



Certification of Documents at the German Embassy or Consulate

1. The German law requires a special certification for certain documents, e.g. Power of Attorney in relation to real estate transactions. Without certification such a document is not legally valid. It is also called notarisation.
2. A certification is mainly needed to furnish proof of the signatory's identity. The signature must be made in front of the person entitled to certify.
3. The certification can either be provided in Germany by a German Notar (not a Rechtsanwalt) or outside of Germany by the German Embassy or Consulate (not a solicitor or notary public of your home country).
4. To produce a proof of identity and residence only official documents will be suitable: Passport and Driver's Licence (no utility bills etc.).
5. The Embassy or Consulate will charge a statutory fee depending on the transaction's value (e.g. purchase price) between 15.00 EUR and 250.00 EUR. The fee is raised on a per document basis regardless of the numbers of signatories.
6. It is advisable to make an appointment for the certification procedure.
7. If you have questions regarding the certification please do not hesitate to contact us: enquiries@zimmerlegal.com