Summary

As per the General Data Protection Regulation, a Legitimate Interest Assessment has been conducted which confirms that IAF and IAF Database LLC have a legitimate interest in obtaining personal data, certification data and accreditation data for the purpose of IAF Global Database, IAFCertSearch.org. The assessments confirm there are significant benefits to users and the Public, to be able to verify validity of certificates and for the entities to fulfil their obligations to make their information for certification/accreditation publicly available, according to the requirements of ISO/IEC 17011:2017 and ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015.

Legitimate Interest Assessment & Summary

The General Data Protection Regulation requires that the Controller of the personal data being processed, performs a Legitimate Interest Assessment Test to verify the balance between the benefits of processing and the rights of the data subjects. IAF Database LLC has a procedure for this test and has performed an assessment, the results of which are summarized below.

The legitimate interest assessment test covers the processing of personal data processed within the database. The subjects whose data is processed are entity representatives, managers, contact persons and subjects who register to use the service.

The objective of the processing is to provide contact information for the Accreditation Bodies, Certification Bodies, and Certified Entities. The objective of the processing for users of the database is for secure access, and traceability of activities for appropriate use according to the rules of access and use of the services for certificate verification purposes.

The benefits from processing the data are for the registered users to be able to communicate effectively with the Controller (IAF Database LLC) and Processor (Quality Trade Pty Ltd). The users of the database will be able to access data that is accurate and available when needed, the database provides secure access and traceability and the ability to communicate with the Controller and the Processor.

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The beneficiaries of the processing are the Accreditation Bodies, Certification Bodies, and Certified Entities, federal, state and local administrations, business entities and the Public.

Non-processing of this data is highly likely to have a negative impact on the accuracy and availability of certification data and thus negatively impact the ability of the users of the database to verify validity of certificates.

This type and form of processing of personal data has already been carried out by other organisations and their experience and good practices have been used as input in the current database structure and rules for processing.

The processing is ethical, as it collects minimal data to assure effectiveness of purpose of processing and processing is only for the purpose of providing the verification service. The processing is minimal and provides significant global economic and societal benefits.

Assessment Decision:
Legitimate interest applies. Date of decision: 2019-February-26
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