

Check your supplier

Does your company import/purchase CD-R/RW, DVD, BD, or other optical media products from a third-party manufacturer? If so, we strongly advise you to check if your supplier sells licensed products. In many countries, you could be liable for patent infringement if you receive unlicensed products.

We provide two tools that allow you to check whether your supplier is licensed:

1. [Licensee Database](#)
2. Licensed Status Confirmation Document (LSCD)

To reduce to risk of liability for infringement that may result from importing, selling, and/or using unlicensed products, we strongly recommend you to follow the steps below and take all necessary precautions to ensure that your products are licensed.

1. Check the Licensee Database

Check if your supplier is listed in the Licensee Database on this website for the particular product you are buying. A company listed as a CD-R/RW or DVD licensee may not have a license agreement for BD.

2. Demand an LSCD for each shipment

Ask your supplier to provide you with an LSCD specifically identifying the products and quantities you are purchasing.

3. Verify the validity of the LSCD

Check the date of shipping. LSCDs must be requested on or before the shipping date. They are free of charge and usually issued within approximately a day. If your supplier says it will take longer, we suggest you to contact us. LSCDs will not be issued if the goods are close to or already at their destination.

Please note: in the absence of an LSCD, assurances and indemnifications from your supplier will not provide a valid defense against any claims for patent infringement.

Checking whether your supplier is listed as a licensee in our Licensee Database is essential. But it is not enough to ensure that you, as a buyer, are free of liability for patent infringement. Your supplier must also give Philips an accurate report of each optical disc, drive or player sold to you and must pay all royalties due.

In our license agreements, 'licensed products' are limited to those 'which are duly reported and for which the royalties due hereunder are paid in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement'. If your supplier does not accurately report the products sold to you and / or does not pay the royalties due, then the supplier was not 'licensed' or 'authorized' by us to sell those products. Any downstream buyer receiving such unlicensed products may be held liable for damages for patent infringement.

If you are in any doubt or if you have any questions, don't hesitate to [contact us](#).

The Licensed Status Confirmation Document (LSCD)

The Licensed Status Confirmation Document enables manufacturers, importers and traders to demonstrate the licensed status of products to customers and customs authorities. We supply licensees with LSCDs for shipments of specified CD-R/RW, DVD and BD products upon request and at no additional charge.

This LSCD confirms that, according to the information submitted by the licensee to Philips via this website, the goods specified in the document originate from a registered or licensed manufacturer and the products identified in the LSCD have been reported to Philips.

Licensees should be able to make an LSCD available before shipping, as soon as the product, quantities and delivery date are known. Beware of licensees who are unable to supply an LSCD: they may be infringing patents. LSCDs must be requested before the shipment started.

Reshipment.

Every step in the logistic chain should be covered by an LSCD document. Therefore we made it possible for a trader to easily derive a new LSCD from the original one, covering the complete batch or just a part, but now describing all details of captioned shipment. It's even possible to derive another LSCD from the latter and so on.

To derive a LSCD from the original one, the batch of goods should be in your possession (arrived) and your company is to be mentioned as the recipient.

If you are registered at this website (mentioning your company name) you find the "Request LSCD" function in the partners area. By providing the reference number and authentication code of the LSCD to derive from, you have access to this LSCD service.

You can derive LSCD's until the quantity of the previous LSCD is exhausted. A lot of trading companies already experience the benefits of this derived LSCD. With an LSCD document it's easy to prove to customs and/or customers the licensed status and it guarantees shipment minimum delays.

For additional details look also at the [LSCD help page](#)

FAQs

Who can request an LSCD?

The below mentioned parties who have accepted the conditions to supply the data for such document.

Registered or Licensed manufacturers

Traders, but only for goods they have received with LSCD.

How can I check the validity of an LSCD?

You should check that the date and other details on the LSCD match the purchase order and shipment. If you are registered at this website (mentioning your company name) you have the "check LSCD" function in the partners area where you can verify the LSCD using the reference number and authentication code. Furthermore, you can always [contact us](#).

Please include the reference number, the model number of the product, the quantities involved and the expected shipment and arrival dates in all the correspondence.

I'm a registered or licensed manufacturer, how do I get an LSCD?

If you are registered at this website (mentioning your company name) you have in your MyAccount the name of your companies Visitor Administrator. Contact him to get the required Authorisations. If there is no name mentioned contact your account manager at Philips.

For additional details look also at the [LSCD help page](#)