

RULES FOR TRADING IN GERMANY

Whether it's a fitness group, a beauty treatment or hairdresser, the selling of homemade or imported goods, whatever the business, it needs to be registered appropriately.

Regulations apply to all serving members of the British Forces, Civilian Components and Dependants who intend to trade, whether or not from their SFA. These **MUST** be adhered to otherwise you could be breaking the law and could face substantial fines up to €1000.

ADVICE ON LEGAL, TAXATION AND INSURANCE MATTERS

Personnel are advised to consult a local tax advisor (Steuerberater) on the implications of their activities and the legal obligations arising from them.

This is particularly pertinent if the business owner is likely to earn in excess of €6,681.00 per annum, as they must then register with the German tax office (Finanzamt) using a form GewA 1 – Gewerbe – Anmeldung.

Business owners are also advised to arrange insurance cover in respect of any damage which they might cause to customers/clients or to MOD through their business activities.

Personnel must **NOT**.....

Start trading until they have a BFG trading registration number from C&I

Obtain any tax free goods or services for their business

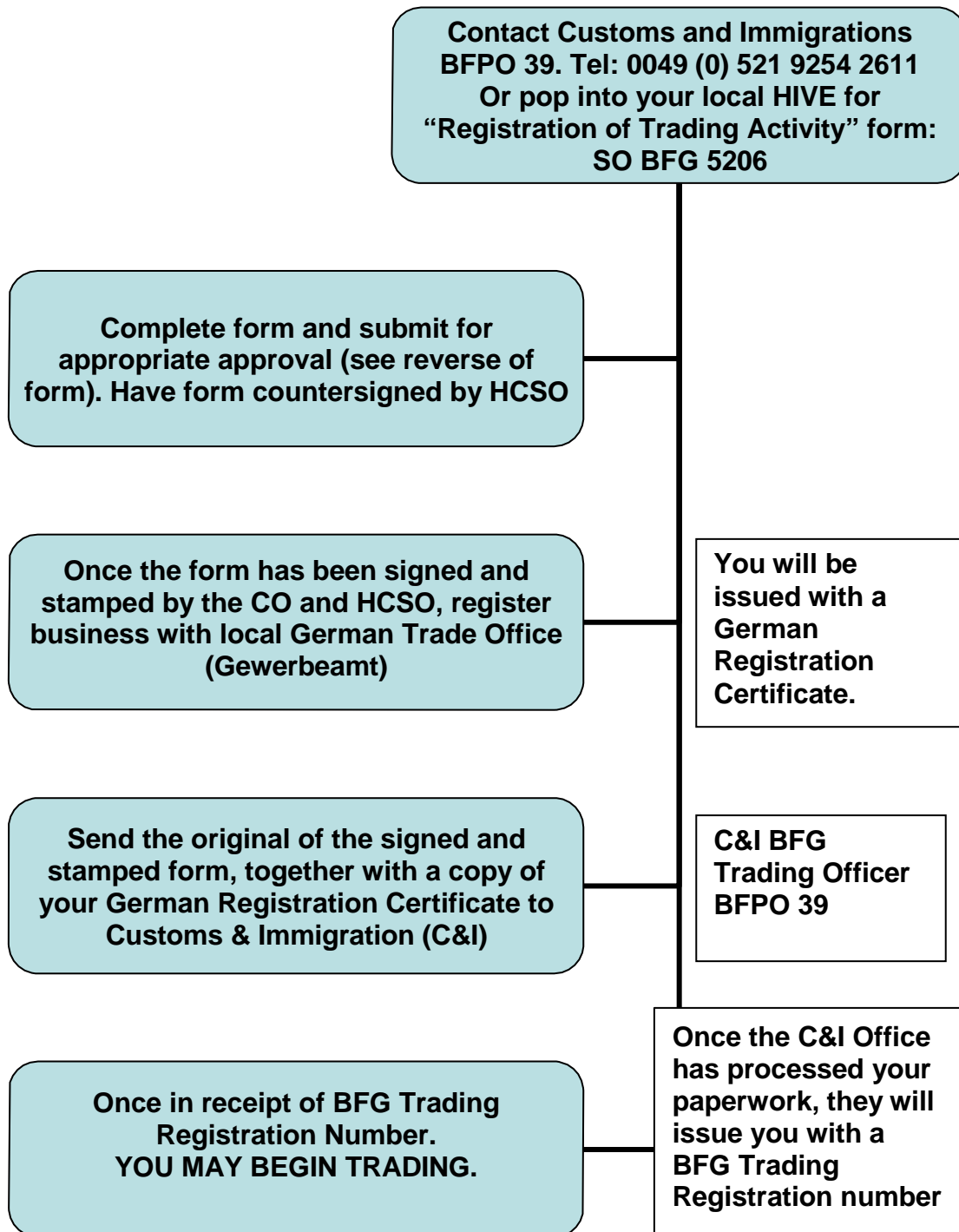
Use a BFG registered vehicle for their business

Use BFPO postal services for their business: only the German postal system may be used

Information and application forms can be downloaded from HQ BFG site, SOBF(G) 5206

Contact details for local C&I offices are at [Contact Us](#).

Here's a handy 5 step guide to registering a business in BFG:



Should you require any assistance with the registration process contact the Trading Officer, on 0049 (0) 521 9254 2611 or at BFG-HQ-Candi-ProdSupvr@mod.uk