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Standard Contractual Clauses



On the 4th June 2021, the European Commission released a new set of Standard Contractual Clauses (SCCs) for transfers of personal data from the ED to third countries.

The new SCCs are an improvement on the legacy SCCs, but considerable effort and investment will be required by organisations using SCCs to make the changes necessary to implement the new SCCs into new and legacy data transfer arrangements.

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There are two timelines that organisations need to meet. Firstly, organisations may not use the legacy SCCs for new data transfers after 27 September 2021—meaning that organisations will need to update templates to accommodate the new SCCs before this date.

Secondly, the legacy SCCs will cease to be valid for data transfers after 27 December 2022—meaning that organisations need to identify those data transfers that continue beyond that date and transition those transfers to the new SCCs.

"...even smaller organisations potentially face a resource heavy project..."

In addition to implementing the new SCCs, organisations must also risk assess their data transfers to understand whether any additional technical safeguards are required in addition to the new SCCs to protect the personal data being transferred.

How we can help

Condor is an alternative legal solutions (ALS) provider and a division of Fieldfisher LLP a European law firm with a market-leading privacy, security and information law practice.

Condor ALS provides cost efficient and fixed price alternatives to engagements that previously would have been charged on a time and materials basis, by utilising the right staffing combinations and innovative technologies to deliver and manage work.

Condor ALS combines the legal, regulatory and data management expertise of Fieldfisher lawyers with the negotiation, project management and technology capabilities of market-leading third service providers or our very own near shore teams to offer clients a comprehensive, quality-assured suite of solutions through a single contract.

- Access to Fieldfisher's leading Privacy, Security and Information Law practice.
- Condor offers end-to-end project management for all large scale repapering exercises.
- Bespoke technology to quickly and automatically analyse and categorise contracts, generate amendment agreements and track negotiation progress.

The transition period

An 18 month transition period may seem generous, but organisations should not underestimate the time and effort required to make these changes.

The migration to new SCCs will involve:

Amending templates to incorporate the new SCCs Completing transfer impact assessment on all data transfers using SCCs.

Identifying data transfers that use the legacy SCCs and those that will need to transition to new

Prepare new SCCs for legacy data transfers and issue to counterparties.

Negotiate and agree new SCCs with counterparties.

The value we add

Condor's scalable, flexible and cost-effective model enables us to deliver an efficient and cost effective outcome for our clients whenever they need it. We can scale up to meet larger requests so a client can deal with potentially disruptive requests without having to constantly redirect already scarce internal legal resources.

If you would like to learn more about Condor ALS and how we can help you, please get in touch with us now.