

Base Terms Germany (AGB Germany)

These Base Terms are agreed between the Siemens entity named on the Order (“Siemens”) and the customer that accepted the Order (“Customer”). These Base Terms together with the applicable Supplemental Terms form the “Agreement”.

These Terms apply exclusively in commercial transactions between businesses.

Capitalized terms are defined [at the end of the document](#).

Agreement structure



Commercial terms

1. Siemens' Offerings

1.1. Delivery mode

Siemens will deliver the Offerings and invoice as specified in the Order. Siemens may deliver the Offerings in stages or installments (and invoice accordingly) unless they are unreasonable to accept for Customer.

1.2. Updates for Offerings

Siemens may issue Updates to its Offerings and Customer is responsible for installing the Updates. Siemens will use commercially reasonable efforts to notify Customer when Updates are generally available. Information provided on Siemens' website is sufficient notice. If there is a risk of imminent harm to Customer or third parties, Siemens may install Updates automatically by remote access or other means and without prior notice.

Siemens may choose not to support non-current versions of the Offerings or to update them to future versions.

1.3. Cybersecurity

As a member of the Charter of Trust (<https://www.charteroftrust.com/>), Siemens promotes the corresponding cybersecurity principles.

Siemens does not warrant that the Offerings are secure except as stated in the Offering description set out or referred to in the Order.

Siemens provides further information, including security advisories, at <https://www.siemens.com/cert>.

2. Payment, interest, and taxes

2.1. Payment terms

Customer will pay the price stated in the Order (plus reasonable and verifiable travel and incidental expenses and Tax, if applicable) within 30 days of the invoice date. Customer may only offset claims against Siemens that are undisputed or non-appealable, or exercise the suspension right only in relation to such claims. Customer may exercise the suspension right or the right to offset claims only with respect to claims directly related to the Order. If Customer disputes an invoice, it must pay any undisputed portion.

2.2. Interest

Siemens is entitled to charge interest on overdue payments at the rate of 9 percentage points above the basic rate of interest.

2.3. Taxes

All prices and expenses stated in the Order are exclusive of any Tax. Customer will pay or refund Siemens for any applicable Tax imposed by any government authority for Customer's use or receipt of the Offerings.

If Customer is exempt from value-added or sales tax, or similar taxes, it must provide a valid, timely, and executed exemption certificate, direct pay permit, or other such government-approved documentation.

If Customer is required by law to deduct or withhold Tax, Customer will increase the amount it pays to Siemens so that Siemens still receives the amount originally invoiced. Customer will promptly provide all tax receipts confirming it has paid Tax or has withheld Tax.

3. Changes

3.1. Change requests

When Customer sends Siemens a change request, Siemens will send Customer:

- a. a price estimate;
- b. a schedule impact; and
- c. any other necessary changes to the Order.

3.2. Change effectiveness

A change becomes effective when Customer and Siemens accept it in writing.

3.3. Changes in law and standards

3.3.1. **Right to make adjustments.** Siemens may make reasonable adjustments to the Order for any additional requirements or costs it incurs due to any:

- a. laws, regulations, court judgments or decisions, or guidance issued by public authorities;
- b. engineering standards or codes of practice; or
- c. Customer's site rules,

in each case issued or changed after the effective date of the Order. Siemens will inform Customer accordingly.

- 3.3.2. **Type of adjustments.** Such adjustments may, for example, include changes to:
- a. the time schedules and scope of Offerings as needed; or
 - b. Siemens' price, to reflect any reasonable additional costs.

3.4. **Equivalent performance**

Siemens may supply the Offerings using a technically equivalent method or material to that set out in the Order, if this does not detrimentally alter the agreed functionalities.

4. **Customer's obligations**

4.1. **Providing Contributions**

Customer will:

- a. be responsible for the performance and interoperability of Contributions;
- b. obtain all required consents and licenses at Customer's cost; and
- c. make sure that Siemens, its Affiliates, and their subcontractors have the right and access to use any Contributions.

