Standard contractual clauses for the transfer of personal data from the Community to third countries (controller to controller transfers)

SECTION I

Clause 1
Purpose and scope

a. The purpose of these standard contractual clauses is to ensure compliance with the requirements of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data (General Data Protection Regulation)\(^1\) for the transfer of personal data to a third country.

b. The Parties:

   i) the natural or legal person(s), public authority/ies, agency/ies or other body/ies (hereinafter “entity/ies”) transferring the personal data, as listed in Annex I.A. (hereinafter each “data exporter”), and

   ii) the entity/ies in a third country receiving the personal data from the data exporter, directly or indirectly via another entity also Party to these Clauses, as listed in Annex I.A. (hereinafter each “data importer”)

have agreed to these standard contractual clauses (hereinafter: “Clauses”).

c. These Clauses apply with respect to the transfer of personal data as specified in Annex I.B.

d. The Appendix to these Clauses containing the Annexes referred to therein forms an integral part of these Clauses.

Clause 2
Effect and invariability of the Clauses

a. These Clauses set out appropriate safeguards, including enforceable data subject rights and effective legal remedies, pursuant to Article 46(1) and Article 46 (2)(c) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 and, with respect to data transfers from controllers to processors and/or processors to processors, standard contractual clauses pursuant to Article 28(7) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, provided they are not modified, except to select the appropriate Module(s) or to add or update information in the Appendix. This does not prevent the Parties from including the standard contractual clauses laid down in these Clauses in a wider contract and/or to add other clauses or additional safeguards, provided that they do not contradict, directly or indirectly, these Clauses or prejudice the fundamental rights or freedoms of data subjects.

b. These Clauses are without prejudice to obligations to which the data exporter is subject by virtue of Regulation (EU) 2016/679.

Clause 3
Third-party beneficiaries

a. Data subjects may invoke and enforce these Clauses, as third-party beneficiaries, against the data exporter and/or data importer, with the following exceptions:

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\(^{1}\) Where the data exporter is a processor subject to Regulation (EU) 2016/679 acting on behalf of a Union institution or body as controller, reliance on these Clauses when engaging another processor (sub-processing) not subject to Regulation (EU) 2016/679 also ensures compliance with Article 29(4) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC (OJ L 295 of 21.11.2018, p. 39), to the extent these Clauses and the data protection obligations as set out in the contract or other legal act between the controller and the processor pursuant to Article 29(3) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 are aligned. This will in particular be the case where the controller and processor rely on the standard contractual clauses included in Decision 2019/915
Clause 4
Interpretation
a. Where these Clauses use terms that are defined in Regulation (EU) 2016/679, those terms shall have the same meaning as in that Regulation.

b. These Clauses shall be read and interpreted in the light of the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/679.

c. These Clauses shall not be interpreted in a way that conflicts with rights and obligations provided for in Regulation (EU) 2016/679.

Clause 5
Hierarchy
In the event of a contradiction between these Clauses and the provisions of related agreements between the Parties, existing at the time these Clauses are agreed or entered into thereafter, these Clauses shall prevail.

Clause 6
Description of the transfer(s)
The details of the transfer(s), and in particular the categories of personal data that are transferred and the purpose(s) for which they are transferred, are specified in Annex I.B.

Clause 7
Docking clause
a. An entity that is not a Party to these Clauses may, with the agreement of the Parties, accede to these Clauses at any time, either as a data exporter or as a data importer, by completing the Appendix and signing Annex I.A.

b. Once it has completed the Appendix and signed Annex I.A, the acceding entity shall become a Party to these Clauses and have the rights and obligations of a data exporter or data importer in accordance with its designation in Annex I.A.

c. The acceding entity shall have no rights or obligations arising under these Clauses from the period prior to becoming a Party.

SECTION II – OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES

Clause 8
Data protection safeguards
The data exporter warrants that it has used reasonable efforts to determine that the data importer is able, through the implementation of appropriate technical and organizational measures, to satisfy its obligations under these Clauses.

8.1 Purpose limitation
The data importer shall process the personal data only for the specific purpose(s) of the transfer, as set out in Annex I.B. It may only process the personal data for another purpose:

i) where it has obtained the data subject’s prior consent;

ii) where necessary for the establishment, exercise or defense of legal claims in the context of specific administrative, regulatory or judicial proceedings; or

iii) where necessary in order to protect the vital interests of the data subject or of another natural person.

