



TOPTEAM Online Seminar **Utility Models Provide flexibility in Germany**

Since 1891 **Utility Models** have provided a flexible form of intellectual property protection in Germany. In 2021, 9,300 utility models were registered. The seminar is moderated by Dr. Andrea Hrovat and Mr. Christian Laufer.

The seminar covers the registration procedure, protection requirements, and the differences between utility models and patents. It also discusses the advantages and disadvantages of utility models.

The screenshot shows the website of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office (DPMA). The header includes the DPMA logo and navigation links for 'DEUTSCH', 'CONTACT', and 'SITEMAP'. A search bar is present with the text 'search term' and a magnifying glass icon. Below the header, a menu lists 'Patents', 'Utility Models', 'Trade Marks', 'Designs', 'Search', and 'Services'. The main content area is titled 'Utility Models' and features a sidebar with a 'Utility Model Protection' menu containing links for 'Protectability', 'Protection Requirements', 'Search', 'Application', 'Registration Procedure', 'Cancellation Proceedings', 'Topographies', 'Protection Outside Germany', and 'FAQ'. The main text area is titled 'Utility Model Protection' and includes an image of a mechanical assembly. Below the image, the text explains that utility models are unexamined IP rights and provides a list of important links for utility model application, such as 'Search for the state of the art', 'Documents: Forms and information leaflets', 'Costs: All about fees', and 'Software: Electronic filing of utility models'.

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