

PLATFORM BEST PRACTICES CHARTER





1. JOINING THE PLATFORM

- Verify the third-party seller's true identity and contact information
- Require the seller to regularly update their contact information
- Require the seller to attest that the goods are not counterfeit and/or violate local/international regulations
- Introduce product verification measures e.g. Lot number, proof of purchase, and distribution networks



2. SELLING ON THE PLATFORM

- Display the seller's verified identity, contact information, geographic origin of the goods, and ship from location
- Display accurate stock and transactions records
- Require the seller to only use sales images that (a) accurately depict the goods, and (b) the seller owns or has permission to use

3. PROACTIVE MONITORING

- Use technology to screen for counterfeit products prior to offering the seller's goods for sale (keywords and images received from brand owners can be utilized)
- Use enforcement information to prevent re-offending activity
- Investigate negative reviews and customers complaints and share all relevant information regarding observed and emerging threats with brand owners
- Allow brand owners to access and effectively search for proactively enforced IP infringements





4. ENFORCEMENT

- Design and implement policies aligned with international/local law and standards
- Create and maintain a section where takedown and escalation processes and instructions are clearly outlined (e.g. use of reason code, handling of pushbacks)
- Ensure a wide coverage of all IPR issues including design rights infringements
- Implement a timely takedown process for removing infringements
- Ensure a high level of transparency in the processing of takedown requests e.g. which stage the complaint is on and if it has to be rejected, provide explanations
- Remove infringing listings across regions whenever they are featured in different ones, based on multiterritory certificates (EUIPO and WIPO denominated countries)
- Implement an internal system where the reporter can retrieve notice history
- Upon successful enforcement action, investigate the seller's other potential accounts on the platform and products on offer
- Suspend problematic listings pending resolution in the case of subsequent pushbacks or ongoing dialogue between brand owners and sellers regarding reported infringements



- Terminate sellers that have engaged in infringing activities on the platform three times
- Screen sellers to prevent terminated sellers from rejoining the platform under a different alias
- Share seller information with law enforcement and brand owners upon request e.g. inventory available, country of origin, and how many transactions have already been made
- Notify buyers who purchased enforced counterfeits
- Implement an internal system where the reporter can retrieve notice history





5. EDUCATION

- Create and maintain an informative section for both sellers and buyers on the Platform explaining in an accessible way what might be considered counterfeit and other IP rights violations
- Train staff members dealing with IP violation issues



6. ENGAGEMENT AND COLLABORATION

- Create regular dialogue with brand owners, brand protection service providers and other stakeholders to devise comprehensive and effective strategies on tackling infringing behaviours, particularly those related to counterfeit sales
- Be willing to refine and update policies through continuous engagement with brand owners



7. TECHNOLOGICAL COLLABORATION

 Create technology solutions for searching for and enforcing, which enable brand owners, their trusted partners and platforms to do this efficiently, effectively, and at a large scale e.g. API