

16. COPYRIGHT AND DMCA POLICY

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Tardigrade Freight Exchange LLC ("Exchange Company") owns and operates the Tardigrade Freight Exchange online marketplace available at <https://tardigradeexchange.com> (the "Exchange"). The Exchange Company respects intellectual-property rights and expects users to upload only material they own or are authorized to use. This Policy describes the process for notices and counter-notices under 17 U.S.C. Section 512.

16.1 Notices of claimed infringement

A copyright owner or a person authorized to act for the owner may send the Designated Agent a written notice that includes substantially all of the following:

- A physical or electronic signature of a person authorized to act for the owner of the exclusive right allegedly infringed.
- Identification of the copyrighted work claimed to have been infringed or, for multiple works at one online site, a representative list of those works.
- Identification of the material claimed to be infringing or the subject of infringing activity, together with information reasonably sufficient to permit the Exchange Company to locate it.
- Information reasonably sufficient to contact the complaining party, including an address, telephone number, and, if available, an email address.
- A statement that the complaining party has a good-faith belief that the disputed use is not authorized by the copyright owner, the owner's agent, or the law.
- A statement that the information in the notice is accurate and, under penalty of perjury, that the complaining party is authorized to act for the owner of the exclusive right allegedly infringed.

16.2 Designated Agent

Send copyright notices and counter-notices to the following agent:

Designated Agent: Copyright Compliance Department

Agent organization: TARDIGRADE FREIGHT EXCHANGE LLC

Address: 640 Taylor Street, Suite 1200, Fort Worth, TX 76102

Business phone: 866-791-0397

Email: copyrightcompliance@tardigradeexchange.com

Service Provider: TARDIGRADE FREIGHT EXCHANGE LLC

Alternate names: Tardigrade Freight Exchange; TardigradeExchange.com; www.tardigradeexchange.com

16.3 Response to notices

After receiving a notice that substantially complies with 17 U.S.C. Section 512(c)(3), the Exchange Company will respond expeditiously as required by applicable law, which may include removing or disabling access to the identified material. When required, the Exchange Company will take reasonable steps promptly to notify the affected subscriber. If a notice substantially identifies the work, material, and complaining party but omits another required element, the Exchange Company may contact the sender or take other reasonable steps to assist with receipt of a compliant notice. The Exchange Company may preserve relevant records as permitted by law.

16.4 Counter-notices

A subscriber whose material was removed or disabled in response to a copyright notice may send the Designated Agent a written counter-notice containing substantially all of the following:

- The subscriber's physical or electronic signature.
- Identification of the material removed or disabled and the location where it appeared before removal or disabling.
- A statement under penalty of perjury that the subscriber has a good-faith belief that the material was removed or disabled because of mistake or misidentification.
- The subscriber's name, address, and telephone number.
- A statement consenting to the jurisdiction of the appropriate federal district court under 17 U.S.C. Section 512(g)(3)(D) and agreeing to accept service of process from the person who submitted the original notice or that person's agent.

After receiving a substantially compliant counter-notice, the Exchange Company will promptly provide a copy to the person who submitted the original notice and state that the material will be restored or access will resume in 10 business days. The Exchange Company may restore the material not less than 10 and not more than 14 business days after receipt of the counter-notice unless the Designated Agent first receives notice that the original claimant filed an action seeking a court order concerning the material.

16.5 Repeat infringement and technical measures

The Exchange Company has adopted and will reasonably implement a policy providing for termination, in appropriate circumstances, of subscribers and account holders who are repeat infringers. The Exchange Company accommodates and does not interfere with standard technical measures within the meaning of 17 U.S.C. Section 512(i). It may also restrict an account or remove or disable access to material when reasonably appropriate and permitted by law.

16.6 Misrepresentations and reserved rights

Under 17 U.S.C. Section 512(f), a person who knowingly materially misrepresents that material is infringing or that material was removed or disabled by mistake or misidentification may be liable for resulting damages, costs, and attorneys' fees. A notice does not automatically establish infringement, and a counter-notice does not automatically establish lawful use. The Exchange Company may consider fair use, authorization, and other relevant information and reserves all rights and defenses available under law.

16.7 Separate legal entities

This Policy and the Designated Agent above apply only to online services operated by Tardigrade Freight Exchange LLC. Tardigrade Transportation LLC dba Tardigrade Logistics is a separate legal entity and maintains a separate Copyright Office designation for services it operates. Neither company's designation covers services operated solely by the other company.

16.8 Operator and Contact

Marketplace operator: Tardigrade Freight Exchange LLC

Platform: Tardigrade Freight Exchange

Address: 640 Taylor Street, Suite 1200, Fort Worth, TX 76102

General email: Management@TardigradeExchange.com | Business phone: 866-791-0397

DMCA email: copyrightcompliance@tardigradeexchange.com

Document: <https://tardigradeexchange.com/legal/copyright-and-dmca-policy>

Legal document hub: <https://tardigradeexchange.com/legal>