4.2. **Reasonable adjustments**

Siemens will have the right to adjust the Order, including the time schedule and price, to make up for any delay or reasonable additional costs it incurs if Customer does not:

- a. provide its Contributions in accordance with the respective Order; or
- b. fulfill its obligations specified in this Section 4, or in the respective Supplemental Terms.

4.3. **Use of the Offerings**

Customer is solely responsible for any results and conclusions obtained from using the Offerings.

4.4. **Security and safety**

Customer is responsible for:

- a. the security of its infrastructure, network, hardware, software, systems, data, and interfaces;
- b. taking appropriate steps to protect and retrieve its data, including by maintaining backup copies; and
- c. the safety of persons onsite.

4.5. **No reverse engineering**

Customer will not reverse engineer, decompile, or copy the Offerings or their parts unless allowed by mandatory law or the Order.

5. **Siemens' use rights**

Siemens, its Affiliates, and their subcontractors may:

- a. use for any purpose, in perpetuity, and at its risk any comment or feedback Customer gives to Siemens on Siemens' Offerings, including suggestions for changes or enhancements, support requests, and error corrections;
- b. use data Siemens collects in connection with the Offerings to provide, develop and improve its products and services; and
- c. identify Customer by name or logo as part of a general customers list on websites and marketing materials unless Customer objects in writing.

Additional software terms

6. Code format

Offerings containing software will be delivered in object code, unless the applicable Supplemental Terms specify delivery of source code. If Third-Party Terms require Siemens to furnish Third-Party Technology source code, Siemens will provide it upon:

- a. written request; and
- b. payment of any reasonable expenses.

7. Siemens software terms

Supplemental Terms as specified in the Order may additionally apply for Siemens software.

8. Third Party Terms

8.1. Conflict with Order

In the event of a conflict with the terms of the Order; the Third-Party Terms prevail with respect to Third-Party Technology.

8.2. Connection of open-source software with Siemens software

To the extent Third-Party Terms for open-source software grant Customer use rights based on the connection of the open-source software with Siemens software contained in the Offering, these Third-Party Terms for open-source software prevail with respect to such Siemens software.

Confidentiality and compliance

9. Confidentiality

9.1. Protection and use

The receiving party will:

- a. protect Confidential Information by the same means it uses to protect its own (and always by at least reasonable means); and
- b. use Confidential Information only as required for the purposes of the Order.

9.2. Limited disclosure

The receiving party will:

- a. only disclose Confidential Information:
 - to its employees and to the employees of its Affiliates, agents, advisors, and contractors who need to know it; or
 - with the disclosing party's consent; and
- b. make sure that all recipients are bound by confidentiality obligations as strict as those in the Agreement.

9.3. Return and handling

If the disclosing party requests it, the receiving party will return or destroy all Confidential Information. Copies required under applicable laws or created as part of a routine information technology backup may be kept but must remain confidential.

During performance of the Order, Siemens may gain general expertise, know-how, ideas, concepts, and techniques that are retained in the unaided memory of its employees and may use this residual knowledge without conditions or restrictions.

9.4. Required disclosure

If a governmental agency or law requires it, the receiving party may disclose Confidential Information, provided it:

- a. promptly gives written notice to the disclosing party (if the law allows); and
- b. works with the disclosing party to limit the scope of disclosure.

9.5. Exceptions

The above confidentiality obligations will not apply to any information that:

- a. is or becomes generally available to the public (without the receiving party having breached the Agreement);
- b. becomes available to the receiving party from a source other than the disclosing party (if the receiving party has no reason to believe that the information is confidential);
- c. was already in the receiving party's possession without an obligation of confidentiality; or
- d. is independently developed by the receiving party without the use of Confidential Information.

10. Data protection

Customer and Siemens will both comply with applicable laws regarding data protection.

