

MAXQDA Transcription: General Terms & Conditions (GTC)/End User Licence Agreement (EULA)

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These General Terms and Conditions (GTC)/ End User Licence Agreement (EULA) govern the use of the automated transcription service "MAXQDA Transcription", which is provided by VERBI Software GmbH. The service enables users to convert spoken language into text using artificial intelligence.

If MAXQDA Transcription is used as part of the AI Assist add-on for MAXQDA's standard software, the GTC for the AI Assist add-on apply: https://www.maxqda.com/wp/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/VERBI_AGB-MAXQDA-Add-Ons_en.pdf. If MAXQDA Transcription is not used as part of the AI Assist add-on, these GTC/EULA apply.

General part

§ 1 Subject matter of the contract

1. The subject of these GTC/EULA are all services provided within the scope of the MAXQDA Transcription product.
2. The provider of deliveries or services under this contract is VERBI Software. Consult. Sozialforschung GmbH, Invalidenstr. 74, 10557 Berlin, hereinafter referred to as "VERBI".
3. Subject to explicit provisions to the contrary in these GTC/EULA, VERBI is the manufacturer and owner of all exploitation rights to the MAXQDA Transcription software and the product family belonging to MAXQDA.

§ 2 Use of MAXQDA Account for transcription

1. Product presentations, in particular on VERBI's websites, do not constitute an offer to conclude a contract.
2. Information provided by VERBI by telephone is non-binding.
3. In order to use MAXQDA Transcription, the customer must create a customer account on the VERBI website. A contract for the use of MAXQDA Transcription is concluded when the customer agrees to the provisions of these GTC/EULA in the context of the MAXQDA Account. Usually, consent is given when MAXQDA Transcription is used for the first time by activating the corresponding checkbox.
4. The contract for the use of MAXQDA Transcription is concluded for an indefinite period. The

contract for the use of MAXQDA Transcription ends when the MAXQDA Account is deleted by the customer or cancelled by VERBI.

§ 3 Acquisition of transcription volumes

1. The customer must acquire transcription volume to carry out a transcription.
2. Transcription volume can be purchased by the client and any third party ("purchaser") in VERBI's web shop at the prices stated there at the time of booking.
3. In order to use the volume, the purchased transcription volume must then be linked to a MAXQDA Account for MAXQDA Transcription. After linking, the transcription volume can be used with this MAXQDA Account. A transfer to another MAXQDA Account is not possible after the transcription volume has been linked to a MAXQDA Account.
4. The transcription volume expires three years after purchase, regardless of whether it was linked to a MAXQDA Account or not.
5. If the MAXQDA Account is cancelled after transcription volume has been linked to it, the transcription volume will expire. The customer will be informed of this consequence of the cancellation of the MAXQDA Account before the final cancellation.
6. VERBI may, at its own discretion, provide free transcription volume, e.g. for test purposes. The client is not entitled to the provision of free transcription volume. The provision of free transcription volume may be limited or cancelled by VERBI at any time.

§ 4 Services and technical requirements

1. MAXQDA Transcription offers the customer the option of having media files transcribed automatically. For this purpose, the client uploads the media file to the MAXQDA Account website and VERBI forwards it to a service provider via an interface. The customer can download the transcript created in his account.
2. The owed quality and the exact functional scope of MAXQDA Transcription can be found in the functional descriptions, which are available at <https://www.maxqda.com/automatic-transcription>.
3. The automated transcription of the client's audio file is not carried out by VERBI itself, but by service providers employed by VERBI. The service providers use artificial intelligence or machine learning for the transcription. A regularly updated list of the service providers used can be found here: <https://www.maxqda.com/legalinfo/subprocessors>. There is no entitlement to the use of a specific service provider or a specific method of artificial intelligence. The service providers used can be changed at any time if this does not result in any changes to MAXQDA Transcription. If

the change of the service provider involves changes to MAXQDA Transcription, the change will only be made if there is a valid reason. A valid reason for a change exists in particular if the software is to be improved, an adaptation to new technical conditions is necessary, a uniform upgrade is required to avoid several parallel versions, or other important operational reasons necessitate the change.

4. The customer is responsible for providing compatible media files.

5. VERBI is continuously developing MAXQDA Transcription and will improve MAXQDA Transcription through ongoing updates and upgrades. Accordingly, VERBI is authorised to change MAXQDA Transcription at its own discretion. Unless it is a change or update that is necessary to maintain compliance with the contract, such changes will only be made if there is a valid reason. A valid reason for a change exists in particular if the software is to be improved, an adaptation to new technical conditions is necessary, a uniform upgrade is required to avoid several parallel versions, or other important operational reasons necessitate the change. The customer will be informed of functional changes in an appropriate manner, e.g. through notices in the MAXQDA Account.

§ 5 Rights of use

1. VERBI grants the customer the non-exclusive and non-transferable right to use MAXQDA Transcription as intended for the duration of the contract.

2. The customer may not make any changes to MAXQDA Transcription that go beyond what VERBI enables the customer to do by providing corresponding functions (e.g. in the settings).

3. The customer may only reproduce MAXQDA Transcription insofar as this is covered by the intended use.

4. The customer is not authorised to make MAXQDA Transcription available to third parties for use, either for a fee or free of charge. The customer is expressly prohibited from subletting MAXQDA Transcription.

5. The customer is not permitted to edit, modify or alter MAXQDA Transcription (in whole or in part) or to disassemble, decompile, reverse engineer or convert MAXQDA Transcription in whole or in part, nor may the customer permit or enable third parties to do so. Furthermore, the customer may not use MAXQDA Transcription to create, train or improve a similar or competing products or services (directly or indirectly).

