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# **Standard Contractual Clauses**

**Practice Test, Regulators & Transfer Impact Assessment** (TIA) Tool

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## Introduction

- July 2020: Schrems II decision
- November 2020: EPDB recommendation
- June 2021: New SCC
- Key component of new SCC: Transfer Impact Assessment (TIA) (Paul)
- What happened since re authorities and impact to day to day practice? (Axel)

## Authorities & Impact on data practice I

## **Activities of the Supervisor**

- "hot potato" phenomenon
- Authorities: "jump as a tiger and land as a bedside rug"?
- Following Judgement July 2020: data subjects, employees, activists whistleblowing activity (re-active)
- September 2020 informal investigations (pro-active)
- June 2021 formal investigations (pro-active) Lower Saxony, Baden-Württemberg, Bavaria,
   Berlin, Bremen, Brandenburg, Hamburg, Rhineland-Palatinate and Saarland
- Bottom-Line: "we want to see what you have done for compliance (although we know it is a mission impossible)"

## **Authorities & Impact on data practice II**

### Key Question: when GDPR travels and meet third country surveillance laws

- SCC clause 14, clause 15 = Schrems II
- January 2022: DSK (German Supervisors) Expert Opinion on the Current State of U.S. Surveillance Law and Authorities from Prof. Stephen I. Vladeck
- January 2022: EDPB: Government access to data in third countries: China, Russia, India
- December 2021: VG Wiesbaden: transfer to US Cloud provider collides with US surveillance laws

#### **Outlook**

- 2022: more enforcement activities, no excuses for doing nothing. Create a defensible position
- 27 December 2022: deadline for SCC replacement expires potential escalation on another level

# Authorities & Impact on data practice III

Taylor Wessing, Video	Schrems II / Third Country Data Transfer	Tech & Law TV #19 – Outlook 2022 from the perspective of the German data protection authorities	https://youtu.be/6uEyYtdSB8U
DSK (German Supervisors)	Schrems II / Third Country Data Transfer	Expert Opinion on the Current State of U.S. Surveillance Law and Authorities from Prof. Stephen I. Vladeck	https://www.datenschutzkonferenz- online.de/media/weitere_dokumente/Vlade k_Rechtsgutachten_DSK_en.pdf
EDPB (European Data Protection Board)	Schrems II / Third Country Data Transfer	Government access to data in third countries: China, Russia, India	https://edpb.europa.eu/system/files/2022- 01/legalstudy_on_government_access_0. pdf

## **EDPB** recommendations



#### Recommendations on additional measures

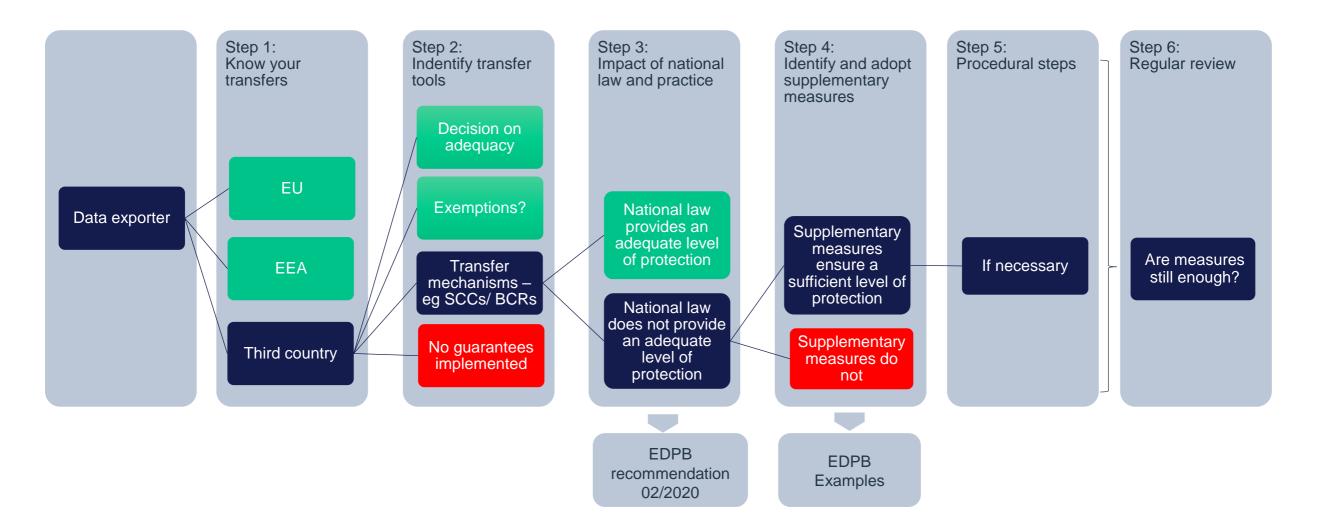
- Binding on DPAs
- 6-step plan for the identification and evaluation of data transfers
- Examples of supplementary measures