11. Export control compliance

11.1. Export Regulations

Customer will comply with all applicable Export Regulations.

11.2. Required information

Customer will promptly provide, upon request, information about users, the intended use, the location of use, and the final destination of the Offerings.

11.3. Special data handling

If Customer intends to disclose to Siemens any information that is defense-related or requires controlled or special data handling, Customer will:

- a. notify Siemens in advance; and
- b. use the disclosure tools and methods Siemens requires.

11.4. Export checks for Offerings

Before Customer performs any transaction with a third party concerning the Offerings delivered by Siemens, it will check and certify by appropriate measures (e.g., monitoring) that:

- a. Customer does not violate any Export Regulations with its use, transfer, or distribution of such Offerings, the brokering of contracts, or the provision of other economic resources in connection with Offerings, also considering any prohibitions to get around these (e.g., by undue diversion);
- b. the Offerings are not intended for prohibited or unauthorized non-civilian purposes (for example: armaments, nuclear technology, or any other defense and military use); and
- c. Customer has screened all direct and indirect parties involved in the receipt, use, or distribution of the Offerings against all applicable restricted party lists of the Export Regulations concerning trading with the entities, persons, and organizations listed there.

11.5. Semiconductor development

Customer will not, without Siemens' prior written consent, use Offerings to develop or produce integrated circuits at any advanced semiconductor fabrication facility located in the Peoples Republic of China and further restricted locations meeting the criteria specified in the U.S. Export Administration Regulations, 15 C.F.R. 744.23.

11.6. No (Re-)Export to Russia or Belarus

Customer will

- a. not export or re-export, directly or indirectly (e.g., via Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) countries), to or for use in Russia or Belarus any Offerings supplied by Siemens in connection with the Order;
- b. undertake its best efforts to ensure that the purpose of this Section 11.6 is not frustrated by third parties, including authorized solution partners; and
- c. establish and maintain an adequate monitoring mechanism to detect conduct by any third parties that would frustrate the purpose of this Section 11.6.

11.7. Reservation and suspension

11.7.1. **Reservation.** Siemens will not have to fulfill any Order if prevented by:

- a. impediments arising out of national or international foreign trade issues;
- b. impediments arising out of customs requirements; or
- c. any Export Regulations.

11.7.2. **Suspension.** Siemens may limit or suspend access to the Offerings by Customer or Customer's users if Export Regulations require so.

11.8. Breach of Export Regulations

Any violation of this Section 11 is a material breach of the Order and entitles Siemens to, e.g.:

- a. suspend or terminate the Order in line with Section 12 and 13; and
- b. penalties in the amount of 5% of the total price paid under the Order if Section 11.6 is breached.

Suspension and termination

12. Suspension

12.1. Suspension right

Siemens may suspend the performance of its obligations under an Order, by giving Customer written notice, if:

- a. Customer's payment is more than 15 days late;
- b. Customer does not provide the required Contributions in accordance with the Order after a reasonable grace period; or
- c. Customer materially breaches the Order.

12.2. Payment during suspension

If Siemens suspends performance, Customer will pay:

- a. the price stated in the Order (plus reasonable and verifiable travel and incidental expenses and Tax, if applicable) related to any portion of the Offerings delivered before the effective date of suspension; and
- b. any reasonable costs and expenses incurred because of the suspension.

12.3. Schedule adjustment

If Siemens resumes performance, it will adjust all affected schedules to reasonably accommodate the suspension. After 15 days' suspension for any reason, Siemens may reassign personnel.

13. Termination

13.1. Termination right

Either Customer or Siemens may terminate any Order upon written notice if the other:

- a. experiences an Insolvency Event; or
- b. does not remedy a material breach within 30 days of notice.

The right to rescind an Order is excluded except as expressly set forth in the Agreement.

