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Working Document setting up a table with Recommendations 1/2022 on the Application for Approval and on the elements and principles to be found in Controller Binding Corporate Rules (Art. 47 GDPR)

The recommendations will be subject to public consultation until 10 January 2023.

ELEMENTS AND PRINCIPLES TO BE FOUND IN BCR-C

Criteria for <u>BCR-C</u> approval of BCRs	In the BCRs <u>BCR-C</u>	In the application form	Texts of reference <u>Reference</u>	Comments	References to <u>BCR-C</u> , application/ <u>BCRs</u> form <u>BCR-C</u> , and / or <u>supporting documents</u> ¹
1 - BINDING NATURE					
INTERNALLY					
1.1 The duty <u>Duty</u> to respect the <u>BCRs</u> <u>-BCR-C</u>	YES	<u>YES-NO</u>	Article 47(1)(a) and (2)(c) GDPR ²	The BCRs <u>BCR-C</u> must be legally binding and shall <u>should</u> contain a clear duty for each <u>participating BCR member of the Group of undertakings or group of enterprises engaged in a joint economic activity ("BCR member")</u> , including their employees, to respect the BCRs <u>BCR-C</u> .	

¹ ~~To be completed by applicant.~~ To be completed by the applicant by inserting references to the paragraphs/sections/parts of the BCR documents and, if necessary, any supporting documents, that address the respective requirement. Please note that all mandatory content needs to be included in the BCR documents (in the core document(s) or its annexes), while "supporting documents" (i.e. documents that are not part of the BCR) may only be submitted for reasons of further explanation. Furthermore, it is not necessary to "copy & paste" text from the BCR documents, but it suffices mentioning the relevant sections of the documents as such. Examples: "Section 4.1 of the BCR document and paragraph 2.1 of Annex I (intra-group agreement); Part 2, Section 4 of the Application", "Section 2.1 of the BCR document and paragraph 3 of Annex 2 (Audit concept)".

² References in this paper to GDPR provisions do not imply that GDPR applies directly to the BCR members acting as data importers, but should rather be understood as the threshold for commitments that need to be made in a BCR. If the BCR make reference to GDPR provisions, possible wording to indicate this might e.g. be "in line with Article X of the GDPR", "... as those provided for by Article X of the GDPR".

<p>1.2 An explanation<u>Explanation</u> of how the rules<u>BCR-C</u> are internally³ made binding on the BCR members of the group₂ and also the on<u>their</u> employees</p>	NO	YES	Article 47(1)(a) and (2)(c) GDPR	<p>The Group will have to explain in its application form how the rules<u>BCR-C</u> are made binding ;₁ For each participating company/entity in the group<u>BCR member</u>, by one or more of the following₂:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a)<u>a)</u> Intra-group agreement ;₁ b)<u>b)</u> Unilateral undertakings (this is only possible<u>Declaration (hereinafter “UD”)</u>, if the BCR member<u>following</u> requirements are met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The entity/entities<u>The entity/entities</u> taking responsibility and liability is(see Section 1.4 below) is/are<u>is(see Section 1.4 below) is/are</u> located in a Member State that recognizes Unilateral undertakings<u>recognising UD</u>s as binding; The entity/entities<u>The entity/entities</u> taking responsibility and if this BCR member is<u>if this BCR member is</u> liability (see Section 1.4 below) is/are<u>is/are</u> legally able to bind the other BCR members subject to BCRs<u>BCR members</u>, and this is expressly provided for, e.g. in a separate written commitment from that entity;<u>and this is expressly provided for, e.g. in a separate written commitment from that entity;</u> The BCR-C state the principle that all the entities identified in the UD are bound by the BCR-C;<u>The BCR-C state the principle that all the entities identified in the UD are bound by the BCR-C;</u> The law applicable to the UD is the law of the country of the entity/entities taking responsibility and liability (see Section 1.4 below). The applicable law is expressly stated in the UD; and<u>The law applicable to the UD is the law of the country of the entity/entities taking responsibility and liability (see Section 1.4 below). The applicable law is expressly stated in the UD; and</u> It is the Group’s responsibility to verify that any additional requirements of the applicable law for bindingness are met (such as publication of the UD, ...).<u>It is the Group’s responsibility to verify that any additional requirements of the applicable law for bindingness are met (such as publication of the UD, ...).</u> c)<u>c)</u> Other means (only if the group<u>Group</u> demonstrates how the binding character of the BCRs<u>BCR-C</u> is achieved}). The₃ 	
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³ Please note that besides having internal binding nature (i.e. binding effect on the BCR members and their employees) the BCR-C must also have an external binding effect in the sense of providing legal enforceability (of certain parts of the BCR-C) for the data subjects by creating third-party beneficiary rights. See Section 1.3 below as regards this external binding effect.

				<p><u>BCR Lead can require corresponding documentation that demonstrates the binding character.</u>⁴</p> <p>ii) On employees by one or more of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -a) Individual and separate agreement(s) / undertaking with sanctions; -b) Clause in employment contract with a description of applicable sanctions; - Internal policies with sanctions, or -c) Collective agreements with sanctions; -d) Internal policies with sanctions; or e) Other means (but the group must). <p><u>Regarding d) and e) above, the Group should properly explain/demonstrate (1) how those means make the BCRs made BCR-C legally binding on the employees, and (2) that and how they will be enforced in practice vis-à-vis the employees).</u></p> <p><u>The BCR Lead can request corresponding documentation that demonstrates the binding character.</u></p>	
EXTERNALLY					
<p>1.3 The creation. <u>1 Creation</u> of third-party beneficiary rights for that are enforceable by data subjects. Including the possibility to lodge a complaint before the competent SA and before the courts</p>	YES	YES <u>NO</u> <u>YES</u>	Article 47(1)(b), (2)(c) and (e) GDPR	<p>The BCRs <u>BCR-C</u> must expressly confer rights onto data subjects to enforce the rules <u>BCR-C</u> as third-party beneficiaries.</p> <p>Data subjects must, at least <u>be able to enforce as regards</u> the following elements of the BCRs <u>BCR-C</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Data protection principles (Art. 47.2.d and Section 6.1 of this referential), - <u>Data protection principles, lawfulness of processing, security and personal data breach notifications, restrictions</u> 	

⁴ The most straightforward instrument in this regard is a contractual arrangement (i.e., an intra-group agreement), since contractual arrangements can be legally enforced by third parties as beneficiaries under private law in all Member States.