8.2 Transparency

a. In order to enable data subjects to effectively exercise their rights pursuant to Clause 10, the data importer shall inform them, either directly or through the data exporter:

i) of its identity and contact details;

ii) of the categories of personal data processed;

iii) of the right to obtain a copy of these Clauses;

iv) where it intends to onward transfer the personal data to any third party/ies, of the recipient or categories of recipients (as appropriate with a view to providing meaningful information), the purpose of such onward transfer and the ground therefore pursuant to Clause 8.7.

b. Paragraph (a) shall not apply where the data subject already has the information, including when such information has already been provided by the data exporter, or providing the information proves impossible or would involve a disproportionate effort for the data importer. In the latter case, the data importer shall, to the extent possible, make the information publicly available.

c. On request, the Parties shall make a copy of these Clauses, including the Appendix as completed by them, available to the data subject free of charge. To the extent necessary to protect business secrets or other confidential information, including personal data, the Parties may redact part of the text of the Appendix prior to sharing a copy, but shall provide a meaningful summary where the data subject would otherwise not be able to understand its content or exercise his/her rights. On request, the Parties shall provide the data subject with the reasons for the redactions, to the extent possible without revealing the redacted information.

d. Paragraphs (a) to (c) are without prejudice to the obligations of the data exporter under Articles 13 and 14 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679.

8.3 Accuracy and data minimization

a. Each Party shall ensure that the personal data is accurate and, where necessary, kept up to date. The data importer shall take every reasonable step to ensure that personal data that is inaccurate, having regard to the purpose(s) of processing, is erased or rectified without delay.

b. If one of the Parties becomes aware that the personal data it has transferred or received is inaccurate, or has become outdated, it shall inform the other Party without undue delay.

c. The data importer shall ensure that the personal data is adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purpose(s) of processing.

8.4 Storage limitation

The data importer shall retain the personal data for no longer than necessary for the purpose(s) for which it is processed. It shall put in place appropriate technical or organizational measures to ensure compliance with this obligation, including erasure or anonymization2 of the data and all back-ups at the end of the retention period.

8.5 Security of processing

a. The data importer and, during transmission, also the data exporter shall implement appropriate

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2 This requires rendering the data anonymous in such a way that the individual is no longer identifiable by anyone, in line with recital 26 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, and that this process is irreversible.
technical and organizational measures to ensure the security of the personal data, including protection against a breach of security leading to accidental or unlawful destruction, loss, alteration, unauthorized disclosure or access (hereinafter “personal data breach”). In assessing the appropriate level of security, they shall take due account of the state of the art, the costs of implementation, the nature, scope, context and purpose(s) of processing and the risks involved in the processing for the data subject. The Parties shall in particular consider having recourse to encryption or pseudonymization, including during transmission, where the purpose of processing can be fulfilled in that manner.

b. The Parties have agreed on the technical and organizational measures set out in Annex II. The data importer shall carry out regular checks to ensure that these measures continue to provide an appropriate level of security.

c. The data importer shall ensure that persons authorized to process the personal data have committed themselves to confidentiality or are under an appropriate statutory obligation of confidentiality.

d. In the event of a personal data breach concerning personal data processed by the data importer under these Clauses, the data importer shall take appropriate measures to address the personal data breach, including measures to mitigate its possible adverse effects.

e. In case of a personal data breach that is likely to result in a risk to the rights and freedoms of natural persons, the data importer shall without undue delay notify both the data exporter and the competent supervisory authority pursuant to Clause 13. Such notification shall contain i) a description of the nature of the breach (including, where possible, categories and approximate number of data subjects and personal data records concerned), ii) its likely consequences, iii) the measures taken or proposed to address the breach, and iv) the details of a contact point from whom more information can be obtained. To the extent it is not possible for the data importer to provide all the information at the same time, it may do so in phases without undue further delay.

f. In case of a personal data breach that is likely to result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of natural persons, the data importer shall also notify without undue delay the data subjects concerned of the personal data breach and its nature, if necessary in cooperation with the data exporter, together with the information referred to in paragraph (e), points ii) to iv), unless the data importer has implemented measures to significantly reduce the risk to the rights or freedoms of natural persons, or notification would involve disproportionate efforts. In the latter case, the data importer shall instead issue a public communication or take a similar measure to inform the public of the personal data breach.

g. The data importer shall document all relevant facts relating to the personal data breach, including its effects and any remedial action taken, and keep a record thereof.