13.2. Payment if Customer terminates

If an Order is terminated by Customer under Section 13.1, Customer will pay the price stated in the Order (plus reasonable and verifiable travel and incidental expenses) related to any portion of the Offerings delivered before the effective date of termination.

13.3. Payment if Siemens terminates

If an Order is terminated by Siemens under Section 13.1, Customer will pay:

- a. the price stated in the Order (plus reasonable and verifiable travel and incidental expenses) for the Offerings, minus any expenditures avoided by termination; and
- b. all reasonable costs and expenses Siemens incurred due to such termination.

13.4. Survival

- 13.4.1. The following Sections of the Base Terms will survive termination of the Order: 1.3 (Cybersecurity), 2 (Payment, interest and taxes), 4.4 (Security and safety), 4.5 (No reverse engineering), 5 (Siemens' use rights), 9 (Confidentiality), 11 (Export control compliance), 13.2 (Payment if Customer terminates), 13.3 (Payment if Siemens terminates), 14 (Intellectual property infringement), 15 (Liability), and 17 (Applicable law and dispute resolution).

Claims, liability, and dispute resolution

14. Intellectual property infringement

14.1. Claim of Siemens' infringement

In case of an Infringement Claim, Siemens will:

- a. defend, at Siemens' cost, the Infringement Claim; and
- b. pay all damages finally awarded against Customer by a court of competent jurisdiction or agreed in settlement with Siemens' consent.

14.2. Remedies

In case of an Infringement Claim, Siemens may, at its option and expense, provide these remedies:

- a. obtain the right for Customer to continue the use of the Offering;
- b. modify the Offering to become non-infringing; or
- c. replace the infringing part of the Offering,

in case of **b.** and **c.** without materially affecting the functionality of the Offering.

14.3. Refund

- 14.3.1. **Conditions for refunds.** If remedies under Section 14.2 are not available at commercially reasonable expense:

- a. Siemens may terminate any Orders, including licenses, for such Offering; and
- b. Customer will receive the refunds for the allegedly infringing portions of the Offering specified in Section 14.3.2 ("Refunds"), provided that, after receiving Siemens' notification, it:
 - stops using the allegedly infringing portion of the Offering; and
 - returns all related portions of the Offering in its possession.

- 14.3.2. **Refunds.** Refunds will equal:

- a. for Hardware or perpetual software, the remainder of a 60-month amortization period from their initial delivery;

- b. for subscription services or time-based licenses, the remainder of their term; and
- c. for any other Offering, refund of prepaid price for the infringing portion of the Offering.

14.4. No admission

If Customer stops using the allegedly infringing Offering (or any part thereof), it will notify the third-party claimant in writing that this is not an admission of infringement.

14.5. Preconditions

Any defense or remedies under this Section 14 are subject to Customer giving Siemens:

- a. prompt written notice of the Infringement Claim;
- b. all requested information (including information about Customer's use of the Offering) and reasonable assistance related to the Infringement Claim; and
- c. sole authority to defend or settle the Infringement Claim.

14.6. Customer's prior consent

Siemens will not admit liability or incur obligations on Customer's behalf without Customer's prior written consent, which it will not unreasonably withhold or delay.

14.7. Exclusions

Siemens will not have any liability or obligations as specified in this Section 14 to the extent that an Infringement Claim arises out of:

- a. not using a replacement, correction, patch, or new version of the Offering provided by Siemens that performs substantially the same functions as the allegedly infringing Offering;
- b. using the Offering in combination with software, equipment, products, or other items not provided by Siemens;
- c. using an Offering provided free of charge;
- d. any adjustment, modification, or configuration of the Offering not made by Siemens;
- e. Customer's instructions, requests, specifications, and Contributions;
- f. using the Offering for a purpose or in a manner not authorized by Siemens;
- g. deliverables resulting from services; or
- h. information or data not provided by or on behalf of Siemens.