			<p>on onward transfers (see Article 47(2)(d) GDPR, and Sections 5.1.1, 5.1.2, 5.1.3 second paragraph 3rd indent [“duty to notify without undue delay to data subjects where the personal data breach is likely to result in a high risk to their rights and freedoms”], and 5.1.4 below);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transparency and easy access to BCRs (Art. the BCR-C (see Article 47-(2-)(g) GDPR, and Section 6.1, SectionSections 1.7 of this referential), and 5.1.1 below); - Rights of <u>information</u>, access, rectification, erasure, restriction, notification regarding rectification or erasure or restriction, objection to processing, right not to be subject to decisions based solely on automated processing, including profiling (GDPR Art. see Article 47-(2-)(e and Art.), Articles 15, 16, 17, 18 to 19, 21, and 22), – GDPR, and Section 5.2 below); – National legislation preventing respect of BCRs (Art. 47.2.m and Section 6.3 of this referential), - Obligations in case of local laws and practices affecting compliance with the BCR-C and in case of government access requests (see Article 47(2)(m) GDPR, and Section 5.4.1 and 5.4.2 below); - Right to complain through the <u>Group’s</u> internal complaint mechanism of the companies (Art. process (see Article 47-(1-)(i) GDPR, and Section 23.2 of this referential), below); - Cooperation duties with Supervisory Authorities (Art. Competent SAs (see Article 47-(2-)(j), (k and l, Section 3.1 of this referential), – Liability and jurisdiction provisions (Art. 47.2.e and f, Section 1.3, 1.4 of this referential). In particular, the BCRs must confer the right to lodge a complaint with the competent supervisory authority (choice before the SA in the Member State of his habitual residence, place of work or place of the alleged infringement, pursuant to art. 77 GDPR), and before the competent court of the EU Member States (choice for the data subject to act before the courts 	
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			<p>where the controller or processor has an establishment or where the data subject has his or her habitual residence pursuant to Article 79 GDPR).</p> <p>The BCRs should expressly confer to the data subjects the right to judicial remedies (l) GDPR, and the right to obtain redress and, where appropriate, compensation in case of any breach of one of the enforceable elements of the BCRs as enumerated above (see Articles 77 – 82 GDPR).</p> <p>Companies should ensure that all those rights are <u>Section 4.1 below</u>) relating to compliance obligations covered by the<u>this</u> third party beneficiary clause of their BCRs by, for example, making a reference to the clauses/sections/parts of their BCRs where these rights are regulated or by listing them all in the said third party beneficiary clause.;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Jurisdiction and liability provisions (see Article 47(2)(e) and (f) GDPR, and Sections 1.3.2 and 1.4 below);</u> - <u>Duty to inform the data subjects about any update of the BCR-C and of the list of BCR members , e.g. by way of publishing the new version without delay (see Section 8.1 below);</u> - <u>Third-party beneficiary clause itself (see present Section 1.3.1);</u> - <u>Right to judicial remedies, redress and compensation (see Section 1.3.2 below)</u> <p>These rights do not extend to those elements of the BCRs <u>BCR-C</u> pertaining to internal mechanisms implemented within entities, such as detail<u>details</u> of training, audit programmes<u>programme</u>, compliance network, and mechanism for updating of the rules<u>BCR-C</u>.</p> <p><u>The Group needs to make sure that third-party beneficiary rights are effectively created to make those commitments</u></p>	
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				<p><u>binding , e.g. enforceable by the data subjects (see Section 1.2 belowabove).</u></p> <p><u>To this aim, the Group needs to provide for and briefly explain in the application form how the instrument(s) it intends to apply in order to make the BCR-C internally binding (see Section 1.2 above) also enable the data subjects to legally enforce these BCR-C elements against the Group (at least against the member(s) with responsibility and liability as per Section 1.4). For example, if the Group intends to apply an intra-group agreement in this regard (see Section 1.2.i.a), it should briefly explain how such intra group agreement will be enforceable by the data subjects.</u></p>	
<p><u>1.3.2 Right to judicial remedies, redress and compensation for data subjects</u></p>	<p><u>YES</u></p>	<p><u>NO</u></p>	<p><u>Article 47(2)(e) and Articles 77 to 82 GDPR</u></p>	<p><u>The BCR-C shall expressly confer on data subjects the right to judicial remedies and the right to obtain redress and, where appropriate, compensation in case of any breach of one of the enforceable elements of the BCR-C as enumerated in Section 1.3.1 above. The BCR members accept that data subjects may be represented by a not-for-profit body, organisation or association under the conditions set out in Article 80(1) GDPR (see Articles 77 – 82 GDPR).</u></p> <p><u>The BCR members should make sure that all those rights are covered by the third-party beneficiary clause of the BCR-C, for example, by making reference to the clauses, sections, and/or parts of the BCR-C where those rights are regulated, or by listing them in the said third-party beneficiary clause.</u></p> <p><u>The BCR-C must confer on data subjects the right to lodge a complaint (by including a direct reference to such right in the relevant BCR-C documents that are binding and published):</u></p> <p><u>- with a SA, in particular in the Member State of the data subject’s habitual residence, place of work or place of the alleged infringement; and</u></p>	

				- before the competent court of the Member States where <u>the controller or processor has an establishment, or where the data subject has their habitual residence.</u>	
1.4 The EU headquarters, EU One or more BCR member(s) in the EEA with delegated data protection responsibilities or the data exporter accepts responsibility accept liability for paying compensation to data subjects and to remedy remediating breaches of the BCRs-BCR-C (hereinafter “Liable BCR Member(s)”)	YES	YES-NO	Article 47(2)(f) GDPR	<p>The BCRs-BCR-C must contain a duty for the EU headquarters, or the EU that, at any given time, one BCR member with delegated responsibilities to acceptin the EEA accepts responsibility for and to agree<u>agrees</u> to take the necessary action<u>actions</u> to remedy the acts of other BCR members outside of the EU bound by the BCRs-EEA, and to pay compensation for any material or non-material damages resulting from the violation of the BCRs-BCR-C by <u>such</u> BCR members- (“centralised responsibility and liability regime”).</p> <p><u>SAs may also, on a case-by-case basis, accept solutions where several BCR members established in the EEA have such responsibility and liability, and where sufficient and adequate assurances are provided by the applicant. Where an alternative mechanism to the centralised responsibility and liability regime is used, the applicant should show that data subjects will be transparently informed, assisted in exercising their rights and not disadvantaged or unduly inhibited in any way by the use of such alternative mechanism.</u></p> <p>The BCRs-BCR-C <u>should</u> also state that, if a BCR member outside the EU-EEA violates the BCRs-BCR-C, the courts or other competent<u>judicial</u> authorities in the EU-EEA will have jurisdiction, and the data subjects<u>subjects</u> will have the rights and remedies against the <u>Liable</u> BCR member that has accepted responsibility and liability as if the violation had been caused by them<u>the latter</u> in the Member State in which they are<u>it is</u> based, instead of the BCR member outside the EU.</p> <p>Another option, in particular if it is not possible for a group with particular corporate structures to impose on a specific entity to take all the responsibility for any breach of BCRs</p>	