8.6 Sensitive data

Where the transfer involves personal data revealing racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, or trade union membership, genetic data, or biometric data for the purpose of uniquely identifying a natural person, data concerning health or a person’s sex life or sexual orientation, or data relating to criminal convictions or offences (hereinafter “sensitive data”), the data importer shall apply specific restrictions and/or additional safeguards adapted to the specific nature of the data and the risks involved. This may include restricting the personnel permitted to access the personal data, additional security measures (such as pseudonymization) and/or additional restrictions with respect to further disclosure.

8.7 Onward transfers

a. The data importer shall not disclose the personal data to a third party located outside the European Union (in the same country as the data importer or in another third country, hereinafter “onward

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3 The Agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA Agreement) provides for the extension of the European Union's internal market to the three EEA States Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway. The Union data protection legislation, including Regulation (EU) 2016/679, is covered by the EEA Agreement and has been incorporated into Annex XI thereto. Therefore, any disclosure by the data importer to a third party located in the EEA does not qualify as an onward transfer for the purpose of these Clauses.
transfer”) unless the third party is or agrees to be bound by these Clauses, under the appropriate Module. Otherwise, an onward transfer by the data importer may only take place if:

i) it is to a country benefitting from an adequacy decision pursuant to Article 45 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 that covers the onward transfer;

ii) the third party otherwise ensures appropriate safeguards pursuant to Articles 46 or 47 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 with respect to the processing in question;

iii) the third party enters into a binding instrument with the data importer ensuring the same level of data protection as under these Clauses, and the data importer provides a copy of these safeguards to the data exporter;

iv) it is necessary for the establishment, exercise or defense of legal claims in the context of specific administrative, regulatory or judicial proceedings;

v) it is necessary in order to protect the vital interests of the data subject or of another natural person; or

vi) where none of the other conditions apply, the data importer has obtained the explicit consent of the data subject for an onward transfer in a specific situation, after having informed him/her of its purpose(s), the identity of the recipient and the possible risks of such transfer to him/her due to the lack of appropriate data protection safeguards. In this case, the data importer shall inform the data exporter and, at the request of the latter, shall transmit to it a copy of the information provided to the data subject.

Any onward transfer is subject to compliance by the data importer with all the other safeguards under these Clauses, in particular purpose limitation.

8.8 Processing under the authority of the data importer

The data importer shall ensure that any person acting under its authority, including a processor, processes the data only on its instructions.

8.9 Documentation and compliance

a. Each Party shall be able to demonstrate compliance with its obligations under these Clauses. In particular, the data importer shall keep appropriate documentation of the processing activities carried out under its responsibility.

b. The data importer shall make such documentation available to the competent supervisory authority on request.

Clause 9
Use of sub-processors

Due to the fact that the Parties are separate controllers, this agreement does not regulates the use of data processing subcontractors.

Clause 10
Data subject rights

a. The data importer, where relevant with the assistance of the data exporter, shall deal with any enquiries and requests it receives from a data subject relating to the processing of his/her personal data and the exercise of his/her rights under these Clauses without undue delay and at the latest within one month of the receipt of the enquiry or request. The data importer shall take appropriate measures to facilitate such enquiries, requests and the exercise of data subject rights. Any information provided to the data subject shall be in an intelligible and easily accessible form, using clear and plain language.

b. In particular, upon request by the data subject the data importer shall, free of charge:

4 That period may be extended by a maximum of two more months, to the extent necessary taking into account the complexity and number of requests. The data importer shall duly and promptly inform the data subject of any such extension.
i) provide confirmation to the data subject as to whether personal data concerning him/her is being processed and, where this is the case, a copy of the data relating to him/her and the information in Annex I; if personal data has been or will be onward transferred, provide information on recipients or categories of recipients (as appropriate with a view to providing meaningful information) to which the personal data has been or will be onward transferred, the purpose of such onward transfers and their ground pursuant to Clause 8.7; and provide information on the right to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority in accordance with Clause 12(c)(i);

ii) rectify inaccurate or incomplete data concerning the data subject;

iii) erase personal data concerning the data subject if such data is being or has been processed in violation of any of these Clauses ensuring third-party beneficiary rights, or if the data subject withdraws the consent on which the processing is based.

c. Where the data importer processes the personal data for direct marketing purposes, it shall cease processing for such purposes if the data subject objects to it.