§ 6 Scope of use

1. The customer is not permitted to use AI Assist in a manner that violates laws or the rights of

third parties or unlawfully affects their rights or otherwise violates the provisions of these GTC/EULA or those of the service providers (as amended from time to time). In particular, the use of the function for the following purposes or the provision of the following content is prohibited:

- Illegal activities;
- Content about child sexual abuse or content that exploits or harms children;
- Content on or activities promoting the development or distribution of illegal substances, goods or services;
- Creation of discriminatory content or hate, harassment or violence content;
- Malware generation;
- Activities that pose a high risk of physical harm, including weapons development, military and war activities, management or operation of critical energy, transport and water infrastructures;
- Content that incites, encourages or depicts self-harming acts such as suicide, cutting and eating disorders;
- Activities that carry a high risk of economic harm, including multi-level marketing, gambling, lending, automated eligibility decisions, employment, education or public assistance services;
- Activities that impair or circumvent the security or security measures of a service or system or impair their agreed or intended use;
- Fraudulent or deceptive activities;
- Adult content, adult industries and dating apps, including pornography;
- Political campaigning or lobbying;
- Activities that violate the privacy or property of individuals;
- Activities that may cause environmental damage;
- Unauthorised practice of law or offering tailored legal advice without a qualified person having reviewed the information;
- Tailored financial advice without verification of information by a qualified person;
- Providing information that he or she has or does not have a particular health condition or giving instructions on how to cure or treat a health condition;
- Government decisions.

2. The terms and conditions of the respective service providers are available on our website where we provide a link for each service provider: <https://www.maxqda.com/legalinfo/subprocessors>.

3. The customer is also not permitted to claim that the result generated with the help of MAXQDA Transcription was produced by humans, although this is not the case.

§ 7 Data protection

1. VERBI Software GmbH collects and processes personal data in accordance with the GDPR.
2. Insofar as the customer processes personal data through the use of MAXQDA Transcription, the customer acts as the data controller under data protection law. The customer is accordingly obliged to protect the data protection rights of third parties and confirms that it has fulfilled all requirements for the lawful processing of personal data, in particular that it has obtained all necessary consents.
3. The following provisions do not apply if the customer is a natural person and the processing of personal data is carried out exclusively for personal or family activities.

1. Data processing agreement

- 1.1 **Schedule 1** to these GTC/EULA contains the VERBI Data Processing Agreement ("**DPA**"). This DPA constitutes the mutual agreement of the parties with respect to the processing of personal data by VERBI when the customer uses the Add-Ons in accordance with these GTC/EULA.
- 1.2 The DPA forms an integral part of the GTC. Upon the customer's consent to these GTC/EULA, the DPA shall also become effective between the parties.
- 1.3 In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the DPA and these GTC/EULA, the DPA shall prevail to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency.

2. Standard contractual clauses

- 2.1 If the customer is located in a country outside the European Economic Area for which the European Commission has not issued an adequacy decision, **Schedule 2** shall further apply to the customer's use of the Add-Ons in accordance with these GTC/EULA.
- 2.2 **Schedule 2** to these GTC/EULA contains the European Commission's standard contractual clauses in the form of Module 4 (Transfer from a Processor to a Controller) ("**SCC**").
- 2.3 The SCC form an integral part of the GTC. Upon the customer's consent to these GTC, the SCC shall also become effective between the Parties.

3. Definitions

Terms not otherwise defined in the DPA and/or the SCC shall have the meaning set out in the GDPR.

4. Information for the DPA and SCC

- 4.1 The following information contains the relevant information for Annex II of the DPA and

Annex I Section B of the SCC:

Categories of data subjects whose personal data are processed

All persons whose personal data is contained in the files provided by the customer for transcription via MAXQDA Transcription.

Categories of personal data processed

All data contained in the files provided by the customer for transcription via MAXQDA Transcription.

Sensitive data processed (if applicable) and applied restrictions or safeguards that fully take into consideration the nature of the data and the risks involved, such as for instance strict purpose limitation, access restrictions (including access only for staff having followed specialised training), keeping a record of access to the data, restrictions for onward transfers or additional security measures.

Sensitive personal data are not specifically processed. The customer shall take reasonable steps to exclude as far as possible that a data file contains sensitive data, provided that this does not prevent the fulfilment of the purpose of the processing.

The frequency of the transfer (e.g. whether the data is transferred on a one-off or continuous basis)

Continuously during the customer's use of MAXQDA Transcription.

Nature of the processing

Automated transcription of an audio file using artificial intelligence and machine learning.

Purpose(s) of the data transfer and further processing

Automated transcription of an audio file using artificial intelligence and machine learning.

The period for which the personal data will be retained, or, if that is not possible, the criteria used to determine that period

The data provided by the customer will be processed for the duration of the contractual relationship at most. The data will be deleted immediately when the need for processing ceases to exist. If the audio file is uploaded to "MAXQDA Account", deletion takes place 7 days after upload and we delete the transcript created 7 days after download by the customer if the customer does not initiate the deletion beforehand.

In the case of processing by (sub)processors, subject matter, nature and duration of the

processing.

When using MAXQDA Transcription, data is stored on a cloud server and forwarded to a service provider for further processing using artificial intelligence and machine learning methods. A regularly updated list of the service providers used can be found here: <https://www.maxqda.com/legalinfo/subprocessors>.

When using MAXQDA Transcription, data is stored on a cloud server and forwarded to a service provider for further processing using artificial intelligence and machine learning methods. A regularly updated list of the service providers used can be found here: <https://www.maxqda.com/legalinfo/subprocessors>. The processing serves to prepare the files for transcription as well as the transcription by the used service provider. The data will in turn be deleted immediately after the need for processing has ceased. If the audio file is uploaded to "MAXQDA Account", the deletion takes place 7 days after upload and we delete the transcript created 7 days after download by the customer, unless the customer initiates the deletion beforehand.

2.2 The following information contains the relevant information for Annex I Section A of the SCC:

Activities relevant to the data transferred under these clauses: Provision of MAXQDA Transcription.

§ 8 Warranty and liability

1. The transcriptions are generated by VERBI with the help of a service provider on the basis of artificial intelligence and machine learning methods. Accordingly, typical inaccuracies and errors are to be expected. VERBI does not guarantee the accuracy, correctness, completeness and/or reliability of the transcriptions.