				outside of the EU, it may provide that every BCR member exporting data out of the EU on the basis of the BCR will be liable for any breaches of the BCRs by the BCR member established outside the EU which received the data from this EU BCR member. EEA.	
1.5 The company <u>Liable BCR member(s)</u> has sufficient assets-	NO	YES	{WP 74 point 5.5.2. §2 (page 18)+ WP108 point 5.17. (page 6)} <u>Article 70(1)(i) GDPR</u>	The application form must <u>should</u> contain a confirmation that any <u>the</u> <u>Liable BCR member that has accepted liability for the acts of other members bound by the BCRs outside of the EU(s)</u> has sufficient assets, <u>or has made appropriate arrangements to enable itself to pay compensation for damages resulting from the</u> the <u>breach of the BCRs.</u> <u>BCR-C.</u> <u>Such confirmation should be renewed at the occasion of every annual update (see Section 8.1 below).</u>	
1.6 The burden of proof lies with the company not the individual. <u>Liable BCR member(s)</u>	YES	YES <u>NO</u>	Article 47(2)(f) GDPR	BCRs <u>The BCR-C must state</u> <u>contain the commitment that the BCR member that has accepted liability will also have the burden of proof to where data subjects can demonstrate that the BCR member outside the EU is not liable for any violation of the rules</u> <u>they have suffered damage and establish facts which has resulted in show it is likely that the data subject claiming damages.</u> <u>If</u> <u>damage has occurred because of the breach of the BCR-C, it will be for the</u> <u>Liable BCR member that has accepted liability</u> can <u>to prove that the BCR member outside of the EU is</u> EEA <u>was not responsible for the event</u> <u>breach of the BCR-C giving rise to the damage, it may discharge itself from any responsibility</u> <u>those damages, or that no such breach took place.</u>	
1.7 Transparency and easy <u>Easy</u> access to BCRs <u>the BCR-C</u> for data subjects	YES	NO	Article 47(2)(g) GDPR	BCRs <u>The BCR-C must contain the commitment that all data subjects</u> benefitting from the third party beneficiary rights should be provided with the information as required by Articles 13 and 14 GDPR, <u>information on their third-party</u>	

			<p>beneficiary rights₂ with regard to the processing of their personal data₂ and on the means to exercise those rights_{7,2}.</p> <p><u>Furthermore, the BCR-C must contain the commitment that data subjects will be provided at least with the description of the scope of the BCR-C (see Section 2 below), the clause relating to the Group's liability (see Section 1.4 above), the clauses relating to the data protection principles (see Section 5.1.1 below), to the lawfulness of the processing (see Section 5.1.2 below), to security and personal data breach notifications (see Section 5.1.3 below), to restrictions on onward transfers (see Section 5.1.4 below), and the clauses relating to the data protection principles rights of the data subjects (see Section 5.2 below). This information should be up-to-date, and presented to data subjects in a clear, intelligible, and transparent way⁵. This information should be provided in full, hence a summary hereof will not be sufficient.</u></p> <p><u>The</u> <u>Moreover, the BCR-C must illustrate the way in which such information should will be provided in full and a summary will not be sufficient --</u></p> <p><u>The BCRs must contain the right for every data subject to have an easy access to them. For instance, the BCRs BCR-C may state that at least the parts of the BCRs BCR-C on which information to the data subjects is mandatory (as described in the previous paragraph paragraphs) will be published on the internet or on the intranet (when data subjects are only the company Group staff having access to the intranet).</u></p> <p><u>In case the Group plans to not publish the BCR-C as a whole, but only certain parts or a specific version aimed at</u></p>	
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⁵See Guidelines on Transparency under Regulation 2016/679, WP260rev.01, endorsed by the European Data Protection Board on 25/05/2018

				<p><u>informing data subjects, the Group should expressly provide in the BCR-C the list of the elements that it will include in that public version.</u></p> <p><u>In such situation, the description of the material scope of the BCR-C⁶ should always be part of the information on the BCR-C that is publicly available. The list of definitions (see Section 9.1 below) and, if applicable, of abbreviations which are used in the BCR-C, should in any case be included in the parts of the BCR-C which are published. The BCR-C should contain an express commitment in this regard.</u></p> <p><u>The BCR-C must use clear and plain language so that employees and any other person in charge with applying the BCR-C can sufficiently understand them. The same applies to any parts/version of the BCR-C that will be published with the aim of providing access to the BCR-C for data subjects.</u></p>	
<u>2 - SCOPE OF THE BCR</u>					
<u>2.1 Description of the material scope of the BCR-C</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>Article 47(2)(b) GDPR</u>	<p><u>In order to be transparent as to the scope of the BCRC, the BCR-C must specify their material scope, and therefore contain a description of the transfers.</u></p> <p><u>The BCR-C must, in particular, specify per transfer or set of transfers⁷ (for example, by means of a table):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>- the categories of personal data;</u> <u>- the type of processing and their purposes;</u> <u>- the categories of data subjects (e.g. data related to employees, customers, suppliers and other third parties as</u> 	

⁶ See Section 2.1 below.

⁷ The information on the transfers must be exhaustive in that every transfer or set of transfers must be described. This does not mean that the information must be provided with a high degree of specificity or granularity. Where the description provided by the applicant is too broad, general or vague, the applicant should be able to explain why it is not in a position to provide more detailed information. If and to the extent that any of the elements provided in the transfers' description changes in the future, the process for BCR-C updates applies, i.e., information on the amendments to the BCR-C must be provided in the annual BCR-C update notified to the BCR Lead (see Section 8.1 below).

				<p><u>part of the Group’s respective regular business activities); and</u> <u>- the third country or countries.</u></p> <p><u>As to the data subjects covered, BCR-C will apply to all data subjects whose personal data are transferred within the scope of the BCR-C from an entity under the scope of application of Chapter V GDPR. Therefore, the scope of the BCR-C may, in particular, not be limited to “EEA citizens or EEA residents”.</u></p>	
<p><u>2.2 List of BCR members, and description of the geographical scope of the BCR-C</u></p>	<p><u>YES</u></p>	<p><u>YES</u></p>	<p><u>Article 47(2)(a) GDPR</u></p>	<p><u>The BCR-C shall specify the structure and contact details of the Group and of each of its BCR members (contact details of the BCR members – such as address and company registration number, where available – should be inserted in the list of BCR members that is part of the BCR-C, for example an annex thereof, that has to be published along with the BCR-C).</u></p> <p><u>The BCR-C should indicate that they at least apply to all personal data transferred to BCR members outside the EEA, and onward transfers to other BCR members outside the EEA.</u></p>	
<p><u>23 - EFFECTIVENESS</u></p>					
<p><u>23.1-The existence of a suitable _____ Suitable _____ training programme</u></p>	<p><u>YES</u></p>	<p><u>YES NOYES</u></p>	<p><u>Article 47(2)(n) GDPR</u></p>	<p><u>The BCRs BCR-C must state that appropriate and up-to-date training on the BCRs will be BCR-C is provided to personnel that have permanent or regular access to personal data, who are involved in the collection of data or in the development of tools used to process personal data.</u></p> <p><u>The Supervisory Authorities training programme, including its materials, has to be developed to a sufficiently elaborate degree before the BCR-C are approved. In this regard it should be recalled that no transfer can be made under the BCR-C to a BCR member unless the member is effectively</u></p>	

