

Forum: [Hack Forums](#)

Thread: [Contracts No Longer Required](#)

Omniscient - November 22, 2022, 12:43 pm

Old policy...

Quote: You are REQUIRED to use the Contracts system for any and all trades made on Hack Forums.

New policy....

Well, just go read it yourself. Very simplified.

<https://hackforums.net/misc.php?action=help&hid=35>

Basically same rules, explained simpler, and Contracts will be encouraged but not required. You won't get closed for dealing off-site anymore. I may have gone too long on that one. I tried to get adoption of the Contract system but overall I think it's been a mixed success.

I assume a lot of sellers are going to rejoice at this.

Zero - November 22, 2022, 12:57 pm

Scams will happen with and without contracts. You spent too much time making this complex system and people still fail to use it correctly. Better use it on something else.

SIM-1729678 - November 22, 2022, 1:00 pm

Just to verify:

Quote: 3. Vouching - Unless you are an HF Contracted customer with an attached TID in the Contract, you cannot vouch for the seller, product, or service. This is still in effect?

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StuffSneak - November 22, 2022, 1:02 pm

For anyone reading this,

Quote: 5. Only HF Contracts can be disputed in the Deal Dispute forum.
USE CONTRACTS!

Also that's the only way to get B ratings as well.

Omniscient - November 22, 2022, 1:04 pm

(Nov 22, 2022 02:00 PM) Screems Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Just to verify:

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Lavish Living - November 22, 2022, 1:16 pm

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We got rid of Zeus, it just took 4 years.

We can get rid of Scrub just give us a few more years and he'll be closed with his buddy Zeus.

Omniscient - November 22, 2022, 3:06 pm

(Nov 22, 2022 03:57 PM)xadamxk Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'm confused. What is the reason this is becoming optional?

Less overhead for you I imagine?

If only we had a central thread, all in one easy-to-read place, where we could catch up on recent HF changes.

You have a central section where all new information and policies are posted. Or were you being cheeky about HF News? Nothing stops HF News from being a thread btw.

And the reason is partially less overhead but also because if 0 post members members can't communicate on-site, they have to go off-site. And what I don't want to do is punish sellers if a Contract isn't created. This might open up some members to off-site scams by seemingly reputable members but that existed anyways.

I just don't see the need for the policy right now. Less policies are better. Have you not noticed the purge of rules on HF lately? I got rid of every forum section rule for instance. I wish HF could be overall less than 10 rules and everything otherwise enforced by coded features.

Charlie Sheen - November 22, 2022, 4:57 pm

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Well thank you and correct, I'm trying to get past the nervousness of using HF Contract system by easing many restrictions.

But the smart sellers will want to use HF Contracts so they can get B-Ratings. The smart buyers will want to use it to make sure they can open a Deal Dispute. The scammers will continue to try and avoid it.

Sekhmet - November 22, 2022, 5:27 pm

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The Pact - November 23, 2022, 3:46 am

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I'm still confused and don't get the point. I think the contract system is awesome and brilliant and I still think it should be compulsory? I guess maybe closing someone who made an honest mistake of

just not being with it could be too harsh on occasion. But I suspect most people trying to talk someone into not using the contract system just want to scam you off site. I had a Leet lying to me that Leets weren't allowed to be part of contracts at one point in the beginning. He was lying that only Ubers dealing with Ubers could make contracts for some reason.

Money- - November 23, 2022, 4:05 am

I will still use it honestly. Easier to track and all win win for both deals. Dispute and B-ratings.

Cyam - November 23, 2022, 12:09 pm

I like this change.

Yeah, most of us will definitely still use contracts for "manual" deals like exchanges etc. I can see it being punishing for sellers who sell eBooks or anything that has automated delivery really.

New members might find it confusing to go through all the contract process, so this will definitely help the marketplace. That's my honest opinion

Prince™ - November 24, 2022, 7:10 pm

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Pentatonix - November 24, 2022, 9:45 pm

Mixed emotions about this, but all part of the larger plan I suppose.

I N C R E D I B L E - November 25, 2022, 11:48 pm

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they are not interested in my profile being 12+ years old and close to 200 positive contracts completed.

and thank you for the info, but I was merely providing my own example and not really interested in bothering Omni about this small issue.

Omniscient - November 26, 2022, 10:30 am

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Confound - November 26, 2022, 5:48 pm

Fair enough, thanks for the update on this. Will continue to use contracts though as I believe that's safest for everyone.

Cheers

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I completely agree with you. Contracts was and is one of the best and notable features added to forum. And I for sure will always be using them for all deals.

Soronrheeyi - November 27, 2022, 2:03 pm

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I assume Conspiracy is similar to Wire Fraud which is probably the other 20% of the inmates. LOL

2xTheTap115 - November 28, 2022, 2:18 pm

The fact is that many sellers will probably be happy with this state of affairs, but I'm afraid that it may cause a significant increase in potential fraud on the forum. Still, it's nice to have such freedom in this topic?

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Terry A. Davis - November 28, 2022, 7:04 pm

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Is this one going to turn out to be the next Silk Road and your actually the next Ross but this post comes back to bite you?

Also, I am not the one to make this call, but if this sort of stuff is coming up I think the discussion for this thread has run its course? Surely there is nothing really to be said Omners said it, he's God around here, we do what he says, either keep grinding or leave? I dunno, might just be me, I see where you're coming from, but eh, seek and ye shall find? I dunno, I feel like I stumble across shit without even looking. Might just be me, huh where was I going with this?