2. VERBI is liable without limitation for intent and gross negligence as well as for slight negligence in the event of damage resulting from injury to body, life or health. In other cases of slight negligence, VERBI is only liable in the event of a breach of such obligations that make the reasonable and proper performance of the contract possible in the first place and on the fulfilment of which the customer accordingly relies and may rely (cardinal obligations) and only limited to compensation for the foreseeable, typically occurring damage. Other claims for damages are excluded. Furthermore, limitations and exclusions in this clause do not apply to claims by the customer in the event of fraudulent concealment of a defect by VERBI due to the absence of an assured characteristic, the breach of a warranty promise and claims in accordance with §§ 1, 4 of the Product Liability Act (Produkthaftungsgesetz).

3. Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, warranty and liability are excluded for consequences arising from the customer making changes to MAXQDA Transcription itself or

with the help of a third party or operating MAXQDA Transcription improperly or incorrectly.

4. VERBI does not accept any liability for the loss of data, unless VERBI caused the loss intentionally or through gross negligence and the customer had taken reasonable precautions to ensure that a data backup was carried out according to the latest technological standards and at appropriate intervals (at least once per day), so that the data could reasonably be reconstructed.

5. VERBI is not liable to the customer for delays in performance resulting from force majeure, namely circumstances beyond VERBI's control. The same applies if VERBI is unable to provide its service in accordance with these GTC/EULA due to a lack of information or cooperation from the customer.

6. Any further liability is excluded, irrespective of the legal grounds.

7. Insofar as VERBI's liability is excluded or limited, this also applies to the personal liability of VERBI's employees, representatives and vicarious agents.

§ 9 High-risk activities

MAXQDA Transcription is not fault-tolerant and is not designed or intended for use in hazardous environments requiring fail-safe performance, including without limitation, in the operation of nuclear facilities, aircraft navigation or communication systems, air traffic control, weapons systems, direct life-support machines, or any other application in which the failure of the Software could lead directly to death, personal injury, or severe physical or property damage (collectively, High Risk Activities). VERBI GmbH expressly disclaims any express or implied warranty of fitness for High Risk Activities.

§ 10 Copyright

1. MAXQDA Transcription is protected by German copyright law and international copyright treaties as well as by other laws and treaties on intellectual property..

2. The ownership and copyright exploitation rights in MAXQDA Transcription (including but not limited to images, photographs, animations, video, audio, music, text and "applets" contained in the Software product), the printed accompanying material and all copies of the Software product are owned by VERBI.

3. By using the Software, the customer does not acquire any rights to the intellectual property of the Software apart from the rights of use granted to him/her on the basis of these GTC/EULA.

§ 11 Special conditions for traders

The following provisions are aimed exclusively at entrepreneurs within the meaning of § 14 BGB (non-private customers) such as: Universities, research institutions, other companies or traders.

1. Scope of application

1.1 These GTC/EULA apply exclusively; VERBI does not recognise any terms and conditions of the customer that conflict with or deviate from these GTC/EULA unless VERBI has expressly agreed to their validity in writing. These GTC/EULA also apply if VERBI executes the customer's order without reservation in the knowledge that the customer's terms and conditions conflict with or deviate from these GTC/EULA.

1.2 All agreements made between VERBI and the customer for the execution of an order must be made in writing or in text form (e.g. by e-mail or fax).

2. Prices and terms of payment for orders outside the webshop

2.1 For delivery the prices stated in VERBI's offer at the time of the order apply.

2.2 Orders from European countries must be placed in EURO; orders in US dollars are not permitted.

2.3 Unless otherwise stated, the prices quoted are exclusive of VAT (which shall be shown separately on the invoice at the statutory rate on the date of invoicing), but inclusive of shipping or transport costs to the agreed place of delivery.

2.4 Payment of the purchase price is due immediately after conclusion of the contract. Payments must be made by the methods listed on the website; other methods of payment require the prior consent of VERBI. With the exception of purchases on account, payment is made before delivery. Annual licences must be paid for in full in advance for the entire licence period. If the customer has purchased products or services with recurring payment obligations (subscriptions), the prices are due at the agreed interval.

2.5 The deduction of cash discount is subject to a prior separate agreement.

2.6 In the case of purchases on account, the invoice amount shall be paid without deduction immediately upon receipt of the invoice, unless otherwise stated in the order confirmation. The customer shall bear any costs of money transfer itself.

2.7 Should the customer be in default of payment, VERBI is entitled to demand interest on arrears and a further lump sum of EUR 40.00, unless the customer can prove that no damage or lower damage has been incurred. The interest rate shall be 9 (nine) percentage points higher than the given base rate. If VERBI is able to prove higher damages caused by the default, VERBI is entitled

to claim these damages. Any lump sum already claimed under this provision shall be credited towards the claim for damages.

2.8 The customer shall only be entitled to offset rights if his counterclaims have been legally established or acknowledged by VERBI. The customer is only entitled to exercise a right of retention to the extent that his counterclaim is based on the same contractual relationship.

2.9 If the customer is in default of acceptance or if they violate other cooperation obligations, VERBI is entitled to demand damages incurred, including possible additional charges. In this case, the risk of accidental loss or accidental deterioration of the contractual item also passes to the customer at the time at which the latter is in default of acceptance.

3. Right of Revocation

A serious breach by the Customer of the GTC/EULA entitles VERBI to revoke the contract with the Customer.

4. Warranty and limitation of liability

In addition to § 8, the following provisions on warranty and limitation of liability shall apply to the acquisition and use of MAXQDA Transcription:

4.1 The customer is not entitled to remedy defects itself and to demand reimbursement of the expenses required for this unless the customer has properly notified VERBI of the defect and provided VERBI with the information required to reproduce the defect and VERBI has not remedied the defect within a reasonable period of time.

4.2 Claims for compensation for damages and expenses for reimbursement shall become time barred within 12 months. This 12-month period begins at the earliest with the notification of the defect by the Customer and at the latest at the end of the year in which the Customer recognized the defect or could have recognized it without negligence.

4.3 VERBI is not liable for damage that has not occurred to MAXQDA Transcription itself; in particular, VERBI is not liable for lost profits of the customer that are attributable to the use of the products.

5. Miscellaneous

5.1 VERBI is authorised to name the client as a reference for the purpose of external presentation on the website. This may also include the use of the logo (corporate identity), with which the customer agrees. VERBI reserves the right to name the reference up to 3 calendar years after termination of the contract.