14.8. Claim of Customer's infringement

If any allegation is made against Siemens or its Affiliates based on a claim that the Contributions infringe an intellectual property right, Siemens' obligations under Sections 14.1, 14.2, 14.5, and 14.6 will reciprocally apply to Customer in favor of Siemens and its Affiliates.

14.9. Exclusive remedies

This Section 14 sets out Siemens' entire liability and Customer's sole and exclusive rights and remedy for infringement of third-party intellectual property rights.

The exclusion of the right to claim Damages does not apply if liability is based on:

- a. intent;
- b. gross negligence;
- c. fraudulent concealment of a defect;
- d. non-compliance with guaranteed characteristics; or
- e. personal injury, death or health.

The above provisions do not change the burden of proof to the disadvantage of Customer. The statutory right to rescind an Order or to reduce the price remains unaffected. Refunds are subject to Section 14.3.2.

The liability period for Customer's claims and rights under this Section 14 expires in line with the agreed warranty period.

15. Liability

15.1. Exclusion of liability

Unless otherwise set out in the Agreement, claims for Damages and indemnities by Customer are excluded, for whatever legal reason, including infringement of duties in connection with the Order or tort.

15.2. Exceptions to the exclusion of liability

The exclusion of liability in Section 15.1 does not apply if liability is based on:

- a. the Product Liability Act (“Produkthaftungsgesetz”);
- b. intent;
- c. gross negligence by owners, legal representatives, or executives;
- d. fraud;
- e. non-compliance with an assumed guarantee;
- f. negligent personal injury to life, body, or health; or
- g. negligent breach of a fundamental condition of contract (“wesentliche Vertragspflichten”).

15.3. Scope of Damage claims

However, claims for Damages arising from a breach of a fundamental condition of contract are limited to the contract-typical, foreseeable Damage, unless one of the cases mentioned in Section 15.2 applies.

15.4. Burden of proof

The above provisions do not change the burden of proof to the disadvantage of Customer.

16. Force majeure

16.1. No liability

Neither party will be liable for a performance failure or delay (except related to any payment obligations) due to a cause beyond the reasonable control of either party, its suppliers, or its subcontractors.

16.2. Time adaptation

Impacted schedules in the Order will be reasonably adjusted for a force majeure event.

16.3. Termination right

If a force majeure event continues for more than 180 days, either Customer or Siemens may terminate the Order. Customer will pay Siemens for the Offerings provided up to the date of termination.

17. Applicable law and dispute resolution

17.1. Applicable law

The Agreement and any Order will be governed by and construed in accordance with the substantive laws, excluding choice-of-law rules, of Germany.

The United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods does not apply to the Agreement and any Order.

17.2. Jurisdiction

All disputes arising out of, or in connection with, the Agreement or any Order will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the civil courts of Munich, Germany.

General clauses

18. Written form and notices

“In writing” includes e-mail, unless otherwise stated. Termination notices must be sent by letter to the address specified in the applicable Order.

19. Amendments

The Order and any amendments to it can only be effective if signed by both parties (either manually or by an electronic system specified by Siemens).

20. No restrictions

Subject to confidentiality, nothing in the Order restricts Siemens from providing services to third parties that are similar or identical to the services provided to Customer.

21. Affiliates and subcontractors

Siemens may use Affiliates and subcontractors to fulfill its obligations under the Order. Siemens remains responsible for its obligations and those of its Affiliates and subcontractors.

22. Independent relationship

Nothing in the Order creates a partnership or an employment relationship between Siemens and Customer or any of their respective personnel.

23. Order of precedence

In the event of a conflict between the Order, these Base Terms, and the Supplemental Terms, the following order of precedence applies:

- a. Order (excluding any Customer general terms and conditions, even if the document states differently);
- b. applicable Supplemental Terms; and
- c. these Base Terms.

24. Entire agreement

The Order is the entire agreement with respect to its subject matter and supersedes and extinguishes any previous or contemporaneous agreements, assurances, warranties, or representations.