				<p><u>bound by the BCR-C and can deliver compliance (see Section 7.1) which includes that appropriate training on the BCR-C can effectively be provided to the employees of the respective member.</u></p> <p><u>Training intervals should be specified in the BCR-C.</u></p> <p><u>Training should cover, among others, procedures of managing requests for access to personal data by public authorities.</u></p> <p><u>The SAs evaluating the BCRsBCR-C may ask for examples and explanations of the training programme during the application procedure.</u>The training programme should be specified in the application.</p>	
<p><u>3.2.2 The existence of a complaint Complaint handling process for the BCRsBCR-C</u></p>	YES	YES <u>NO</u>	<p>Article 47(2)(i) and Article 12(3) GDPR</p>	<p>An internal complaints<u>complaint</u> handling process must be set up in the BCRs<u>BCR-C</u> to ensure that any data subject should be able to exercise his/her<u>their</u> rights and complain about any BCR member.</p> <p>The complaints must be dealt with, without undue delay<u>The BCR-C (or, depending on the case, the parts of the BCR-C that will be published for the attention of data subjects, see Section 1.7 above) will include the point(s) of contact where data subjects can lodge any complaints related to the processing of their personal data covered by the BCR-C. A single point of contact or a number of points of contact are possible. In this regard, a physical address should be provided. Additionally, further contact options may be provided, e.g. web forms, a generic e-mail address and/or a phone number.</u></p> <p><u>While data subjects are encouraged to use the point(s) of contact indicated, this is not mandatory.</u></p> <p><u>The BCR-C must contain the duty for the controller to provide information on actions taken to the complainant</u></p>	

				<p><u>without undue delay</u>, and in any event within one month, by a clearly identified department or person with an appropriate level of independence in the exercise of <u>his/her/their</u> functions. Taking into account the complexity and number of the requests, that one-month period may be extended at maximum by two further months, in which case the <u>data subject/complainant</u> should be informed accordingly. <u>The application form must explain how data subjects will be informed about the practical steps of the complaint system, in particular:</u></p> <p><u>The BCR-C (or, depending on the case, the parts of the BCR-C that will be published for the attention of data subjects, see Section 1.7 above) should include information about the practical steps of the complaint process, in particular:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Where to complain, (point(s) of contact; see above);</u> - <u>In what form;</u> - <u>Delays- Consequences of delays for the reply onto the complaint;</u> - <u>Consequences in case of rejection of the complaint;</u> - <u>Consequences in case the complaint is considered as justified; and</u> - <u>Consequences if the data subject is not satisfied by the replies (reply, i.e., right to lodge a claim before the <u>Court/competent court</u> and a complaint before <u>the Supervisory Authority</u> - a SA (see Section 1.3.2 above), while clarifying that such right is not dependent on the data subject having used the complaint handling process beforehand.</u> 	
<p><u>2.3 The existence of an audit programme covering the BCRs-BCR-C</u></p>	YES	<u>YES-NO</u>	<p>Article 47(2)(j) and (l), and Article 38(3) GDPR</p>	<p>The <u>BCRs/BCR-C</u> must create a duty for the <u>group/Group</u> to have data protection audits on <u>a regular basis</u> (by either internal <u>and/or</u> external accredited auditors) <u>or on specific request from the privacy officer/function (or any other competent function in the organization) and if there are indications of non-</u></p>	

			<p><u>compliance</u> to ensure –verification of compliance with the <u>BCRs. BCR-C.</u></p> <p><u>The audit frequency envisaged should be specified in the BCR-C. The frequency needs to be determined on the basis of the risk(s) posed by the processing activities covered by the BCR-C to the rights and freedoms of data subjects.</u></p> <p><u>In addition</u> The BCRs must state that the audit programme covers all aspects of the BCRs including methods of ensuring that corrective actions will take place. Moreover, the BCRs must state that the result will be communicated to the privacy officer/function and to the relevant board of the controlling undertaking of a group or of the group of enterprises engaged in a joint economic activity. Where appropriate, the result may be communicated to the ultimate parent's board.</p> <p>The BCRs must state that Supervisory Authorities can have access to the results of the audit upon request and give the SAs the authority/power to carry out a data protection audit of any BCR member if required.</p> <p>The application form will contain a description of the audit system. For instance:</p> <p>–Which to the regular audits, specific audits (ad hoc audits) may be requested by the Privacy officer or Function (see Section 3.4 below), or any other competent function in the organisation.</p> <p><u>If audits will be carried out by external auditors, the BCR-C should specify the conditions under which such auditors may be entrusted.</u></p> <p><u>The BCR-C should state which</u> entity (department within the groupGroup) <u>decides on the audit plan/programme,</u></p> <p>–Which and which <u>entity will conduct the audit,–. Data protection officers should not be the ones in charge of auditing compliance with the BCR-C, if such situation can</u></p>	
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			<p>result in a conflict of interests. Functions that may possibly be entrusted with deciding on the audit plan/programme and/or with conducting audits include, for instance, Audit Departments, but other appropriate solutions may be acceptable too provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Time of the audit (regularly or on specific request from the appropriate Privacy function.) - Coverage of the audit - the persons in charge are guaranteed independence as to the performance of their duties related to these audits; and - <u>the BCR-C include an explicit commitment in this regard.</u> <p>The BCR-C should state that the audit programme covers all aspects of the BCR-C (for instance, applications, IT systems, databases that process Personal Datapersonal data, or onward transfers, decisions taken as regards mandatory requirementrequirements under national laws that conflictsconflict with the BCRsBCR-C, review of the contractual terms used for the transfers out of the Group (to controllers or processors of data), corrective actions, ...etc.), including methods and action plans ensuring that corrective actions have been implemented.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Which entity will receive <p><u>It is not mandatory to monitor all aspects of the BCRC each time a BCR member is audited, as long as all aspects of the BCR-C are monitored at appropriate regular intervals for that BCR member.</u></p> <p>Moreover, the BCR-C should state that the results <u>will be communicated:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>to the Privacy officer or Function (see Section 3.4 below);</u> - <u>to the board of the auditsLiable BCR member; and</u> - <u>where appropriate, also to the Group's ultimate parent's board.</u> 	
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				<p><u>The BCR-C must state that Competent SAs can have access to the results of the audit upon request.</u></p> <p><u>Since SAs are already bound by an obligation of confidentiality in the course of exercising their public office (see in particular Article 54(2) GDPR), the BCRC should not contain wording aimed at restricting the duty of all BCR members to communicate the results of the audit(s) to the SAs on grounds of confidentiality, e.g. related to the protection of business secrets.</u></p>	
<p>23.4 The creation<u>Creation</u> of a network of data protection officers (DPO<u>DPOs</u>) or appropriate staff for monitoring compliance with the rules.</p> <p><u>-BCR-C</u></p>	YES	NO	<p>Article 47(2)(h) and Article 38(3) GDPR</p>	<p><u>A-The BCR-C must contain a commitment to designate a DPO,</u> where required in line with article<u>Article 37 of the</u> GDPR, or any other person or entity (such as a chief privacy officer) with responsibility to monitor compliance with the BCR<u>BCR-C</u>, enjoying the highest management support for the fulfilling of this task.</p> <p>The DPO or the other privacy professionals can be assisted by a team, a network of local DPOs or local contacts, as appropriate- <u>(hereinafter “Privacy officer or Function”).</u></p> <p>The DPO shall directly report to the highest management level (GDPR Art. 38 3). <u>In addition, the DPO can inform the highest management level if any questions or problems arise during the performance of their duties.</u></p> <p>The BCR<u>BCR-C</u> should include a brief description of the internal structure, role, position and tasks of the DPO or similar function and the network created to ensure compliance with the rules<u>BCR-C</u>. For example, that the DPO or chief privacy officer informs and advises the highest management, deals with Supervisory Authorities’<u>Competent SAs’</u> investigations, monitors and annually reports on compliance at a global level, and that local DPOs or local contacts can be in charge of handling local complaints from</p>	

