



Organizational rules for the oral hearings of the Copenhagen Local – Public attendance –

The purpose of this document is to set out the framework conditions for public attendance at oral hearings of Copenhagen Local Division.

Part 1: Conduct of the oral hearing

1. Oral hearings of the Local Division Copenhagen will take place in Courtroom B or Courtroom A in the building of the Danish Maritime and Commercial High court, Amaliegade 35, 2. 1256 Copenhagen. Oral hearings are generally open to the public. Certain hearings might be held behind closed doors.
2. A total of 8 reserved seats are available in both Courtroom B and A for the parties and their legal and patent attorney representatives. In principle, the claimant and the defendant are entitled to 4 seats each. The right to make different arrangements in individual cases is reserved.
3. Unless otherwise decided in the individual case, a list of the names of the participants in the hearing must be sent to the Local Division Copenhagen by email to the address contact_copenhagen.loc@unifiedpatentcourt.org at the latest on the fifth working day before the oral hearing, quoting the subject line "List of participants in the hearing [claimant or defendant or intervening party] - oral hearing on ... [date]".

4. In the case of larger teams, it is recommended to request (partial) participation via video conference. Other parties involved in the proceedings may be admitted as part of the audience.
5. A maximum of 40 seats are available for the audience in Courtroom B and a maximum of 26 seats are available for the audience in Courtroom A. The proceedings in the courtroom will be broadcast there in sound and vision (overflow room).
6. Where there is great public interest in the oral hearing, it may not be possible to accommodate all those wishing to attend the oral hearing as members of the public and/or media representatives. Seating will therefore be organised as follows:
 - a. From the maximum of 38 audience seats in Courtroom B and from the maximum of 24 audience seats in Courtroom A, two seats are reserved for media representatives. Seating for media representatives will be allocated and accredited as set out in Part 2 of this document.

Any seats not allocated to media representatives at the end of the accreditation procedure will be available as additional general seats for the public on the day of the oral hearing.

- b. Members of the public will be admitted to the courtroom on a first-come, first-served basis by the staff of the Maritime and Commercial High court or the members of the Local Division Copenhagen in the order in which they arrive at the Courtroom.
 - c. The staff of the Maritime and Commercial High court or the members of the Local Division Copenhagen shall decide at their own discretion whether members of the public who have not been allocated a seat in the courtroom and who wish to wait for a seat become available may remain in the building for that purpose. Members of the public who have not been allocated a seat are not permitted to remain in the courtroom. In particular, standing or sitting on the floor or tables is also prohibited.
7. The entrance to the Court is open from 08:30 – 15:00 local time Monday – Friday, with few exceptions. The courtroom will be open 30 minutes before the start of each oral hearing. Seats must be taken up to 15 minutes before the start of the oral hearing.
8. Seats will be reserved for the media representatives in the courtroom on the basis of the accreditation procedure. Seats not taken on time may be allocated to other interested parties (other media representatives or members of the public) by staff members of the

Maritime and Commercial High Court or Local Division Copenhagen.

9. **Video and audio recording during the oral hearing or streaming of the oral hearing is strictly prohibited.** This also applies to the audio and video signal that is transmitted to the courtroom or sent as a videoconference signal.
10. Parties to the case are reminded that the audience seats are located behind the seats for the parties to the proceedings. It is recommended that appropriate precautions be taken to prevent the disclosure of confidential information (e.g. screen protectors for laptops).

Part 2: Implementation of the accreditation procedure

1. Media representatives may only apply for accreditation by sending an email to the email address of the Local division Copenhagen contact_copenhagen.loc@unifiedpatentcourt.org with the subject line "Allocation of Press Tickets - Oral Hearing on [insert date]" and enclosing a valid press card or other proof of media status.
2. Applications for accreditation received by any other means (e.g. by letter or email) will not be considered and will not be forwarded.
3. No separate form is required for accreditation. Accreditation will take place at the earliest two weeks before the hearing and at latest five days before the hearing, from 08.00 – 13:00 local time. If the last day for the accreditation is a public holiday, accreditation will take place on the following working day.
4. Requests for accreditation received before the start or after the deadline will not be considered. If an oral hearing is scheduled to take place over several days, accreditation must be granted separately for each day.
5. Seats will be allocated in the order in which accreditation requests are received by the staff of the Local Division Copenhagen.
6. Each media or press organisation may bring any number of people with them for accreditation. However, they will only be entitled to one seat ticket.
7. Accredited persons may not transfer their seat or their right to a seat.

8. The result of the accreditation procedure will be announced separately by the members of the Local division Copenhagen no later than three days before the hearing at 12:00. If this day is a public holiday, the announcement will be made on the following working day.

The Presiding Judge reserves the right to make changes at short notice and to deviate from the instructions above regarding the conduct of the hearing and public attendance.

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