d. The data importer shall not make a decision based solely on the automated processing of the personal data transferred (hereinafter “automated decision”), which would produce legal effects concerning the data subject or similarly significantly affect him/her, unless with the explicit consent of the data subject or if authorized to do so under the laws of the country of destination, provided that such laws lays down suitable measures to safeguard the data subject’s rights and legitimate interests. In this case, the data importer shall, where necessary in cooperation with the data exporter:

i) inform the data subject about the envisaged automated decision, the envisaged consequences and the logic involved; and

ii) implement suitable safeguards, at least by enabling the data subject to contest the decision, express his/her point of view and obtain review by a human being.

e. Where requests from a data subject are excessive, in particular because of their repetitive character, the data importer may either charge a reasonable fee taking into account the administrative costs of granting the request or refuse to act on the request.

f. The data importer may refuse a data subject’s request if such refusal is allowed under the laws of the country of destination and is necessary and proportionate in a democratic society to protect one of the objectives listed in Article 23(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679.

g. If the data importer intends to refuse a data subject’s request, it shall inform the data subject of the reasons for the refusal and the possibility of lodging a complaint with the competent supervisory authority and/or seeking judicial redress.

Clause 11
Redress

a. The data importer shall inform data subjects in a transparent and easily accessible format, through individual notice or on its website, of a contact point authorized to handle complaints. It shall deal promptly with any complaints it receives from a data subject.

b. In case of a dispute between a data subject and one of the Parties as regards compliance with these Clauses, that Party shall use its best efforts to resolve the issue amicably in a timely fashion. The Parties shall keep each other informed about such disputes and, where appropriate, cooperate in resolving them.

c. Where the data subject invokes a third-party beneficiary right pursuant to Clause 3, the data importer shall accept the decision of the data subject to:

i) lodge a complaint with the supervisory authority in the Member State of his/her habitual residence or place of work, or the competent supervisory authority pursuant to Clause 13;

ii) refer the dispute to the competent courts within the meaning of Clause 18.

d. The Parties accept that the data subject may be represented by a not-for-profit body, organization or association under the conditions set out in Article 80(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679.
e. The data importer shall abide by a decision that is binding under the applicable EU or Member State law.

f. The data importer agrees that the choice made by the data subject will not prejudice his/her substantive and procedural rights to seek remedies in accordance with applicable laws.

**Clause 12**

**Liability**

a. Each Party shall be liable to the other Party/ies for any damages it causes the other Party/ies by any breach of these Clauses.

b. Each Party shall be liable to the data subject, and the data subject shall be entitled to receive compensation, for any material or non-material damages that the Party causes the data subject by breaching the third-party beneficiary rights under these Clauses. This is without prejudice to the liability of the data exporter under Regulation (EU) 2016/679.

c. Where more than one Party is responsible for any damage caused to the data subject as a result of a breach of these Clauses, all responsible Parties shall be jointly and severally liable and the data subject is entitled to bring an action in court against any of these Parties.

d. The Parties agree that if one Party is held liable under paragraph (c), it shall be entitled to claim back from the other Party/ies that part of the compensation corresponding to its / their responsibility for the damage.

e. The data importer may not invoke the conduct of a processor or sub-processor to avoid its own liability.

**Clause 13**

**Supervision**

a. The supervisory authority with responsibility for ensuring compliance by the data exporter with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 as regards the data transfer, as indicated in Annex I.C, shall act as competent supervisory authority.

b. The data importer agrees to submit itself to the jurisdiction of and cooperate with the competent supervisory authority in any procedures aimed at ensuring compliance with these Clauses. In particular, the data importer agrees to respond to enquiries, submit to audits and comply with the measures adopted by the supervisory authority, including remedial and compensatory measures. It shall provide the supervisory authority with written confirmation that the necessary actions have been taken.

**SECTION III – LOCAL LAWS AND OBLIGATIONS IN CASE OF ACCESS BY PUBLIC AUTHORITIES**

**Clause 14**

**Local laws and practices affecting compliance with the Clauses**

a. The Parties warrant that they have no reason to believe that the laws and practices in the third country of destination applicable to the processing of the personal data by the data importer, including any requirements to disclose personal data or measures authorizing access by public authorities, prevent the data importer from fulfilling its obligations under these Clauses. This is based on the understanding that laws and practices that respect the essence of the fundamental rights and freedoms and do not exceed what is necessary and proportionate in a democratic society to safeguard one of the objectives listed in Article 23(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, are not in contradiction with these Clauses.

