

Helpful Information about Impressum – Especially If You're Running a Website from Germany

Here is what Wikipedia talks about the impressum generally:

Webpages

The Telemediengesetz ("Telemedia Act") requires that German websites must disclose information about the publisher, including their name and address, telephone number or e-mail address, trade registry number, VAT number, and other information depending on the type of company. German websites are defined as being published by individuals or organisations that are based in Germany, so an Impressum is required regardless of whether a site is in the .de domain.

This law has created privacy concerns for individuals who maintain blogs or personal homepages.^{[8][9][10]} The law has also caused lawyers to scrutinise websites for this information and send cease-and-desist letters to their maintainers in case it is missing.^{[11][12]}

- Privacy Policy: <u>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Privacy</u>
- General Information Requirement: <u>http://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/tmg/ 5.html</u>

Please read full article here: <u>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Impressum</u>

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If you're worried about being found in Google, I have found the disclaimer to be most useful

In order to prevent to be found in Google easily as well as to prevent the engines to find my phone number, I simply made a screenshot of the content (thanks to <u>eRecht24</u>) I don't want to be searchable and placed it in the same place instead of text.



[Exemplary screenshot of my impressum details which I wanted to protect]

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