

Communicate indications of violations within the scope of money laundering supervision (whistleblower system)

If you have information about a violation of the Money Laundering Act (such as: failure to identify a contracting party), you can report this as a notice completely anonymously to the relevant supervisory authority.

Competent Department

- [Der Senator für Inneres und Sport](#)
- [Finanzamt Bremen](#)
- [Landgericht Bremen](#)
- [Abteilung 5 - Gewerbeangelegenheiten - Die Senatorin für Wirtschaft, Häfen und Transformation](#)
- [Bürger- und Ordnungsamt/Ordnungsangelegenheiten/Geldwäscheprävention](#)

Basic information

- Money laundering is the process by which illegally generated assets are channelled into the legal economy and removed from the reach of the law enforcement authorities.
- If you have information about potential or actual violations of the Money Laundering Act (such as non-identification of a contracting party), you can report this as a tip completely anonymously to the responsible supervisory authority.
- Your tip can contribute to the prevention of money laundering or terrorist financing.
- However, you must note that reporting via the anonymous whistleblower system is not the same as reporting a reportable suspicious case to the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) located at Customs in accordance with the reporting obligation and ordinance authorization in the Money Laundering Act. In this case, you must report your suspicious case to the FIU. When submitting reports, you are not required to provide any personal information. The report can also be made anonymously.

Requirements

No special requirements.

What documents do I need?

- No documents required.

Procedure

You can report a violation of the Money Laundering Act anonymously in writing or online.

Written procedure:

- You prepare a written report about the potential or actual violation of the Money Laundering Act. Attach evidence if available.
- Important: You can submit your report anonymously in any case. - The next step is to find the responsible office, for example through the service portals of the federal states. The report can be submitted by post, by e-mail (via an e-mail address set up at short notice with immediate deletion) or via a lawyer. Upon receipt, the responsible office will check the reported information.
- If your contact details are available and the competent body has any queries, they can discuss your report with you.
- In the case of an anonymous submission, further processing will take place without contacting you.
- If the information indicates a suspected criminal offense, it will be passed on to the responsible public prosecutor's office or police and followed up there.

Online service:

- Call up the online service in your browser.
- Enter the displayed character string in the text field as part of the security prompt.
- Select the sector to which your report relates from the overview of obligated parties under the Money Laundering Act.
- Enter your report anonymously or by voluntarily providing your contact details. Please always indicate whether the company to which your report relates has its registered office in Bremen or Bremerhaven.
- After completing the report, you will receive a reference number.
- You can also set up an anonymous mailbox to communicate securely with the authorities.
- Queries and the processing status of your notification will be made available in the anonymous mailbox.

Legal bases

- [§ 53 Absatz 1 Geldwäschegesetz \(GwG\)](#)

More information

There are several authorities responsible for money laundering supervision in the state of Bremen. Below you will find the responsibilities for each business sector.

The Senator for Economics, Ports and Transformation

Supervision in the municipality of Bremen of:

- Financial companies in accordance with Section 2 para. 1 no. 6 GwG
- Insurance brokers in accordance with Section 2 (1) No. 8 GwG

- Service providers for companies and trust assets or trustees in accordance with Section 2 (1) No. 13 GwG
- Real estate agents in accordance with § 2 Para. 1 No. 14 GwG and
- Goods dealers, art brokers and art warehouse keepers, insofar as the storage takes place in duty-free areas in accordance with Section 2 (1) No. 16 GwG

The Magistrate of the City of Bremerhaven

Bürger- und Ordnungsamt/Ordnungsangelegenheiten/Geldwäscheprävention

Supervision in the municipality of Bremerhaven of:

- Financial companies pursuant to Section 2 (1) No. 6 GwG
- Insurance brokers in accordance with Section 2 (1) No. 8 GwG
- Service providers for companies and trust assets or trustees in accordance with Section 2 (1) No. 13 GwG
- Real estate agents in accordance with § 2 Para. 1 No. 14 GwG and
- Goods dealers, art brokers and art warehouse keepers, insofar as the storage takes place in duty-free areas in accordance with Section 2 (1) No. 16 GwG

The Senator for the Interior and Sport

- Supervision of organizers and brokers of games of chance in accordance with Section 2 (1) No. 15 GwG

Bremen tax office

- Supervision of income tax assistance associations in accordance with Section 2 (1) No. 12 GwG in conjunction with §Section 4 No. 11 StBerG

President of the Regional Court of Bremen

Supervision of:

- Notaries in accordance with Section 2 (1) No. 10 GwG

What deadlines must be paid attention to?

There is no deadline.

How long does it take to process

Not specified.

What are the costs?

There are no costs involved.