b. The Parties declare that in providing the warranty in paragraph (a), they have taken due account in particular of the following elements:

i) the specific circumstances of the transfer, including the length of the processing chain, the
number of actors involved and the transmission channels used; intended onward transfers; the
type of recipient; the purpose of processing; the categories and format of the transferred
personal data; the economic sector in which the transfer occurs; the storage location of the
data transferred;
ii) the laws and practices of the third country of destination– including those requiring the
disclosure of data to public authorities or authorizing access by such authorities – relevant in
light of the specific circumstances of the transfer, and the applicable limitations and
safeguards5;
iii) any relevant contractual, technical or organizational safeguards put in place to supplement the
safeguards under these Clauses, including measures applied during transmission and to the
processing of the personal data in the country of destination.

c. The data importer warrants that, in carrying out the assessment under paragraph (b), it has made
its best efforts to provide the data exporter with relevant information and agrees that it will continue
to cooperate with the data exporter in ensuring compliance with these Clauses.

d. The Parties agree to document the assessment under paragraph (b) and make it available to the
competent supervisory authority on request.

e. The data importer agrees to notify the data exporter promptly if, after having agreed to these
Clauses and for the duration of the contract, it has reason to believe that it is or has become subject
to laws or practices not in line with the requirements under paragraph (a), including following a
change in the laws of the third country or a measure (such as a disclosure request) indicating an
application of such laws in practice that is not in line with the requirements in paragraph (a).

f. Following a notification pursuant to paragraph (e), or if the data exporter otherwise has reason to
believe that the data importer can no longer fulfil its obligations under these Clauses, the data
exporter shall promptly identify appropriate measures (e.g. technical or organizational measures to
ensure security and confidentiality) to be adopted by the data exporter and/or data importer to
address the situation. The data exporter shall suspend the data transfer if it considers that no
appropriate safeguards for such transfer can be ensured, or if instructed by the competent
supervisory authority to do so. In this case, the data exporter shall be entitled to terminate the
contract, insofar as it concerns the processing of personal data under these Clauses. If the contract
involves more than two Parties, the data exporter may exercise this right to termination only with
respect to the relevant Party, unless the Parties have agreed otherwise. Where the contract is
terminated pursuant to this Clause, Clause 16(d) and (e) shall apply.

Clause 15
Obligations of the data importer in case of access by public authorities

15.1 Notification

a. The data importer agrees to notify the data exporter and, where possible, the data subject promptly
(if necessary with the help of the data exporter) if it:

i) receives a legally binding request from a public authority, including judicial authorities, under
the laws of the country of destination for the disclosure of personal data transferred pursuant
to these Clauses; such notification shall include information about the personal data requested,
the requesting authority, the legal basis for the request and the response provided; or

ii) becomes aware of any direct access by public authorities to personal data transferred pursuant
to these Clauses in accordance with the laws of the country of destination; such notification

5 As regards the impact of such laws and practices on compliance with these Clauses, different elements may be considered as part of an overall
assessment. Such elements may include relevant and documented practical experience with prior instances of requests for disclosure from public
authorities, or the absence of such requests, covering a sufficiently representative time-frame. This refers in particular to internal records or
other documentation, drawn up on a continuous basis in accordance with due diligence and certified at senior management level, provided that
this information can be lawfully shared with third parties. Where this practical experience is relied upon to conclude that the data importer will
not be prevented from complying with these Clauses, it needs to be supported by other relevant, objective elements, and it is for the Parties to
consider carefully whether these elements together carry sufficient weight, in terms of their reliability and representativeness, to support this
conclusion. In particular, the Parties have to take into account whether their practical experience is corroborated and not contradicted by
publicly available or otherwise accessible, reliable information on the existence or absence of requests within the same sector
and/or the application of the law in practice, such as case law and reports by independent oversight bodies.
shall include all information available to the importer.

b. If the data importer is prohibited from notifying the data exporter and/or the data subject under the laws of the country of destination, the data importer agrees to use its best efforts to obtain a waiver of the prohibition, with a view to communicating as much information as possible, as soon as possible. The data importer agrees to document its best efforts in order to be able to demonstrate them on request of the data exporter.

c. Where permissible under the laws of the country of destination, the data importer agrees to provide the data exporter, at regular intervals for the duration of the contract, with as much relevant information as possible on the requests received (in particular, number of requests, type of data requested, requesting authority/ies, whether requests have been challenged and the outcome of such challenges, etc.).

d. The data importer agrees to preserve the information pursuant to paragraphs (a) to (c) for the duration of the contract and make it available to the competent supervisory authority on request.

e. Paragraphs (a) to (c) are without prejudice to the obligation of the data importer pursuant to Clause 14(e) and Clause 16 to inform the data exporter promptly where it is unable to comply with these Clauses.