				<p>data subjects, reporting major privacy issues to the DPO, monitoring training and compliance at a local level.</p> <p><u>The DPO should not have any tasks that could result in conflict of interests. The DPO should not be in charge of carrying out data protection impact assessments, neither should they be in charge of carrying out the BCR-C audits if such situations can result in a conflict of interests. However, the DPO can play a very important and useful role in assisting the BCR members, and the advice of the DPO should be sought for such tasks.</u></p> <p><u>The BCR-C should specify that the DPO or other privacy professionals may be directly contacted. The BCR-C should include a commitment to publish their contact details.</u></p>	
34 - COOPERATION DUTY					
34.1 A dutyDuty to cooperate with <u>Competent SAs</u>	YES	YES -NO	Article 47(2)(l) and Article 31 GDPR	<p>The BCR<u>BCR-C</u> should contain a clear duty for all BCR members-:</p> <p>to co-operate<u>cooperate</u> with, to accept to be audited <u>and to be inspected, including where necessary, on-site, by the Supervisory Authorities and to comply with the competent SAs,</u></p> <p>- <u>to take into account their advice, and</u></p> <p>- <u>to abide by decisions of these Supervisory AuthoritiesSAs on any issue related to those rules-the BCR-C.</u></p> <p><u>The BCR-C shall include the obligation to provide the Competent SAs, upon request, with any information about the processing operations covered by the BCR-C.</u></p> <p><u>Since SAs are already bound by an obligation of confidentiality in the course of exercising their public office (see in particular Article 54(2) GDPR), the BCRC may not contain wording aimed at restricting the duty of all BCR members to cooperate with the Competent SAs, to take into account their advice, to abide by their decisions or to accept</u></p>	

				<p><u>to be audited and to be inspected by them including, where necessary, on-site, or to accept audits by them on grounds of confidentiality, e.g. related to the protection of business secrets.</u></p> <p><u>The BCR-C can neither limit the duty to cooperate with Competent SAs nor limit their powers, in particular in relation to the practical modalities of the audits conducted by these SAs (e.g., not limited to business hours).</u></p> <p><u>The BCR-C need to include a commitment that any dispute related to the Competent SAs' exercise of supervision of compliance with the BCR-C will be resolved by the courts of the Member State of that SA, in accordance with that Member State's procedural law. The BCR members agree to submit themselves to the jurisdiction of these courts.</u></p>	
4—DESCRIPTION OF PROCESSING AND 5 - DATA FLOWS PROTECTION SAFEGUARDS					
4.1 A description of the material scope of the BCRs (nature of data transferred, type of data subjects, countries)-5.1.1 Description of the data protection principles	YES	YES NO	Article 47(2)(b)d) and Article 5 GDPR	<p><u>The BCR-C should explicitly include and describe the following principles to be observed by the BCR members.</u></p> <p><u>The BCR-C need to establish those principles in a sufficiently elaborated manner that is in line with the content of the principles as provided for in the GDPR provisions.</u></p> <p><u>The BCR-C should not include general limitations to the application of these principles (e.g., pre-defined lists of overriding interests), which limitations can only be applied on a case-by case basis, and, where applicable, in accordance with the transparency requirements.</u></p>	

				<p><u>i. Transparency, fairness and lawfulness</u> (see Section 5.1.2 below) for processing of personal data, special categories of data, and data relating to criminal convictions and offences (see Article 5(1)(a), and Articles 6, 9, and 10 GDPR);</p> <p><u>ii. Purpose limitation</u> (see Article 5(1)(b) GDPR);</p> <p><u>iii. Data minimisation and accuracy</u> (see Article 5(1)(c) and (d) GDPR);</p> <p><u>iv. Limited storage periods</u> (see Article 5(1)(e) GDPR);</p> <p><u>v. Security</u> (integrity and confidentiality, see Section 5.1.3 below, and Article 5(1)(f) GDPR); and</p> <p><u>vi.</u> The BCRs must specify their material scope and therefore contain a general description of the transfers so as to allow the Supervisory Authorities to assess that the processing carried out in third countries is compliant. The BCRs must in particular, specify the data transfers or set of transfers, including the nature and categories of personal data, the type of processing and its purposes, the types of data subjects affected (data related to employees, customers, suppliers and other third parties as part of its respective regular business activities) and the identification of the third country or countries. <u>Onward transfers</u> (see Section 5.1.4 below and Chapter V GDPR).</p>	
4.2 A statement of the geographical scope of the BCRs	YES	YES	Article 47(2)(a) GDPR	<p>The BCRs shall specify the structure and contact details of the group of undertakings or group of enterprises engaged in a joint economic activity and of each of its Members.</p> <p>The BCRs should indicate if they apply to:</p> <p>i) All personal data transferred from the European Union within the group OR,</p> <p>ii) All processing of personal data within the group</p>	
5— MECHANISMS FOR REPORTING AND RECORDING CHANGES					
5.1 A process for updating the BCRs <u>5.1.2 Lawfulness of processing</u>	YES	<u>YES-NO</u>	Article 47(2)(k d), Article 5(1)(a), and	The BCRs can be modified (for instance to take into account modifications of the regulatory environment or the company structure) but they <u>BCR-C</u> should impose a duty to report changes	

			<p><u>Articles 6 and 9 GDPR</u></p>	<p>without undue delay to all BCR members and to the relevant Supervisory Authorities, via the competent Supervisory Authority.</p> <p>Updates to the BCRs or to the<u>contain an exhaustive list of the Members of the BCRs are possible without having to re-apply for an approval providing that:</u></p> <p>i) An identified person or team/department keeps a fully updated list of all legal basis for processing which the BCR members and keeps track of and record any updates to the rules and provide the necessary information to the data subjects or Supervisory Authorities upon request.</p> <p>ii) No transfer is made to a new BCR member until the new BCR member is effectively bound<u>intend to rely on. Only legal basis as those stipulated in Article 6(1) and (3) GDPR, or in other legal basis laid down in Union or Member state law, as permitted by the BCRs and GDPR, can deliver compliance. be used.</u>⁸</p> <p>In <u>iii) Any changes to the BCRs or to the list of BCR members should be reported once a year to the relevant SAs, via the competent SA with a brief explanation of the reasons justifying the update. iv) Where a modification would possibly affect the level of the protection offered by the BCRs or significantly affect the BCRs (i.e. changes to the binding character), it must be promptly communicated to the relevant Supervisory Authorities, via the competent SA. addition, special categories of personal data may only be processed if exemptions as the ones envisaged by Article 9(2) GDPR apply. The BCR-C should contain an exhaustive list of all such exemptions.</u></p> <p><u>Processing of personal data relating to criminal convictions and offences shall be prohibited, unless the same exemptions as the ones envisaged by Article 10 GDPR apply.</u></p>	
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⁸ As regards possible conflicts with third country legal obligations, see Section 5.4.1 below.