5.2 For contracts with merchants, legal entities under public law or special funds under public

law, the place of fulfilment for delivery and payment as well as the place of jurisdiction shall be the registered office of VERBI in Berlin.

§ 12 Special conditions for consumers (Withdrawal)

The provisions of this paragraph only apply if the customer acts as a consumer (§ 13 BGB).

1. Right of withdrawal

1.1 You have the right to withdraw from this contract within 14 days without giving any reason. The withdrawal period will expire after 14 days from the day of the conclusion of the contract.

1.2 To exercise the right of withdrawal, you must inform us, (VERBI Software. Consult. Sozialforschung GmbH, Invalidenstr. 74, 10557 Berlin, Tel.: +49 (0)30 206 22 5922, Fax: +49 (0)30 206 22 59 29, E-Mail: cs@maxqda.com), of your decision to withdraw from this contract by an unequivocal statement (e.g. a letter sent by post or email). You may use the attached model withdrawal form, but it is not obligatory.

1.3 To meet the withdrawal deadline, it is sufficient for you to send your communication concerning your exercise of the right of withdrawal before the withdrawal period has expired.

2. Effects of withdrawal

2.1 If you withdraw from this contract, we shall reimburse to you all payments received from you, including the costs of delivery (with the exception of the supplementary costs resulting from your choice of a type of delivery other than the least expensive type of standard delivery offered by us), without undue delay and in any event not later than 14 days from the day on which we are informed about your decision to withdraw from this contract. We will carry out such reimbursement using the same means of payment as you used for the initial transaction, unless you have expressly agreed otherwise; in any event, you will not incur any fees as a result of such reimbursement.

2.2 You are only liable for any diminished value of the goods resulting from the handling other than what is necessary to establish the nature, characteristics and functioning of the goods.

3. Important note

According to Section 356 para. 5 of the German Civil Code (BGB), in the case of a contract for the supply of digital content that is not contained in a tangible medium, the right of withdrawal becomes extinct if

1. VERBI began with the performance of the contract,
2. the consumer had expressly consented to VERBI beginning with the performance of the

contract prior to expiry of the withdrawal period,

3. the consumer had acknowledged that by their consent, they would lose the right to withdraw from the contract upon the performance of the contract having commenced, and

4. VERBI has provided the consumer with a confirmation of the contract.

VERBI begins with the execution of the contract in the sense described above at the time when the consumer starts the transcription by MAXQDA Transcription.

4. Model withdrawal form

(Complete and return this form only if you wish to withdraw from the contract).

To: VERBI Software. Consult. Sozialforschung GmbH Invalidenstr. 74 10557 Berlin e-mail: cs@maxqda.com:

I/We (*) hereby give notice that I/We (*) withdraw from my/our (*) contract of sale of the following goods (*)/for the provision of the following service (*),

Ordered on (*)/received on (*),

Name of consumer(s),

Address of consumer(s),

Signature of consumer(s) (only if this form is notified on paper),

Date

(*) Delete as applicable

§ 13 Final provisions

1. The law of the Federal Republic of Germany shall apply. The provisions of the Vienna UN Convention for the International Sale of Goods (CISG) of 11.04.1980 on contracts for the international sale of goods (UN Sales Convention) shall not apply. The statutory provisions on the limitation of the choice of law and on the applicability of mandatory provisions of the state in which the customer has his/her habitual residence as a consumer shall remain unaffected.

2. The rights and obligations arising from an agreement concluded between the parties on the basis of these GTC/EULA may not be transferred to third parties without the prior written consent of VERBI. § 354a of the German Commercial Code (HGB) remains unaffected if the customer acts as an entrepreneur (§ 14 BGB).

3. Should a provision in these GTC/EULA or a provision within the scope of other agreements be

or become invalid, this shall not affect the validity of all other agreements or provisions. The statutory provision shall apply in place of the invalid provision.

4. VERBI is entitled to unilaterally amend these GTC/EULA if there is a valid reason for doing so (e.g. in the case of a necessary adjustment to changes in the legal or technical framework conditions). Customers will be informed of an amendment in advance by e-mail, stating the content of the amended provisions. If the customer does not object to the notification of amendment within 4 weeks after receipt of the e-mail, the amended provisions shall be deemed agreed.

5. The language of the contract shall be German. These GTC/EULA have been drawn up in German and English. The German version shall be authoritative. The English version is for information purposes only.

6. The European Commission has created an Internet platform for online dispute resolution. Further information on this contact point for the out-of-court settlement of disputes can be found at <http://ec.europa.eu/consumers/odr/>. VERBI is neither legally or contractually obliged to participate in a dispute resolution procedure before a consumer arbitration board, nor is it voluntarily prepared to do so.

Schedule 1

Commission Implementation decision (EU) 2021/915 of 4 June 2021 on standard contractual clauses between controllers and processors under Art. 28 (7) GDPR STANDARD CONTRACTUAL CLAUSES

SECTION I

Clause 1

Purpose and scope

- a) The purpose of these Standard Contractual Clauses (the Clauses) is to ensure compliance with Article 28(3) and (4) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation).
- b) The controllers and processors listed in Annex I have agreed to these Clauses in order to ensure compliance with Article 28(3) and (4) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 and/or Article 29(3) and (4) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.
- c) These Clauses apply to the processing of personal data as specified in Annex II.
- d) Annexes I to IV are an integral part of the Clauses.
- e) These Clauses are without prejudice to obligations to which the controller is subject by virtue of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 and/or Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.
- f) These Clauses do not by themselves ensure compliance with obligations related to international transfers in accordance with Chapter V of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 and/or Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.

Clause 2

Invariability of the Clauses

- (a) The Parties undertake not to modify the Clauses, except for adding information to the Annexes or updating information in them.
- (b) This does not prevent the Parties from including the standard contractual clauses laid down in these Clauses in a broader contract, or from adding other clauses or additional safeguards provided that they do not directly or indirectly contradict the Clauses or detract from the fundamental rights or freedoms of data subjects.