15.2 Review of legality and data minimization

a. The data importer agrees to review the legality of the request for disclosure, in particular whether it remains within the powers granted to the requesting public authority, and to challenge the request if, after careful assessment, it concludes that there are reasonable grounds to consider that the request is unlawful under the laws of the country of destination, applicable obligations under international law and principles of international comity. The data importer shall, under the same conditions, pursue possibilities of appeal. When challenging a request, the data importer shall seek interim measures with a view to suspending the effects of the request until the competent judicial authority has decided on its merits. It shall not disclose the personal data requested until required to do so under the applicable procedural rules. These requirements are without prejudice to the obligations of the data importer under Clause 14(e).

b. The data importer agrees to document its legal assessment and any challenge to the request for disclosure and, to the extent permissible under the laws of the country of destination, make the documentation available to the data exporter. It shall also make it available to the competent supervisory authority on request.

c. The data importer agrees to provide the minimum amount of information permissible when responding to a request for disclosure, based on a reasonable interpretation of the request.

SECTION IV – FINAL PROVISIONS

Clause 16
Non-compliance with the Clauses and termination

a. The data importer shall promptly inform the data exporter if it is unable to comply with these Clauses, for whatever reason.

b. In the event that the data importer is in breach of these Clauses or unable to comply with these Clauses, the data exporter shall suspend the transfer of personal data to the data importer until compliance is again ensured or the contract is terminated. This is without prejudice to Clause 14(f).

c. The data exporter shall be entitled to terminate the contract, insofar as it concerns the processing of personal data under these Clauses, where:

i) the data exporter has suspended the transfer of personal data to the data importer pursuant to paragraph (b) and compliance with these Clauses is not restored within a reasonable time and in any event within one month of suspension;
ii) the data importer is in substantial or persistent breach of these Clauses; or
iii) the data importer fails to comply with a binding decision of a competent court or supervisory authority regarding its obligations under these Clauses.

d. In these cases, it shall inform the competent supervisory authority of such non-compliance. Where the contract involves more than two Parties, the data exporter may exercise this right to termination only with respect to the relevant Party, unless the Parties have agreed otherwise.

e. Personal data that has been transferred prior to the termination of the contract pursuant to paragraph (c) shall at the choice of the data exporter immediately be returned to the data exporter or deleted in its entirety. The same shall apply to any copies of the data. The data importer shall certify the deletion of the data to the data exporter. Until the data is deleted or returned, the data importer shall continue to ensure compliance with these Clauses. In case of local laws applicable to the data importer that prohibit the return or deletion of the transferred personal data, the data importer warrants that it will continue to ensure compliance with these Clauses and will only process the data to the extent and for as long as required under that local law.

f. Either Party may revoke its agreement to be bound by these Clauses where (i) the European Commission adopts a decision pursuant to Article 45(3) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 that covers the transfer of personal data to which these Clauses apply; or (ii) Regulation (EU) 2016/679 becomes part of the legal framework of the country to which the personal data is transferred. This is without prejudice to other obligations applying to the processing in question under Regulation (EU) 2016/679.

Clause 17
Governing law

These Clauses shall be governed by the law of one of the EU Member States, provided such law allows for third-party beneficiary rights. The Parties agree that this shall be the law of Poland.

Clause 18
Choice of forum and jurisdiction

a. Any dispute arising from these Clauses shall be resolved by the courts of an EU Member State.

b. The Parties agree that those shall be the courts of Poland.

c. A data subject may also bring legal proceedings against the data exporter and/or data importer before the courts of the Member State in which he/she has his/her habitual residence.

d. The Parties agree to submit themselves to the jurisdiction of such courts.
ANNEX I

A. LIST OF PARTIES

Data exporter(s): [Identity and contact details of the data exporter(s) and, where applicable, of its/their data protection officer and/or representative in the European Union]

1. Name: ……………………………………… Address: ……………………………………
   Contact person’s name, position and contact details: ……………………………
   Activities relevant to the data transferred under these Clauses: …………………
   Signature and date: ………………………
   Role (controller/processor): CONTROLER