Recommendations on EU guarantees for surveillance measures

 Guidance on how to check national law against four key guarantees at EU level

## Step plan according to EDPB





# Simplify your Transfer Impact Assessments – the Taylor Wessing TIA Tool



Under the new **EU Standard Contractual Clauses** for third country data transfers, data importers are required to review their **data transfers to non-EU/EAA** countries and carry out so-called **transfer impact assessments (TIAs)** following the **Schrems II** ruling of the Court of Justice of the European Union.

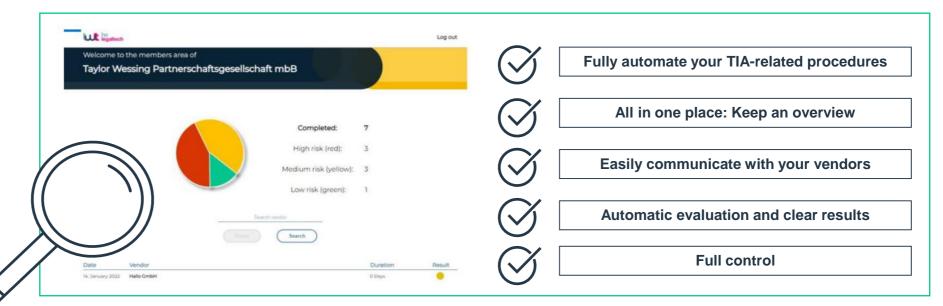
#### The Taylor Wessing Legal Tech TIA Tool "TInA" will help you simplify all processes related to TIAs (Link).

• The TIA Tool automatically sends questionnaires (TIA Requests) to any number of Vendors.

All you have to do is to enter the Vendors' contact details, and the tool will take care of (almost) everything else.

 If Vendors do not respond, they receive automatic reminders.

 You can also check Subvendors of your Vendors.



#### Question 1 (2 % Complete)

Do you process personal data (e.g. name, address, IP address, usage data, payment data, etc.) in connection with/based on a contract with us?

Yes No

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#### **Explanations**

**Personal data:** Personal data means any information that can be linked to an individual (even if, e.g., not by you, but just by us). The link may be direct (e.g., name) or indirect (e.g., customer ID). Examples for personal data include:

- general personal data (name, date and age of birth, place of birth, address, e-mail address, telephone number),
- identification numbers (social security number, tax identification number, health insurance number, identity card number),
- banking data (account numbers, credit information, account balances),
- online data (IP address, location data, browser information, usage data, user ID),
- physical characteristics (gender, skin, hair and eye color, clothing size),
- customer data (orders, address data, account data, etc.),
- value judgments (evaluations, job references).

This also includes pseudonymized data.

**Pseudonymization:** Pseudonymization is the replacement of identification features for the purpose of making it significantly more difficult to identify the data subject. This includes for example replacing the name of a user with a UserID so that third parties without the respective key are unable to identify the respective individual. Pseudonymized data is still personal data.

**Processing:** Processing means any use of the personal data, including collecting, analyzing, sharing, storing, transferring, deleting, and accessing the data (including remote access).



#### Question 20 (38 % Complete)

Where do you store the personal data received from us, i.e., where are your servers located?

Exclusively in countries within the EEA

Outside the EEA but exclusively in countries for which the EU Commission issued an adequacy decision

In the US

In other third countries outside the EEA

In the US and in other countries outside the EEA

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#### Explanations

**EEA:** The EEA includes all member states of the EU as well as Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway.

