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PRIVACY NOTICE FOR JOURNALIST CONTACTS

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROCESSING OPERATION

The press team of the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) maintains a file containing the contact details of journalists who requested to be registered to OLAF's database or to be automatically notified about OLAF activities. The journalists are informed of their inclusion in such a list and can request at any moment to be removed from it. The list is used for contact purposes, so that OLAF can contact journalists, send press material, and invite journalists to press events.

The processing of your data will not be used for an automated decision-making, including profiling.

2. LEGAL BASIS FOR THE PROCESSING

The legal basis for this processing is Article 5.1 paragraph (a) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.

The legal bases for this processing operation are also the Treaties establishing the European Union, the autonomy granted to OLAF by Regulation No. 883/2013 (OJ L 248/1 of 18 September 2013) and European Commission Code of Good Administrative Behaviour. OLAF communicates with the media, EU citizens and the public at large on topics relating to OLAF's policies and investigations. Article 10.5 of Regulation No. 883/2013 provides that the Director-General of OLAF shall ensure that any information provided to the public is given neutrally and impartially, and that its disclosure respects the confidentiality of investigations and complies with the principles, procedures and safeguards as provided for in the regulation.

3. CATEGORIES OF PERSONAL DATA COLLECTED

In order to carry out this processing operation OLAF collects the following categories of personal data: identification data (surname, first name, name of the media company) and contact data (country, e-mail address, phone number).

The provision of the personal data is not mandatory (but is voluntarily provided by journalists).

4. WHO HAS ACCESS TO YOUR INFORMATION AND TO WHOM IS IT DISCLOSED?

OLAF staff responsible for press relations has access to your personal data.

5. HOW DO WE PROTECT AND SAFEGUARD YOUR INFORMATION?

In order to protect your personal data, a number of technical and organisational measures have been put in place. Technical measures include appropriate actions to address online security, risk of data loss, alteration of data or unauthorised access, taking into consideration the risk presented by the processing and the nature of the data being processed. Organisational measures include restricting access to the data to authorised persons with a legitimate need to know for the purposes of this processing operation.

6. HOW LONG DO WE KEEP YOUR DATA?

Your personal data may be retained by OLAF until you request to have your name removed from the journalists' contact list or inform the OLAF press office that you no longer work for a given media.

Additionally, OLAF removes from the list personal data of individuals whose contact data appear to be no longer valid, correct or up to date.

7. WHAT ARE YOUR RIGHTS AND HOW YOU CAN EXERCISE THEM?

You have the right to request access to your personal data, rectification or erasure of the data, or restriction of their processing. You have the right to object to the processing of your data. You can request at any moment to remove your personal data from the contact list. This would not affect the legality of this processing before your request.

Any request to exercise one of those rights should be directed to the Controller (OLAF-FMB-DATA-PROTECTION@ec.europa.eu). Where you wish to exercise your rights in the context of one or several specific processing operations or files, please provide their description and reference(s) in your request.

Exceptions based on Regulation 2018/1725 may apply.

8. CONTACT DETAILS OF THE DATA PROTECTION OFFICER

You may contact the Data Protection Officer of OLAF (OLAF-FMB-DPO@ec.europa.eu) with regard to issues related to the processing of your personal data under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.

9. RIGHT OF RECOURSE

You have the right to have recourse to the European Data Protection Supervisor (edps@edps.europa.eu) if you consider that your rights under Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 have been infringed as a result of the processing of your personal data by OLAF.