Clause 3

Interpretation

- (a) Where these Clauses use the terms defined in Regulation (EU) 2016/679 or Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 respectively, those terms shall have the same meaning as in that Regulation.
- (b) These Clauses shall be read and interpreted in the light of the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 or Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 respectively.
- (c) These Clauses shall not be interpreted in a way that runs counter to the rights and obligations provided for in Regulation (EU) 2016/679 / Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 or in a way that prejudices the fundamental rights or freedoms of the data subjects.

Clause 4

Hierarchy

In the event of a contradiction between these Clauses and the provisions of related agreements between the Parties existing at the time when these Clauses are agreed or entered into thereafter, these Clauses shall prevail.

Clause 5

Docking clause

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SECTION II - OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES

Clause 6

Description of processing(s)

The details of the processing operations, in particular the categories of personal data and the purposes of processing for which the personal data is processed on behalf of the controller, are specified in Annex II.

Clause 7

Obligations of the Parties

7.1. Instructions

- (a) The processor shall process personal data only on documented instructions from the controller, unless required to do so by Union or Member State law to which the processor is subject. In this case, the processor shall inform the controller of that legal requirement before processing, unless the law prohibits this on important grounds of public interest. Subsequent instructions may also be given by the controller throughout the duration of the processing of personal data. These instructions shall

always be documented.

- (b) The processor shall immediately inform the controller if, in the processor's opinion, instructions given by the controller infringe Regulation (EU) 2016/679 / Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 or the applicable Union or Member State data protection provisions.

7.2. Purpose limitation

The processor shall process the personal data only for the specific purpose(s) of the processing, as set out in Annex II, unless it receives further instructions from the controller.

7.3. Duration of the processing of personal data

Processing by the processor shall only take place for the duration specified in Annex II.

7.4. Security of processing

- (a) The processor shall at least implement the technical and organisational measures specified in Annex III to ensure the security of the personal data. This includes protecting the data against a breach of security leading to accidental or unlawful destruction, loss, alteration, unauthorised disclosure or access to the data (personal data breach). In assessing the appropriate level of security, the Parties shall take due account of the state of the art, the costs of implementation, the nature, scope, context and purposes of processing and the risks involved for the data subjects.
- (b) The processor shall grant access to the personal data undergoing processing to members of its personnel only to the extent strictly necessary for implementing, managing and monitoring of the contract. The processor shall ensure that persons authorised to process the personal data received have committed themselves to confidentiality or are under an appropriate statutory obligation of confidentiality.

7.5. Sensitive data

If the processing involves personal data revealing racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, or trade union membership, genetic data or biometric data for the purpose of uniquely identifying a natural person, data concerning health or a person's sex life or sexual orientation, or data relating to criminal convictions and offences ("sensitive data"), the processor shall apply specific restrictions and/or additional safeguards.

7.6. Documentation and compliance

- (a) The Parties shall be able to demonstrate compliance with these Clauses.
- (b) The processor shall deal promptly and adequately with inquiries from the controller about the processing of data in accordance with these Clauses.
- (c) The processor shall make available to the controller all information necessary to demonstrate compliance with the obligations that are set out in these Clauses and stem directly from Regulation (EU) 2016/679 and/or Regulation (EU) 2018/1725. At the controller's request, the processor shall also permit and contribute to audits of the

processing activities covered by these Clauses, at reasonable intervals or if there are indications of non-compliance. In deciding on a review or an audit, the controller may take into account relevant certifications held by the processor.

- (d) The controller may choose to conduct the audit by itself or mandate an independent auditor. Audits may also include inspections at the premises or physical facilities of the processor and shall, where appropriate, be carried out with reasonable notice.
- (e) The Parties shall make the information referred to in this Clause, including the results of any audits, available to the competent supervisory authority/ies on request.

7.7. Use of sub-processors

- (a) The processor has the controller's general authorisation for the engagement of sub-processors from an agreed list. The processor shall specifically inform in writing the controller of any intended changes of that list through the addition or replacement of sub-processors at least five business days in advance, thereby giving the controller sufficient time to be able to object to such changes prior to the engagement of the concerned sub-processor(s). The processor shall provide the controller with the information necessary to enable the controller to exercise the right to object.
- (b) Where the processor engages a sub-processor for carrying out specific processing activities (on behalf of the controller), it shall do so by way of a contract which imposes on the sub- processor, in substance, the same data protection obligations as the ones imposed on the data processor in accordance with these Clauses. The processor shall ensure that the sub- processor complies with the obligations to which the processor is subject pursuant to these Clauses and to Regulation (EU) 2016/679 and/or Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.
- (c) At the controller's request, the processor shall provide a copy of such a sub-processor agreement and any subsequent amendments to the controller. To the extent necessary to protect business secret or other confidential information, including personal data, the processor may redact the text of the agreement prior to sharing the copy.
- (d) The processor shall remain fully responsible to the controller for the performance of the sub- processor's obligations in accordance with its contract with the processor. The processor shall notify the controller of any failure by the subprocessor to fulfil its contractual obligations.
- (e) The processor shall agree a third party beneficiary clause with the sub-processor whereby - in the event the processor has factually disappeared, ceased to exist in law or has become insolvent - the controller shall have the right to terminate the sub-processor contract and to instruct the sub-processor to erase or return the personal data.

7.8. International transfers

- (a) Any transfer of data to a third country or an international organisation by the

processor shall be done only on the basis of documented instructions from the controller or in order to fulfil a specific requirement under Union or Member State law to which the processor is subject and shall take place in compliance with Chapter V of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 or Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.

- (b) The controller agrees that where the processor engages a sub-processor in accordance with Clause 7.7. for carrying out specific processing activities (on behalf of the controller) and those processing activities involve a transfer of personal data within the meaning of Chapter V of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, the processor and the sub-processor can ensure compliance with Chapter V of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 by using standard contractual clauses adopted by the Commission in accordance with of Article 46(2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, provided the conditions for the use of those standard contractual clauses are met.