Countries with adequate protection: The European Commission has so far recognized Andorra, Argentina, Canada (commercial organizations), Faroe Islands, Guernsey, Israel, Isle of Man, Japan, Jersey, New Zealand, Switzerland, Uruguay and South Korea as providing adequate protection.

**Third countries:** This includes all countries that are not part of the EEA and which the EU Commission has not recognized as providing adequate protection.



#### Question 27 (51 % Complete)

Legal transfer mechanism: what measures have been implemented to safeguard the data transfer from us to you?

If SCCs or consent have been implemented, please upload the respective document via the Messages Dialogue (envelope icon).

\* Multiple answers allowed \*

EU Standard Contractual Clauses (SCC) - version as issued by the European Commission (EC) in 2021

EU Standard Contractual Clauses (SCC) - earlier version

Consent of the affected individual(s)

Binding Corporate Rules

None

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#### **Explanations**

**EU Standard Contractual Clauses:** Standard agreements provided by the EU Commission that provide obligations to the data importer and data exporter for the transfer of personal data.

Please note that **Consent** must be freely, informed and specifically related to the third country transfers involved.

The possibility of appropriate guarantees by **Binding Corporate Rules** is only open to a group of companies. Binding Corporate Rules may cover data transfers by data controllers to group controllers or processors and must be approved by the competent EU data protection supervisory authorities.



#### Question 30 (57 % Complete)

Are you subject to the US Executive Order (EO) 12333, Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), and/or any similar laws stipulating the disclosure of personal data to public authorities?

Yes No

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### **Explanations**

Unless you are certain that you are not subject to US EO 12333 or Sec. 702 FISA, please tick "Yes".

US EO 12333 and Sec. 702 FISA are US regulations permitting surveillance activities of US intelligence agencies for national security purposes. In particular, Sec. 702 FISA permits the Attorney General and the Director of National Intelligence to authorize jointly the surveillance of non-US persons located outside the US in order to obtain 'foreign intelligence information', whereas US EO 12333 allows the NSA to access data 'in transit' to the US, by accessing underwater cables on the floor of the Atlantic, and to collect and retain such data before arriving in the United States and being subject there to the FISA.

The scope of application and the procedure is complex in detail. However, the regulations might apply to you, inter alia, if you provide any person with, contract with or make use of a service that allows for the transfer of electronic communications, information, data, writings, or images to the US or if you provide financial products or services, travel agency services or consumer credit reports or services to the US.



#### Question 48 (91 % Complete)

When you process personal data received from us, do you use encryption measures that

(i) conform to the state-of-the-art,

(ii) can be considered robust against cryptanalysis performed by the public authorities in your country; and

(iii) are flawlessly implemented by properly maintained software?

Yes, data encryption at rest and in transit

Yes, but data encryption at rest, only

Yes, but data encryption in transit, only

No, economically not feasible

No, technically not feasible

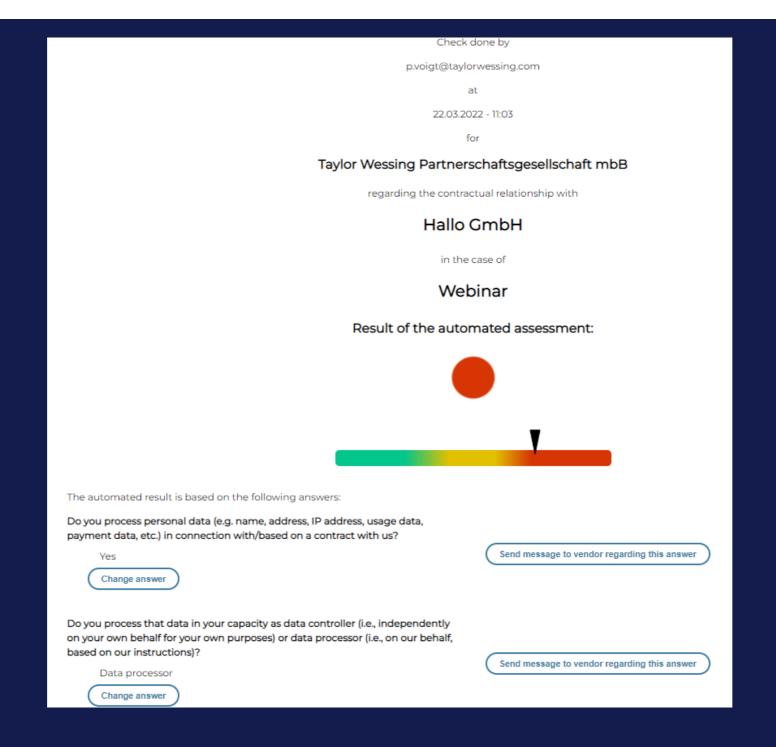
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### Explanations