6—DATA PROTECTION SAFEGUARDS					
6.1.1 A description of the data protection principles including the rules on transfers or onward transfers out of the EU. <u>5.1.3 Security and personal data breach notifications</u>	YES	<u>YES-NO</u>	Article 47(2)(d) <u>and Articles 32 to 34 GDPR</u>	<p>The BCRs should explicitly include the following principles to be observed by the company: <u>The BCR-C should include a commitment to implement appropriate technical and organisational measures to ensure a level of security appropriate to the risk(s) for the rights and freedoms of natural persons (see Article 5(f) and Article 32 GDPR). It is not mandatory to copy-paste the wording of such GDPR provisions. However, the BCR-C need to create those obligations in a sufficiently elaborated manner that is in line with the content of these provisions.</u></p> <p><u>The BCR-C should include a</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. <u>Transparency, fairness and lawfulness (GDPR Art. 5.1.a, 6, 9, 10, 13 and 14)</u> ii. <u>Purpose limitation (GDPR Art.5.1.b)</u> iii. <u>Data minimisation and accuracy (GDPR Art. 5.1.c and d)</u> iv. <u>Limited storage periods (GDPR Art. 5.1.e)</u> v. <u>Processing of special categories of personal data</u> vi. <u>Security (GDPR Art. 5.f and 32) including the obligation to enter into contracts with all internal and external subcontractors/processors which comprise all requirements as set out in Art. 28.3 GDPR and as well the duty to notify:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>- without undue delay, any personal data breaches to the EU headquarters or the EU Liable BCR member with delegated data protection responsibilities and the other relevant Privacy Officer/Function and officer or Function, as well as to the BCR member acting as a controller when a BCR member acting as a processor becomes aware of a data breach;</u> <u>- without undue delay, and, where feasible, not later than 72 hours after having become aware of the personal data breach to the Competent SA, unless the personal data breach is unlikely to result in a risk to the rights and freedoms of natural persons;</u> 	

				<p>- <u>without undue delay to data subjects</u>, where the personal data breach is likely to result in a high risk to their rights and freedoms <u>in line with the requirements of Article 34 GDPR</u> -</p> <p>-</p> <p>Furthermore, any personal data breaches<u>breach</u> should be documented (comprising the facts relating to the personal data breach, its effects, and the remedial action taken),<u> and the documentation should be made available to the supervisory authority on</u><u>Competent SA upon request (GDPR Art. 33 and 34)- see Articles 33 and 34 GDPR).</u></p> <p>iii- Restriction on transfers and onward transfers to processors and controllers which are not part of the group (BCR members that are controllers can transfer data to processors/controllers out of the group that are located outside of the EU provided that adequate protection is provided according to Articles 45, 46, 47 48 GDPR, or that a derogation according to 49 GDPR applies)</p> <p>The wording and definitions of the BCRs key principles should be consistent with the wording and definitions of the GDPR.</p>	
<u>5.1.4 Restrictions on onward transfers</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Article 47(2)(d) GDPR and Article 44 GDPR</u>	<u>BCR-C should contain the commitment that personal data that have been transferred under the BCR may only be onward transferred outside the EEA to processors and controllers which are not bound by the BCR-C⁹ if the conditions for transfers laid down in Articles 44 to 46 GDPR are applied in order to ensure that the level of protection of natural persons guaranteed by GDPR is not undermined. In the absence of an adequacy decision or appropriate safeguards, BCR-C may include a provision that onward transfers may exceptionally take place if a derogation applies in line with Article 49 GDPR.</u>	
<u>5.2 Rights of data subjects</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Article 47(2)(e),</u>	<u>The BCR-C should provide data subjects with the rights of information, access, rectification, erasure, restriction,</u>	

⁹ For onward transfers to other BCR members outside the EEA, see Section 2.2 above.

			<p><u>Articles 12 to 19 and 21 to 22 GDPR</u></p>	<p><u>notification regarding rectification or erasure or restriction, objection to processing, right not to be subject to decisions based solely on automated processing, including profiling, in the same way as these rights are provided for by Articles 12 to 19, and Articles 21 and 22 GDPR.</u></p> <p><u>It is not mandatory to copy-paste the wording of the above-mentioned GDPR provisions. However, the BCR-C need to create those rights in a sufficiently elaborated manner that is in line with the content of these provisions.</u></p>	
<p><u>6.1.25.3</u> Accountability and other tools</p>	YES	YES -NO	<p>Article 47(2)(d), and ArticleArticles 30, 35-36 GDPR</p>	<p>Every entityBCR member acting as data-controller shall be responsible for and able to demonstrate compliance with the BCRs (GDPR Art. BCR-C (see Article 5-(2) and Article 24)-GDPR).</p> <p>¶The BCR-C need to contain a commitment to enter into <u>contracts with all internal and external contractors/processors and must specify the content of such contracts, as set out in Article 28(3) GDPR, including the duty to follow the controller’s instructions and implement appropriate technical and organisational measures.</u></p> <p><u>The BCR-C should contain a commitment that, in order to demonstrate compliance, BCR members needhave to maintain a record of all categories of processing activities carried out on personal data transferred under these BCR-C. The BCR-C must specify the content of the record, in line with the requirements as set out in Art. what is required by Article 30-(1-GDPR.) (for controllers) and Article 30(2) (for processors).</u> This record should be maintained in writing, including in electronic form, and should be made available to the supervisory authorityCompetent SA on request.</p> <p>In order to enhance compliance and when required, <u>The BCR-C should contain the commitment that data protection impact assessments should be carried out for</u></p>	

				<p>processing operations <u>on personal data transferred under these BCR-C</u> that are likely to result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of natural persons (<u>see Article 35 GDPR-Art. 35</u>).</p> <p>Where a data protection impact assessment under Article 35 indicates that the processing would result in a high risk in the absence of measures taken by the controller to mitigate the risk, the competent supervisory authority <u>BCR member acting as a controller should</u>, prior to processing, should be consulted (consult the Competent SA (see Article 36 GDPR-Art. 36)). <u>Appropriate</u> <u>The BCR-C should envisage that appropriate</u> technical and organisational measures should be implemented which are designed to implement data protection principles and to facilitate compliance, <u>in practice</u>, with the requirements set up by the BCRs in practice <u>BCR-C, should be implemented</u> (data protection by design and by default ← see Article 25 GDPR-Art. 25).</p>	
6.2 The list of entities bound by BCRs	YES	YES	Article 47(2)(a) GDPR	BCR shall contain a list of the entities bound by the BCRs including contact details.	
6.3 The need to be transparent where national legislation prevents the group from complying with the BCRs 5.4.1 Local laws and practices affecting compliance with the BCR-C ¹⁰	YES	NO	Article 47(2)(m) GDPR	<p><u>A-The BCR-C shall contain a clear commitment that BCR members will use the BCR-C as a tool for transfers only where a BCR member has reasons to believe they have assessed that the legislation law and practices in the third country of destination applicable to him prevents the company the processing of the personal data by the BCR member acting as data importer, including any requirements to disclose personal data or measures authorising access by public authorities, do not prevent it from fulfilling its obligations under these BCR-C.</u></p> <p><u>The BCR-C should further specify that this is based on the understanding that laws and practices that respect the</u></p>	

¹⁰ For further details, see EDPB Recommendations 01/2020 on measures that supplement transfer tools to ensure compliance with the EU level of protection of personal data, available at https://edpb.europa.eu/our-work-tools/our-documents/recommendations/recommendations-012020-measures-supplement-transfer_en.