Clause 8

Assistance to the controller

- (a) The processor shall promptly notify the controller of any request it has received from the data subject. It shall not respond to the request itself, unless authorised to do so by the controller.
- (b) The processor shall assist the controller in fulfilling its obligations to respond to data subjects' requests to exercise their rights, taking into account the nature of the processing. In fulfilling its obligations in accordance with (a) and (b), the processor shall comply with the controller's instructions
- (c) In addition to the processor's obligation to assist the controller pursuant to Clause 8 (b), the processor shall furthermore assist the controller in ensuring compliance with the following obligations, taking into account the nature of the data processing and the information available to the processor:
 - (1) the obligation to carry out an assessment of the impact of the envisaged processing operations on the protection of personal data (a 'data protection impact assessment') where a type of processing is likely to result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of natural persons;
 - (2) the obligation to consult the competent supervisory authority/ies prior to processing where a data protection impact assessment indicates that the processing would result in a high risk in the absence of measures taken by the controller to mitigate the risk;
 - (3) the obligation to ensure that personal data is accurate and up to date, by informing the controller without delay if the processor becomes aware that the personal data it is processing is inaccurate or has become outdated;
 - (4) the obligations in Article 32 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679.
- (d) The Parties shall set out in Annex III the appropriate technical and organisational

measures by which the processor is required to assist the controller in the application of this Clause as well as the scope and the extent of the assistance required.

Clause 9

Notification of personal data breach

In the event of a personal data breach, the processor shall cooperate with and assist the controller for the controller to comply with its obligations under Articles 33 and 34 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 or under Articles 34 and 35 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, where applicable, taking into account the nature of processing and the information available to the processor.

9.1 Data breach concerning data processed by the controller

In the event of a personal data breach concerning data processed by the controller, the processor shall assist the controller:

- (a) in notifying the personal data breach to the competent supervisory authority/ies, without undue delay after the controller has become aware of it, where relevant/(unless the personal data breach is unlikely to result in a risk to the rights and freedoms of natural persons);
- (b) in obtaining the following information which, pursuant to Article 33(3) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, shall be stated in the controller's notification, and must at least include:
 - (1) the nature of the personal data including where possible, the categories and approximate number of data subjects concerned and the categories and approximate number of personal data records concerned;
 - (2) the likely consequences of the personal data breach;
 - (3) the measures taken or proposed to be taken by the controller to address the personal data breach, including, where appropriate, measures to mitigate its possible adverse effects.

Where, and insofar as, it is not possible to provide all this information at the same time, the initial notification shall contain the information then available and further information shall, as it becomes available, subsequently be provided without undue delay.

- (c) in complying, pursuant to Article 34 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, with the obligation to communicate without undue delay the personal data breach to the data subject, when the personal data breach is likely to result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of natural persons.

9.2 Data breach concerning data processed by the processor

In the event of a personal data breach concerning data processed by the processor, the processor shall notify the controller without undue delay after the processor having become aware of the breach. Such notification shall contain, at least:

- (a) a description of the nature of the breach (including, where possible, the categories and approximate number of data subjects and data records concerned);
- (b) the details of a contact point where more information concerning the personal data breach can be obtained;
- (c) its likely consequences and the measures taken or proposed to be taken to address the breach, including to mitigate its possible adverse effects.

Where, and insofar as, it is not possible to provide all this information at the same time, the initial notification shall contain the information then available and further information shall, as it becomes available, subsequently be provided without undue delay.

The Parties shall set out in Annex III all other elements to be provided by the processor when assisting the controller in the compliance with the controller's obligations under Articles 33 and 34 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679.

SECTION III - FINAL PROVISIONS

Clause 10

Non-compliance with the Clauses and termination

- (a) Without prejudice to any provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 and/or Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, in the event that the processor is in breach of its obligations under these Clauses, the controller may instruct the processor to suspend the processing of personal data until the latter complies with these Clauses or the contract is terminated. The processor shall promptly inform the controller in case it is unable to comply with these Clauses, for whatever reason.
- (b) The controller shall be entitled to terminate the contract insofar as it concerns processing of personal data in accordance with these Clauses if:
 - (1) the processing of personal data by the processor has been suspended by the controller pursuant to point (a) and if compliance with these Clauses is not restored within a reasonable time and in any event within one month following suspension;
 - (2) the processor is in substantial or persistent breach of these Clauses or its obligations under Regulation (EU) 2016/679 and/or Regulation (EU) 2018/1725;
 - (3) the processor fails to comply with a binding decision of a competent court or the competent supervisory authority/ies regarding its obligations pursuant to these Clauses or to Regulation (EU) 2016/679 and/or Regulation (EU) 2018/1725.
- (c) The processor shall be entitled to terminate the contract insofar as it concerns processing of personal data under these Clauses where, after having informed the controller that its instructions infringe applicable legal requirements in accordance with Clause 7.1 (b), the controller insists on compliance with the instructions.
- (d) Following termination of the contract, the processor shall, at the choice of the

controller, delete all personal data processed on behalf of the controller and certify to the controller that it has done so, or, return all the personal data to the controller and delete existing copies unless Union or Member State law requires storage of the personal data. Until the data is deleted or returned, the processor shall continue to ensure compliance with these Clauses.

ANNEX I - LIST OF PARTIES

Controller:

The controller is the customer in accordance with the General Terms & Conditions (GTC) and End User License Agreement (EULA) of VERBI Software. Consult. Sozialforschung GmbH.

Signature and accession date: Effective with agreement to the General Terms & Conditions (GTC) by the customer.

Processor:

Name: VERBI Software. Consult. Sozialforschung GmbH

Address: Invalidenstr. 74, 10557 Berlin

Contact person's name, position and contact details: The data protection officer of VERBI GmbH can be reached at kontakt@datenschutzrechte.de.

Signature and accession date: Effective with agreement to the General Terms & Conditions (GTC) by the customer.

ANNEX II - DESCRIPTION OF THE PROCESSING

See relevant information in the data protection section of these GTC/EULA.

ANNEX III - TECHNICAL AND ORGANISATIONAL MEASURES INCLUDING TECHNICAL AND ORGANISATIONAL MEASURES TO ENSURE THE SECURITY OF THE DATA

Description of the technical and organisational security measures implemented by the processor(s) (including any relevant certifications) to ensure an appropriate level of security, taking into account the nature, scope, context and purpose of the processing, as well as the risks for the rights and freedoms of natural persons.