Data importer(s): [Identity and contact details of the data importer(s), including any contact person with responsibility for data protection]

1. Name: Tidio LLC
   Address: 160 Spear Street, #1000, San Francisco, CA 94105
   Contact person’s name, position and contact details: Data Protection Officer- Hubert Jackowski, mail: hubert@tidio.net
   Activities relevant to the data transferred under these Clauses: All activities necessary to perform of the agreement between Tidio (data importer) and Tidio’s User (data exporter).
   Signature and date: …
   Role (controller/processor): CONTROLER

B. DESCRIPTION OF TRANSFER

Categories of data subjects whose personal data is transferred

Tidio Users (and all persons acting on behalf of Users such employees – regardless of the legal form of the cooperation with the User / representative of the User)

Categories of personal data transferred

The personal data transferred concern the following categories of data:
- Identification data
- Contact data
- Device data
- Transactional data
- other data processed in regard to Services (applicable to the specific type and scope of Services).

Sensitive data transferred (if applicable) and applied restrictions or safeguards that fully take into consideration the nature of the data and the risks involved, such as for instance strict purpose limitation, access restrictions (including access only for staff having followed specialised training), keeping a record of access to the data, restrictions for onward transfers or additional security measures.

Not applicable.

The frequency of the transfer (e.g. whether the data is transferred on a one-off or continuous basis).
Personal data are transferred in regards to conclude an agreement between Tidio (data importer) and Tidio’s User (data exporter). Furthermore, personal data may be transferred during the performance of the agreement.

**Nature of the processing**

Nature of the processing is indicate from execution of the agreement between Tidio (data importer) and Tidio’s User (data exporter). This includes all activities necessary to execution of the agreement e.g.:

**Purpose(s) of the data transfer and further processing**

The transfer is made for the following purposes:
Conclusion of contract,
Performance of the contract,
To fulfil legal obligations resulting from regulation, e.g. tax and accounting regulations, especially in the case of paid contracts,
Pursuing claims and defense against claims, including third parties,

**The period for which the personal data will be retained, or, if that is not possible, the criteria used to determine that period**

Personal data will be retained during the performance of the agreement between Tidio (data importer) and Tidio’s User (data exporter). After that personal data may be retained during pursuing claims and defense against claims, including third parties.

**For transfers to (sub-)processors, also specify subject matter, nature and duration of the processing**

Not applicable.

**C. COMPETENT SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY**

*Identify the competent supervisory authority/ies in accordance with Clause 13*

The competent supervisory authority is authority of the registered office of the main establishment or of the single establishment of the data exporter.
ANNEX II - TECHNICAL AND ORGANISATIONAL MEASURES INCLUDING TECHNICAL AND ORGANISATIONAL MEASURES TO ENSURE THE SECURITY OF THE DATA

Description of the technical and organizational measures implemented by the data importer(s)

- **Measures of pseudonymization and encryption of personal data.**
  Tidio applies safeguards in the form of pseudonymization of personal data by implementing appropriate IT systems and introducing guidelines in the Organization for pseudonymization.

  Tidio applies encryption to personal data. All documents contain personal data sent within the organization and to third parties are encrypted through software that provides an adequate degree of protection.

- **Measures for ensuring the ability to restore the availability and access to personal data in a timely manner in the event of a physical or technical incident.**
  Tidio's infrastructure is designed to meet the scalability and continuous availability requirements of our service. Systems are monitored 24/7 to respond to potential operational issues.

  For personal data processed electronically, Tidio provides permanent network monitoring to enable incident detection and prompt response. In addition, Tidio performs data back-up, which enables prompt restoration if access is lost due to e.g. an incident.

- **Processes for regularly testing, assessing and evaluating the effectiveness of technical and organizational measures in order to ensure the security of the processing.**
  The main activity of the Tidio is to provide services related to the offered application. The application is constantly subjected to security tests focused on system penetration (with particular attention to personal data) in order to identify potential errors. These activities are implemented in the software development cycle and constitute its inherent part. The bugs found are fixed immediately and the system is tested again after the corrections are made. Tidio also runs a non-public bug bounty program under a "responsible disclosure" model. Reports submitted by researchers are evaluated by the security team and further steps are taken based on the evaluation.

  The controller also conducts regular testing, assessing and evaluating the analysis of technical measures used internally to ensure that appropriate technical and organizational measures are implemented and that the necessary safeguards are put in place to meet the requirements under the GDPR and the need to protect the rights of data subjects.