			<p><u>essence of the fundamental rights and freedoms, and do not exceed what is necessary and proportionate in a democratic society¹¹ to safeguard one of the objectives listed in Article 23(1) GDPR, are not in contradiction with the BCR-C.</u></p> <p><u>The BCR-C should also contain a commitment that, in assessing the laws and practices of the third country which may affect the respect of the commitments contained in the BCR-C, the BCR members have taken due account, in particular, of the following elements:</u></p> <p><u>i. The specific circumstances of the transfers or set of transfers, and of any envisaged onward transfers within the same third country or to another third country, including:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>- purposes for which the data are transferred and processed (e.g. marketing, HR, storage, IT support, clinical trials);</u> <u>- types of entities involved in the processing (the data importer and any further recipient of any onward transfer);</u> <u>- economic sector in which the transfer or set of transfers occur;</u> <u>- categories and format of the personal data transferred;</u> <u>- location of the processing, including storage; and</u> <u>- transmission channels used.</u> <p><u>ii. The laws and practices of the third country of destination relevant in light of the circumstances of the transfer¹², including those requiring to disclose data to public authorities or authorising access by such authorities and those providing for access to these data during the transit between the country of the data exporter and the country of</u></p>	
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¹¹See EDPB Recommendations 02/2020 on the European Essential Guarantees for surveillance measures.

¹² As regards the assessment of the impact of the laws and practices of the third countries, please see EDPB Recommendations 01/2020 on measures that supplement transfer tools to ensure compliance with the EU level of protection of personal data,

			<p><u>the data importer, as well as the applicable limitations and safeguards¹³.</u></p> <p><u>iii. the BCRs</u> Any relevant contractual, technical or organisational safeguards put in place to supplement the safeguards under the BCR-C, including measures applied during the transmission and to the processing of the personal data in the country of destination.</p> <p><u>The BCR-C should also contain a commitment that where any safeguards in addition to those envisaged under the BCR-C should be put in place, the Liabe BCR member(s), and the relevant Privacy officer or Function will be informed and involved in such assessment.</u></p> <p><u>The BCR-C should contain also an obligation for the BCR members to document appropriately such assessment, as well as the supplementary measures selected and implemented. They should make such documentation available to the competent SAs upon request.</u></p> <p><u>The BCR-C should oblige any BCR member acting as data importer to promptly notify the data exporter if, when using these BCR-Cas a tool for transfers, and for the duration of the BCR membership, it has reasons to believe that it is or has substantial effect on the guarantees-become subject to laws or practices that would prevent it from fulfilling its</u></p>	
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¹³ As regards the impact of such laws and practices on compliance with the BCR, 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 the BCR, it needs to be supported by other relevant, objective elements, and it is for the BCR members to consider carefully whether these elements together carry sufficient weight, in terms of their reliability and representativeness, to support this conclusion. In particular, the BCR members 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.

			<p><u>obligations under the BCR-C, including following a change in the laws in the third country or a measure (such as a disclosure request). This information should also be provided by the rules, he will promptly to the Liable BCR member(s).</u></p> <p><u>Upon verification of such notification, the BCR member acting as data exporter, along with the Liable BCR member(s) and the relevant Privacy officer or Function, should commit to promptly identify supplementary measures (e.g. technical or organisational measures to ensure security and confidentiality) to be adopted by the BCR member acting as data exporter and/or data importer, in order to enable them to fulfil their obligations under the BCR-C. The same applies if a BCR member acting as data exporter has reasons to believe that a BCR member acting as its data importer can no longer fulfil its obligations under this BCR-C.</u></p> <p><u>Where the BCR member acting as data exporter, along with the Liable BCR member(s) and the relevant Privacy officer or Function, assesses that the BCR-C – even if accompanied by supplementary measures – cannot be complied with for a transfer or set of transfers, or if instructed by the Competent SAs, it commits to suspend the transfer or set of transfers at stake, as well as all transfers for which the same assessment and reasoning would lead to a similar result, until compliance is again ensured or the transfer is ended.</u></p> <p><u>The BCR-C should contain a commitment that following such a suspension, the BCR member acting as data exporter has to end the transfer or set of transfers if the BCR-C cannot be complied with and compliance with the BCR is not restored within one month of suspension. In this case, personal data that have been transferred prior to the suspension, and any copies thereof, should, at the choice of the BCR member</u></p>	
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			<p><u>acting as data exporter, be returned to it or destroyed in their entirety.</u></p> <p><u>The BCR-C should contain a commitment that the liable BCR member(s) and the relevant Privacy officer or Function will inform the EU headquarters or the EU BCR member with delegated data all other BCR members of the assessment carried out and of its results, so that the identified supplementary measures will be applied in case the same type of transfers is carried out by any other BCR member or, where effective supplementary measures could not be put in place, the transfers at stake are suspended or ended.</u></p> <p><u>The BCR-C needs to include a duty for data exporters to monitor, on an ongoing basis, and where appropriate in collaboration with data importers, developments in the third countries to which the data exporters have transferred personal data that could affect the initial assessment of the level of protection responsibilities and the other relevant Privacy Officer/Function (except where prohibited by a law enforcement authority, such as prohibition under criminal law to preserve the confidentiality of a law enforcement investigation); and the decisions taken accordingly on such transfers.</u></p> <p>In addition, the BCRs should contain a commitment that where any legal requirement a BCR member is subject to in a third country is likely to have a substantial adverse effect on the guarantees provided by the BCRs, the problem should be reported to the competent SA. This includes any legally binding request for disclosure of the personal data by a law enforcement authority or state security body. In such a case, the competent SA should be clearly informed about the request, including information about the data requested, the requesting body, and the legal basis for the disclosure (unless otherwise prohibited, such as a prohibition under criminal law to preserve the confidentiality of a law enforcement investigation).</p>	
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				<p>If in specific cases the suspension and/or notification are prohibited, the BCRs shall provide that the requested BCR member will use its best efforts to obtain the right to waive this prohibition in order to communicate as much information as it can and as soon as possible, and be able to demonstrate that it did so.</p> <p>If, in the above cases, despite having used its best efforts, the requested BCR member is not in a position to notify the competent SAs, it must commit in the BCRs to annually providing general information on the requests it received to the competent SAs (e.g. number of applications for disclosure, type of data requested, requester if possible, etc.).</p> <p>In any case, the BCRs must state that transfers of personal data by a BCR member of the group to any public authority cannot be massive, disproportionate and indiscriminate in a manner that would go beyond what is necessary in a democratic society.</p>	
<p><u>6.4 A statement about the relationship between national laws and BCRs-5.4.2 Obligations of the data importer in case of government access requests</u></p>	YES	NO	<p><u>N/A Article 47(2)(m) GDPR</u></p>	<p><u>Without prejudice to the obligation of the BCR member acting as data importer to inform the data exporter of its inability to comply with the commitments contained in the BCR-C (see Section 5.4.1 above), the BCR-C should also include the following commitments:</u></p> <p><u>i. The BCR member acting as data importer will promptly notify the data exporter and, where possible, the data subject (if necessary with the help of the data exporter) if it:</u></p> <p><u>a) receives a legally binding request by a public authority under the laws of the country of destination, or of another third country, for disclosure of personal data transferred pursuant to the BCR-C;</u> <u>such notification will include information about the personal data requested, the requesting authority, the legal basis for the request and the response provided;</u></p> <p><u>b) becomes aware of any direct access by public authorities to personal data transferred pursuant to the BCR-C in accordance with the laws of the country of destination; such</u></p>	