1. Measures for the security of processing (Art. 32 para. 1 GDPR)

1.1 Access control

Measures suitable for preventing unauthorised persons from gaining access to data processing systems with which personal data are processed or used.

- Alarm system
- Safety locks

- Locking system with code card
- Doorbell system with camera
- Careful selection of security staff
- Careful selection of the cleaning service

1.2 Access control

Measures that are suitable for preventing data processing systems (computers) from being used by unauthorized persons.

- Login with user name and password
- Use of anti-virus software
- Use of firewall software
- Use of VPN for remote access
- Creating user profiles
- Assigning and managing user authorizations
- Assigning passwords
- Guidelines for: "Secure password" and "Delete/destroy"

1.3 Access control

Measures to ensure that those authorized to use a data processing system can only access the data subject to their access authorization and that personal data cannot be read, copied, modified or removed without authorization during processing, use and after storage.

- Use of document shredders
- Physical deletion of data carriers
- Proper destruction of data carriers (DIN 32757)
- Logging of access to applications, specifically when entering, changing and deleting data
- Management of rights by system administrator
- Number of administrators reduced to the "bare minimum"

1.4 Separation control

Measures to ensure that data collected for different purposes can be processed separately.

- Separation of development and test environment
- Strictly separate storage of data in different customer systems

- Providing the data records with purpose attributes/data fields
- Definition of database rights
- Control via authorization concept

1.5 Pseudonymization

The processing of personal data in such a manner that the data can no longer be attributed to a specific data subject without the use of additional information, provided that such additional information is kept separately and is subject to appropriate technical and organizational measures.

- Internal instruction to anonymize / pseudonymize personal data as far as possible in the event of disclosure or after the statutory deletion period has expired.

2. Integrity (Art. 32 para. 1 lit. b GDPR)

2.1 Transfer control

Measures to ensure that personal data cannot be read, copied, altered or removed without authorization during electronic transmission or during transport or storage on data carriers, and that it is possible to verify and establish to which bodies personal data are intended to be transmitted by data transmission equipment.

- Use of VPN
- Logging of accesses and retrievals
- Personal data that is passed on on behalf of customers is only passed on to the extent that this has been agreed with the customer or is necessary for the provision of the contractual service for the customer.
- Employees of VERBI GmbH who work in customer support are instructed with regard to the permissible use of data and the modalities of passing on data.

2.2 Entry control

Measures that ensure that it is possible to subsequently check and determine whether and by whom personal data has been entered, modified or removed from data processing systems.

- Technical logging of the entry, modification and deletion of data
- Overview of which programs can be used to enter, change or delete which data
Forwarding
- Traceability of data entry, modification and deletion through individual user names (not user groups)

- Clear responsibilities for deletions and reminder system for deletion.

3. **Availability and resilience (Art. 32 para. 1 lit. b GDPR)**

Measures to ensure that personal data is protected against accidental destruction or loss.

- Fire and smoke detection system
- Server room temperature and humidity monitoring
- Air-conditioned server room
- Protective socket strips Server room
- Fire extinguisher Server room
- Uninterruptible power supply (UPS)
- Logging of accesses and retrievals
- Implementation of the backup & recovery concept
- Regular data recovery tests and logging of the results
- Storage of backup media in a secure location outside the server room
- No sanitary connections in or above the server room.

4. **Procedures for regular review, assessment and evaluation (Art. 32 para. 1 lit. d GDPR; Art. 25 para. 1 GDPR)**

4.1 Data Protection measures

- Central documentation of all procedures and regulations on data protection with access for employees as required / authorized on the intranet
- Regular review of the effectiveness of the technical protection measures
- Engagement of an External Data Protection Officer (kontakt@datenschutzrechte.de)
- A DST (Data Protection and Information Security Team) has been set up to plan, implement, evaluate and adjust measures in the area of data protection and data security
- The data protection impact assessment is carried out as required
- VERBI GmbH complies with the information obligations according to Art. 13 and 14 GDPR
- Formalized process for processing requests for information from data subjects is in place.

4.2 Incident-Response-Management

Support in responding to security breaches

- Use of firewall and regular updates

- Use of spam filters and regular updates
- Use of virus scanners and regular updates
- Support from IT crisis experts and data protection lawyers as part of cyber risk insurance
- Documentation of security incidents and data breaches, e.g. via ticket system
- All employees are instructed and trained to ensure that data protection incidents are recognized and reported to the DPO immediately.
- The training courses are held regularly to ensure that the content is continuously updated.

4.3 Data protection friendly default settings

Privacy by design / Privacy by default

- The principle of necessity and data minimization is taken into account.
- No more personal data is collected than is necessary for the respective purpose.

4.4 Order control (outsourcing to third parties)

Measures to ensure that personal data processed on behalf of the client can only be processed in accordance with the client's instructions.

- Selection of the contractor under due diligence aspects (in particular with regard to information security).
- Regular monitoring of contractors.
- The principle of necessity and data minimization is taken into account
- Conclusion of the necessary agreement on order processing or EU standard contractual clauses.
- A regularly updated list of third-party service providers and subprocessors can be found on our [website](#).

Schedule 2

Commission implementing decision (EU) 2021/914 of 4 June 2021 on standard contractual clauses for the transfer of personal data to third countries pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council

Standard Contractual Clauses

MODULE FOUR: Transfer processor to controller

SECTION I

Clause 1

Purpose and scope

- (1) The purpose of these standard contractual clauses is to ensure compliance with the requirements of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data (General Data Protection Regulation) for the transfer of personal data to a third country.
- (2) The Parties:
 - (1) the natural or legal person(s), public authority/ies, agency/ies or other body/ies (hereinafter "entity/ies") transferring the personal data, as listed in Annex I.A. (hereinafter each "data exporter"), and
 - (2) the entity/ies in a third country receiving the personal data from the data exporter, directly or indirectly via another entity also Party to these Clauses, as listed in Annex I.A. (hereinafter each "data importer"),have agreed to these standard contractual clauses (hereinafter: "Clauses").
- (3) These Clauses apply with respect to the transfer of personal data as specified in Annex I.B.
- (4) The Appendix to these Clauses containing the Annexes referred to therein forms an integral part of these Clauses.