  To ensure practical application, the organization's employees are trained on secure practices and processes through cyber security awareness. Each employee must meet a series of security requirements for their digital accounts and physical devices. Only employees who need to work with data have access to it. Physical access to employee premises is restricted through electronic access cards or security available in the building. Access to the organization's network is restricted through a VPN that only employees of the organization have access to.

- **Measures for user identification and authorization.**
  Each user authenticates in the application using e-mail address and password (password-based authentication), which established during the registration process:

  ✓ The password established by the user must have a minimum of 8 characters
  ✓ The password can be changed by the user at any time after providing the current password
  ✓ The password is sent to the application via a secure communication channel and is stored as a strong irreversible hash in a protected database.
Additionally, while setting the password, the user has the possibility to check how strong the password is in order to establish its proper length and complexity. The authentication process is protected against brute force attacks that attempt to guess the user's password.

Each correctly authenticated user receives a long, random, unique token with high entropy, which authorizes him to perform authorized actions in the application. This token loses its value when the user logs out of the application and cannot be used again to authorize his/her requests. Access control in the application is implemented based on the RBAC (role-based access control) model, which is configurable by the project owner.

• *Measures for the protection of data during transmission.*
  All traffic exchanged between the user and the application is encrypted using TLS protocol with strong cryptographic algorithms. This provides protection against attacks trying to eavesdrop the communication between the user and the application. What is more, the communication with the application over the encrypted channel is forced by the application itself.

• *Measures for the protection of data during storage.*
  Access is granted only to employees who need it to perform their duties. The access list is reviewed on an ongoing basis.

• *Measures for ensuring physical security of locations at which personal data are processed.*
  Personal information is held on servers provided by our third-party service provider, which ensures that only authorized employees have physical access to the servers. Additionally, the data centers where the servers are located are continuously monitored and protected by guards. The server rooms are equipped with fire suppression systems.

• *Measures for ensuring events logging.*
  Applications and services offered by Tidio log detailed information about: successful and unsuccessful login attempts, created accounts, password recovery processes, data access, changes in account settings and other relevant events.

  All logs go to a centralized system, which allows for analysis and detection of potential attacks. Depending on the type of logged events, the monitoring system is ready to signal an alarm in case of anomalies.

• *Measures for ensuring system configuration, including default configuration*
  Tidio uses standard system configurations. The systems are continuously monitored and maintained in vulnerability-free versions.

  Ensure that critical or significant security updates/patches are installed in accordance in application programs (including browsers), application programs (including browser, plug-ins, PDF reader, etc.), security infrastructure (scanner d. in security infrastructure (virus scanner, firewall, IDS systems, content filters, routers, etc. internal server operating systems).

• *Measures for internal IT and IT security governance and management.*
  Tidio has a security and risk management program that includes the following aspects:
  ✓ Employee accounts are assigned privileges according to the principle of least privilege - meaning that an individual has the minimum level of privilege that is necessary for them to perform the duties of their position.
  ✓ Employees are trained on security and privacy best practices.
  ✓ Access to resources by an employee is closely tied to their employment status. Upon termination, all access to resources is immediately revoked.
✓ Employees are required to use multi-step authentication using secure components such as TOTP tokens or U2F hardware keys.
✓ Access to the internal network infrastructure is only possible via VPN from the employee's device.
✓ Employee access privileges are periodically verified.
✓ Employee email addresses are regularly searched in a public data leak database.

• **Measures for ensuring accountability.**
  ✓ Tidio conducts company-internal audits of the application and maintenance of an adequate level of personal data protection and security, in particular IT;
  ✓ Tidio has implemented the documentation necessary for the proper processing of personal data in accordance with the law, in particular as required by the GDPR regulation;
  ✓ Based on the risk analysis conducted and related to cyber security, procedures and policies have been developed and implemented to ensure an appropriate level of protection;
  ✓ All documentation related to the protection of personal data as well as the safeguards applied, especially IT safeguards, is kept in electronic or physical form;
  ✓ Tidio also introduced various factual solutions, among others:
    - limiting accessibility to data by employees;
    - employee training, including access to employee training materials to raise and ensure an appropriate level of awareness in Organization.

• **Measures for allowing data portability and ensuring erasure.**
  Tidio has functionality that allows you to delete your account along with its associated data at the request of the account owner.