			<p><u>notification will include all information available to the data importer.</u></p> <p><u>ii. If prohibited from notifying the data exporter and / or the data subject, the data importer will use its best efforts to obtain a waiver of such prohibition, with a view to communicate as much information as possible and as soon as possible, and will document its best efforts in order to be able to demonstrate them upon request of the data exporter.</u></p> <p><u>iii. The data importer will provide the BCR member acting as data exporter, at regular intervals, with as much relevant information as possible on the requests received (in particular, number of requests, type of data requested, requesting authority or authorities, whether requests have been challenged and the outcome of such challenges, etc.). If the data importer is or becomes partially or completely prohibited from providing the data exporter with the aforementioned information, it will, without undue delay, inform the data exporter accordingly.</u></p> <p><u>iv. The data importer will preserve the abovementioned information for as long as the personal data are subject to the safeguards provided by the BCR-C, and shall make it available to the Competent SAs upon request.</u></p> <p><u>v. The data importer will review the legality of the request for disclosure, in particular whether it remains within the powers granted to the requesting public authority, and will 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.</u></p>	
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¹⁴See EDPB Recommendations 02/2020 on the European Essential Guarantees for surveillance measures.

				In any event personal data shall be processed in accordance to the applicable law as provided by the Article 5 of the GDPR and the relevant local legislation.	
<u>6 - TERMINATION</u>					
<u>6.1 Termination</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Article 70(1)(i) GDPR</u>	<p><u>The BCR-C should specify that a BCR member acting as data importer, which ceases to be bound by the BCR-C may keep, return, or delete the personal data received under the BCR-C.</u></p> <p><u>If the data exporter and data importer agree that the data may be kept by the data importer, protection must be maintained in accordance with Chapter V GDPR.</u></p>	
<u>7 – NON-COMPLIANCE</u>					
<u>7.1. Non-Compliance</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Article 70(1)(i) GDPR</u>	<p><u>The BCR-C should contain commitments as to the following obligations:</u></p> <p><u>i. No transfer is made to a BCR member unless the BCR member is effectively bound by the BCR-C and can deliver compliance.</u></p> <p><u>ii. The data importer should promptly inform the data exporter if it is unable to comply with the BCR-C, for whatever reason, including the situations further described under Section 5.4.1 above.</u></p> <p><u>iii. Where the data importer is in breach of the BCR-C or unable to comply with them, the data exporter should suspend the transfer.</u></p> <p><u>iv. The data importer should, at the choice of the data exporter, immediately return or delete the personal data that has been transferred under the BCR-C in its entirety, where:</u></p>	

				<p>- <u>the data exporter has suspended the transfer, and compliance with this BCRC is not restored within a reasonable time, and in any event within one month of suspension; or</u></p> <p>-<u>the data importer is in substantial or persistent breach of the BCR-C; or</u></p> <p>-<u>the data importer fails to comply with a binding decision of a competent court or Competent SA regarding its obligations under the BCR-C.</u></p> <p><u>The same commitments should apply to any copies of the data. The data importer should certify the deletion of the data to the data exporter.</u></p> <p><u>Until the data is deleted or returned, the data importer should continue to ensure compliance with the BCR-C.</u></p> <p><u>In case of local laws applicable to the data importer that prohibit the return or deletion of the transferred personal data, the data importer should warrant that it will continue to ensure compliance with the BCR-C, and will only process the data to the extent and for as long as required under that local law.</u></p> <p><u>For cases where applicable local laws and/or practices affect compliance with the BCR-C, see Section 5.4.1 above.</u></p>	
<u>8 - MECHANISMS FOR REPORTING AND RECORDING CHANGES</u>					
<u>8.1 Process for updating the BCR-C</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Article 47(2)(k) GDPR</u>	<u>The BCR-C have to be kept up-to-date in order to reflect the current situation (for instance to take into account modifications of the regulatory environment, these EDPB Recommendations, or changes to the scope of the BCR-C).</u>	

			<p><u>The BCR-C should impose a duty to report changes, including to the list of BCR members, without undue delay, to all BCR members.</u></p> <p><u>The BCR-C should identify a person or team/department that keeps a fully updated list of the BCR members, keeps record of any updates to the BCR-C, and provides the necessary information to data subjects, and, upon request, to Competent SAs.</u></p> <p><u>Where a modification to the BCR-C would possibly be detrimental to the level of the protection offered by the BCR-C or significantly affect them (e.g. changes to the binding character, change of the Liable BCR member(s)), it must be communicated in advance to the SAs, via the BCR Lead, with a brief explanation of the reasons for the update. In this case, the SAs will also assess whether the changes made require a new approval.</u></p> <p>Any other<u>Once a year, the SAs should be notified via the BCR Lead of any changes to the BCR-C or to the list of BCR members should be notified once a year to the SAs, via the BCR Lead, with a</u> brief explanation of the reasons for the update<u>changes</u>. This includes any changes made in order to align the BCR-C with any updated version of these EDPB Rrecommendations. <u>The SAs should also be notified once a year in instances where no changes have been made. The annual update or notification should also include the renewal of the confirmation regarding assets (see Section 1.5 above).</u></p> <p><u>It remains the responsibility of the BCR-C holder to keep it up-to-date and in compliance with Article 47 GDPR and these EDPB Recommendations.</u></p>	
<p><u>9 - DEFINITIONS</u></p>				

<p><u>9.1 List of definitions</u></p>	<p><u>YES</u></p>	<p><u>NO</u></p>	<p><u>Article 70(1)(i) GDPR</u></p>	<p><u>The applicant should include a list of definitions in the BCR-C. The list should include the most relevant terms. To the extent the BCR-C contain terms defined in the GDPR, the definitions provided should not vary from the GDPR. For better readability, these definitions should be replicated in the list.</u></p> <p><u>If the terms “data exporter” and “data importer” are used, they must be defined. The applicant may find it useful to add further terms and their definitions.</u></p> <p><u>If the term “Competent SA(s)” is used by the applicant, it should be defined as referring to the EEA data protection SA competent for the data exporter.</u></p> <p><u>Where the term “applicable law” is used, it should be clarified, in each case, whether it refers to national/local law of a third country as applicable to the BCR members. In any case, BCR members must comply with the requirements set out under Sections 5.4.1 and 5.4.2 above.</u></p> <p><u>References to GDPR provisions should generally be avoided. However, if there is a need for reference to a particular provision of the GDPR, it should be quoted in full in the BCR-C.</u></p>	
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