No explanations available for this question







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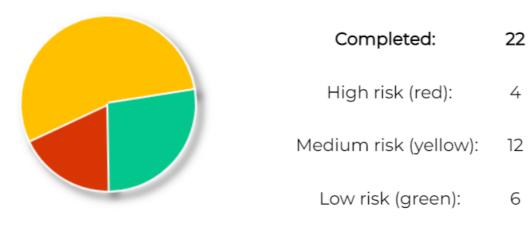
The transfer shows medium risks. It is recommended to implement supplementary technical and/or organizational measures, e.g. further encryption, pseudonymization, data minimization, regular reports on data access requests etc. If this is not possible, alternative services from providers in the EU should be explored.

Positive aspects:

 $Do you share personal data \ received from \ us \ with \ other \ data \ recipients \ (e.g., service \ providers, other \ group \ companies, etc.)?$ 

NO

 $Legal\ transfer\ mechanism:\ what\ measures\ have\ been\ implemented\ to\ safeguard\ the\ data\ transfer\ from\ us\ to\ you?$ 

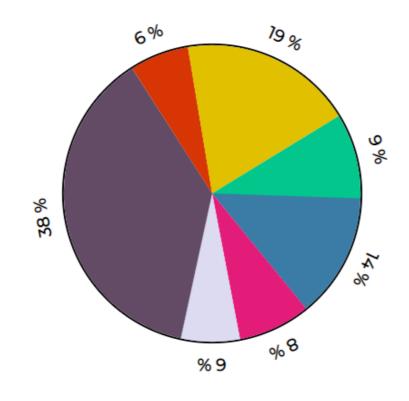


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21. February 2022	Hallo GmbH - SPR	0 Days	
17. February 2022	Allo GmbH - Abend	0 Days	
17. February 2022	♣ Hallo GmbH - Thursday eve	0 Days	

#### Overview of the assessments:



64 assessments sent

9 Unread Mails

5 Opened Mails, but no Answers

4 Ongoing Assessments

24 Outstanding reviews

4 Red Results

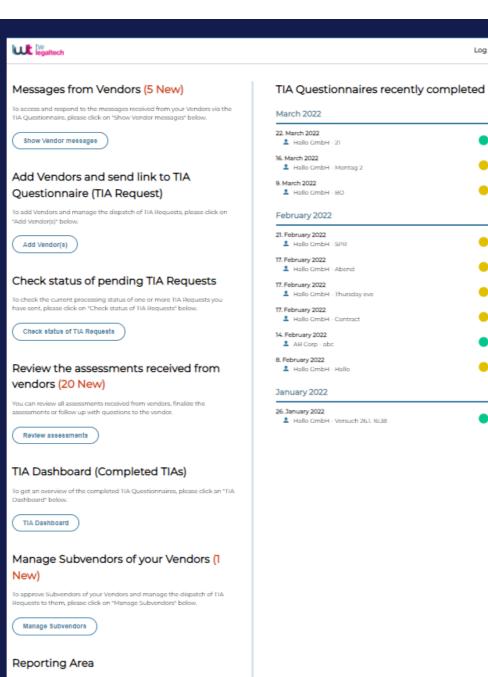
12 Yellow Results

6 Green results

#### Number of assessments sent out over time:

Number of Assessments

37.63 -



You get an overview of the amount of sent and received questionnaires.

Reporting Area

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## What to do?

- Game-plan complicated project: contract amendment and operationalisation internal & external resources, and comms internally will be a long process
- Data-Mapping including which module fits where
- Process of transfer impact assessment
- Switch to the new SCC: all existing SCC to be replaced with new SCC
  - since 27 September 2021: for new agreements only new SCC
  - by 27 December 2022: all existing SCC to be replaced with new SCC
- Documentation and constant re-evaluation of measures taken (clauses 8.9, 14 (d) SCC)

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