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Safe Harbor Compliance Services

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Want your business to be recognized as Safe Harbor Compliant?

US-EU and US-Swiss SAFE HARBOR Overview:

European Commission's Directive on Data Protection went into effect in October of 1998, and would prohibit the transfer of personal data to non-European Union countries that do not meet the European Union (EU) "adequacy" standard for privacy protection. While the United States and the EU share the goal of enhancing privacy protection for their citizens, the United States takes a different approach to privacy from that taken by the EU.

In order to bridge these differences in approach and provide a streamlined means for U.S. organizations to comply with the Directive, the U.S. Department of Commerce in consultation with the European Commission developed the U.S.-EU "Safe Harbor" framework.

The U.S. Department of Commerce in consultation with the Federal Data Protection and Information Commissioner of Switzerland developed a separate "Safe Harbor" framework to bridge the differences between the two countries' approaches to privacy and provide a streamlined means for U.S. organizations to comply with Swiss data protection law – the U.S.-Swiss Safe Harbor.

Safe Harbor Benefits:

The safe harbor provides a number of important benefits to U.S. and EU firms. Most importantly, it provides predictability and continuity for U.S. and EU companies that are sending and receiving personal information from Europe. All 15 member countries are bound by the European Commission's finding of adequacy. The safe harbor eliminates the need for prior approval to begin data transfers, or makes approval from the appropriate EU member countries automatic. The Safe Harbor Privacy Principles offer a simpler and cheaper means of complying with the adequacy requirements of the Directive, which should particularly benefit small and medium enterprises.

An EU organization can ensure that it is sending information to a U.S. organization participates in the safe harbor by viewing the public list of safe harbor organizations posted on the Department of Commerce's website. This list will contain the names of all U.S. companies that have self-certified to the Safe Harbor Privacy Principles and any additional documentation. This list will be regularly updated, so that it is clear who is in the safe harbor.

What do the Safe Harbor Principles Required ?

- **Notice** - Individuals must be informed that their data is being collected and about how it will be used. .
- **Choice** - Individuals must have the ability to opt out of the collection and forward transfer of the data to third parties.
- **Onward Transfer** - Transfers of data to third parties may only occur to other organizations that follow adequate data protection principles.
- **Security** - Reasonable efforts must be made to prevent loss of collected information
- **Data Integrity** - Data must be relevant and reliable for the purpose it was collected for.
- **Access** - Individuals must be able to access information held about them, and correct or delete it if it is inaccurate.
- **Enforcement** - There must be effective means of enforcing these rules..

How AnumTech can assist your organization to comply with the Safe Harbor requirements:

- ❖ We will review Safe Harbor Framework requirements with you to determine if it is a right solution for your organization.
- ❖ We will assist you in developing a privacy policy that meets the safe harbor privacy principles. We will do so by :
 - ✚ Analyzing the inflow of the data in your organization, Data Usage, and the data that you share with third parties outside of your organization.
 - ✚ Help determine who to give the notices and when.
 - ✚ Once it is in place, we will make sure that the notices are drafted accurately and are given at all appropriate times and places.
 - ✚ Opt/in and Opt/out
 - ✚ Onward Transfer
 - ✚ Access
 - ✚ Security of personal Information
 - ✚ Data Integrity
 - ✚ Enforcement
 - ✚ Assessment
 - ✚ Training

A privacy policy adhering to the safe harbor principles will indicate that your organization places great value on data privacy protection and will make every effort to respect Europeans' and/or Swiss' requests regarding use of their personal information.

- ❖ We will provide technical assistance and educational materials to assist you throughout the process for meeting the safe harbor requirements. We stand ready to assist your organization in:
 - ✚ Meeting the US Department of Commerce's registration requirements for safe harbor,
 - ✚ Developing required processes/procedures for your organization.
 - ✚ Suggesting an independent third-party dispute resolution mechanism, and
 - ✚ Addressing any other questions or concerns your company has regarding the safe harbor process.

Our Commitment is our Strength

To know more about our Safe Harbor Compliance Services,
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