Each party agrees that it has no remedies in respect of any statement or representation (whether made innocently or negligently, but excluding any made fraudulently) that is not set out in the Order.

If a translation of the Order or the Agreement conflicts with the original, the German language version will prevail.

The parties agree that only the Agreement applies to the Order. The terms of any purchase order or other document from Customer are excluded and such terms will not apply to any Order and will not supplement or modify the Order irrespective of any language to the contrary in such document.

25. No assignment

Neither party may assign or otherwise transfer (by operation of law or otherwise) its respective rights or obligations under the Order without the written consent of the other. However, Siemens may assign to an Affiliate or an acquirer of all or substantially all the business covered by the Order. Unless specified in the Order, no third party may enforce any term of the Order.

26. No waiver

Failure to enforce a provision of the Order will not be considered a waiver.

27. Validity

If any provision of the Agreement or any Order is invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will not be affected. Such provision will be deemed to be restated in line with applicable law to reflect the parties' original intent.

Definitions

Affiliate	Any legal entity that, directly or indirectly: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• is controlled by a party;• controls a party; or• is controlled by a legal entity that directly or indirectly controls a party.
Confidential Information	Information that: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• is disclosed by one party, its Affiliates, or their subcontractors to the other party or their Affiliates;• is marked or declared as confidential (or that any reasonable person can recognize as confidential in its nature); and• includes the terms of the Agreement and any Order, Offerings, Siemens-owned Intellectual Property, and any information Customer derives from benchmarking any Offering.
Contract Year	The 12-month period starting with the effective date of an Order or its anniversary.
Contributions	Everything Customer (or someone on behalf of Customer) must provide or perform in connection with an Order so that Siemens can perform the Offerings, including all assistance, documents, information, data, and approvals.
Damages or damages	Claim for damages and claims for reimbursement of futile expenses.
Documentation	Instructions for use, learning materials, technical and functional documentation, and API (Application Programming Interface) information made available with the applicable Offering, which may be updated by Siemens from time to time.
Export Regulations	All applicable sanctions, embargoes, and (re-)export control regulations and in any event those of the European Union, the United States of America, and any locally applicable jurisdiction.
Hardware	Offerings that are tangible products, equipment, components, parts, and materials which may include firmware.
Insolvency Event	When a party: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• becomes bankrupt or insolvent;• goes into liquidation;• has a receiving order against it;• compounds with its creditors; or• continues business under a receiver, trustee, or manager for the benefit of its creditors.
Intellectual Property	Rights in data, software, ideas, know-how, or any other proprietary material or information.
Infringement Claim	Specific claim, allegation, or complaint a third party makes against Customer that an Offering directly infringes any: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• patent or trademark issued or registered by the United States, China, Japan, a member state of the European Patent Organization or the European Union Intellectual Property Office;• copyright; or• trade secret.

Offerings	The Hardware, services, solutions, software, or documents provided to Customer as exclusively set out in an Order.
Order	A contract consisting of an order form, a statement of work, or any other document that sets forth the Offerings and price, incorporates the Agreement, and is agreed upon by both parties by manual or electronic signatures or by an electronic system specified by Siemens.
Other Offerings	Offerings without a recurring price.
Recurring Price Offerings	Offerings with recurring prices, for example service contracts and subscriptions.
Supplemental Terms	Additional terms and conditions that apply to a particular Offering as attached or referenced in an Order. It may be titled EULA or have a similar term.
Tax	Any taxes, duties, tariffs and any other charges.
Third-Party Technology	Any third-party software, technology, and other materials, including open-source software components, licensed by third parties under separate terms.
Third-Party Terms	License conditions that may apply for Third-Party Technology and are specified in the Documentation, Supplemental Terms, Third-Party Technology source code (if any), and/or in “read me,” header-, notices-, or similar files.
Update(s)	Updates, security patches, or bug fixes.