decision available or obtainable?	BKA; police	ch. 4.6, 12
5	DE-K-05	How are fully automatic replicas above 0.5 J sanctioned in practice?	prosecutors; case law	ch. 4.5, 11
6	7b.9	Do players actually get checked or fined in weapon-ban zones (Hamburg Reeperbahn, Hesse, Saarland, Rhineland-Palatinate, Lower Saxony stations) while transporting locked replicas?	city police; federation records	ch. 7b.9
7	DE-K-07	Are open days, public games or games with spectators treated as public events under § 42 WaffG?	weapons authorities	ch. 7, 11
8	DE-K-A4-01	Is listening to the other team's radio part of German game rules, and has it ever been prosecuted (TDDDG §§ 5, 27)?	federation; prosecutors	ch. 11, 12
9	DE-K-A3-02	Do airsoft clubs hold charitable status , and on which statutory purpose?	clubs; tax offices	ch. 6, 13
10	ch. 3	The ten practice numbers : players, clubs, fields, share of F-marked replicas, foreign players, proof-house markings, police checks and fines, seizures, injuries, use of weapon lights	federation	ch. 3.3

4. All open questions, by addressee

Group	Count	Where
For the national federation or the local reviewer (practice)	federal 15 + Länder 22	ch. 16.1 and 16.5 (a)
For federal and Länder authorities	federal 17 + Länder 57	ch. 16.2 and 16.5 (b)
Research follow-ups (we continue these)	federal 15 + Länder 29	ch. 16.3 and 16.5 (c)

5. Whom to contact

Weapons matters (range permits, § 32 permits for foreign players, § 42 Abs. 2 exemptions, classification doubts) are handled by the Land weapons authority, in most Länder the district (Landkreis) or district-free city. Full table: **Chapter 7b, section 7b.10.**

Land	Weapons authority
BW	Kreispolizeibehörden (DVOWaffG § 1)
BY	Kreisverwaltungsbehörden (AVWaffBeschr § 1)
BE	Polizei Berlin (ZustV)
BB	Polizeipräsidium (WaffGDV § 1)
HB	Ortspolizeibehörden (AV WaffG § 1)
HH	Behörde für Inneres und Sport

Land	Weapons authority
HE	Kreisordnungsbehörde (WaffGDV § 1)
MV	Landräte, Oberbürgermeister of district-free cities (WaffRAusfLVO § 1)
NI	Landkreise, district-free cities (DVO-WaffR § 1a)
NW	Kreispolizeibehörden (DVO WaffG § 1)
RP	Kreisverwaltung, Stadtverwaltung (WaffGDV § 1)
SL	Landkreise, Regionalverband, Saarbrücken (DVWaffG § 1); range permits: see 7b.10
SN	Landratsämter, district-free cities (SächsWaffGDVO § 1)
ST	Landkreise, Dessau-Roßlau; police in Halle and Magdeburg (WaffBeschR-VO § 1)
SH	Kreisordnungsbehörde (WaffGAV § 1 Abs. 6); range permits: lower building authority
TH	Landkreise, district-free cities (ThürWaffGDVO § 1)

Federal level: Federal Ministry of the Interior (BMI) for interpretations of the WaffG; BKA for § 2 Abs. 5 classification decisions; PTB and the proof houses (Beschussämter) for the F mark; Generalzolldirektion for customs practice; BNetzA for radio.

Tip: an authority's written answer is a [DOCUMENTED] source and is the most valuable thing you can return. Please keep letters, e-mails and file numbers.

6. Documents to collect

- written answers of authorities (with date and file number)
- fines, penalty orders or court decisions involving airsoft (anonymised)
- range permits or building permits of airsoft sites (if operators agree)
- the national federation's own rules: energy limits, minimum distances, eye protection, age rules
- any official guidance of a Land on airsoft or softair

7. How to report back

For each ID, one row:

ID	Status	Evidence	Source and date	Comment
e.g. DE-K-09	confirmed / corrected / new information / no answer	what you found	authority letter of ..., file no. ... / court, date, file no. / federation record	

Status values: **confirmed** (our reading is right), **corrected** (our reading is wrong; please say what is right), **new information** (adds something we did not have), **no answer** (asked, no reply; please give the date asked).

Labels: please mark each answer as **DOCUMENTED** (from a record, letter or decision), **REPORTED** (from people's accounts) or **COMMON PRACTICE** (how it is usually done). This keeps the study honest about how far each answer can be trusted.

8. What happens with your answers

1. Each answer is entered in the study under its ID, with your source, and the reliability label is updated.
2. The EAF map record for Germany changes from "Compiled by the EAF working group, awaiting verification by VDB" to verified for each field you confirm.
3. You will be named as the verifying contact for Germany, if you agree.

Thank you. The aim is that any airsoft player in Europe can see, before travelling, what applies in Germany and how sure we are about it.