Clause 2

Effect and invariability of the Clauses

- (5) These Clauses set out appropriate safeguards, including enforceable data subject rights and effective legal remedies, pursuant to Article 46(1) and Article 46(2)(c) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 and, with respect to data transfers from controllers to processors and/or

processors to processors, standard contractual clauses pursuant to Article 28(7) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, provided they are not modified, except to select the appropriate Module(s) or to add or update information in the Appendix. This does not prevent the Parties from including the standard contractual clauses laid down in these Clauses in a wider contract and/or to add other clauses or additional safeguards, provided that they do not contradict, directly or indirectly, these Clauses or prejudice the fundamental rights or freedoms of data subjects.

- (6) These Clauses are without prejudice to obligations to which the data exporter is subject by virtue of Regulation (EU) 2016/679.

Clause 3

Third-party beneficiaries

- (7) Data subjects may invoke and enforce these Clauses, as third-party beneficiaries, against the data exporter and/or data importer, with the following exceptions
 - (1) Clause 1, Clause 2, Clause 3, Clause 6, Clause 7;
 - (2) Clause 8.1 (b) and Clause 8.3(b);
 - (3) [intentionally left blank];
 - (4) [intentionally left blank];
 - (5) Clause 13;
 - (6) Clause 15.1(c), (d) and (e);
 - (7) Clause 16(e);
 - (8) Clause 18.
- (8) Paragraph (a) is without prejudice to rights of data subjects under Regulation (EU) 2016/679.

Clause 4

Interpretation

- (9) Where these Clauses use terms that are defined in Regulation (EU) 2016/679, those terms shall have the same meaning as in that Regulation.
- (10) These Clauses shall be read and interpreted in the light of the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/679.
- (11) These Clauses shall not be interpreted in a way that conflicts with rights and obligations provided for in Regulation (EU) 2016/679.

Clause 5

Hierarchy

In the event of a contradiction between these Clauses and the provisions of related agreements between the Parties, existing at the time these Clauses are agreed or entered into thereafter, these Clauses shall prevail.

Clause 6

Description of the transfer(s)

The details of the transfer(s), and in particular the categories of personal data that are transferred and the purpose(s) for which they are transferred, are specified in Annex I.B.

Clause 7

Docking Clause

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SECTION II – OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES

Clause 8

Data protection safeguards

The data exporter warrants that it has used reasonable efforts to determine that the data importer is able, through the implementation of appropriate technical and organisational measures, to satisfy its obligations under these Clauses.

8.1 Instructions

- (12) The data exporter shall process the personal data only on documented instructions from the data importer acting as its controller.
- (13) The data exporter shall immediately inform the data importer if it is unable to follow those instructions, including if such instructions infringe Regulation (EU) 2016/679 or other Union or Member State data protection law.
- (14) The data importer shall refrain from any action that would prevent the data exporter from fulfilling its obligations under Regulation (EU) 2016/679, including in the context of sub-processing or as regards cooperation with competent supervisory authorities.
- (15) After the end of the provision of the processing services, the data exporter shall, at the choice of the data importer, delete all personal data processed on behalf of the data importer and certify to the data importer that it has done so, or return to the data importer all personal data processed on its behalf and delete existing copies.

8.2 Security of processing

- (16) The Parties shall implement appropriate technical and organisational measures to ensure the security of the data, including during transmission, and protection against a breach of security leading to accidental or unlawful destruction, loss, alteration, unauthorised disclosure or access (hereinafter “personal data breach”). In assessing the appropriate level of security, they shall take due account of the state of the art, the costs of implementation, the nature of the personal data⁷, the nature, scope, context and purpose(s) of processing and the risks involved in the processing for the data subjects, and in particular consider having recourse to encryption or pseudonymisation, including during transmission, where the purpose of processing can be fulfilled in that manner.
- (17) The data exporter shall assist the data importer in ensuring appropriate security of the data in accordance with paragraph (a). In case of a personal data breach concerning the personal data processed by the data exporter under these Clauses, the data exporter shall notify the data importer without undue delay after becoming aware of it and assist the data importer in addressing the breach.
- (18) The data exporter shall ensure that persons authorised to process the personal data have committed themselves to confidentiality or are under an appropriate statutory obligation of confidentiality.

8.3 Documentation and compliance

- (19) The Parties shall be able to demonstrate compliance with these Clauses.
- (20) The data exporter shall make available to the data importer all information necessary to demonstrate compliance with its obligations under these Clauses and allow for and contribute to audits.

Clause 9

Use of sub-processors

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Clause 10

Data subject rights

The Parties shall assist each other in responding to enquiries and requests made by data subjects under the local law applicable to the data importer or, for data processing by the data exporter in the EU, under Regulation (EU) 2016/679.

Clause 11

Redress

- (21) The data importer shall inform data subjects in a transparent and easily accessible format, through individual notice or on its website, of a contact point authorised to handle complaints. It shall deal promptly with any complaints it receives from a data subject.

Clause 12

Liability

- (22) Each Party shall be liable to the other Party/ies for any damages it causes the other Party/ies by any breach of these Clauses.
- (23) Each Party shall be liable to the data subject, and the data subject shall be entitled to receive compensation, for any material or non-material damages that the Party causes the data subject by breaching the third-party beneficiary rights under these Clauses. This is without prejudice to the liability of the data exporter under Regulation (EU) 2016/679.
- (24) Where more than one Party is responsible for any damage caused to the data subject as a result of a breach of these Clauses, all responsible Parties shall be jointly and severally liable and the data subject is entitled to bring an action in court against any of these Parties.
- (25) The Parties agree that if one Party is held liable under paragraph (c), it shall be entitled to claim back from the other Party/ies that part of the compensation corresponding to its / their responsibility for the damage.
- (26) The data importer may not invoke the conduct of a processor or sub-processor to avoid its own liability.

Clause 13

Supervision

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SECTION III – LOCAL LAWS AND OBLIGATIONS IN CASE OF ACCESS BY PUBLIC AUTHORITIES

Clause 14

Local laws and practices affecting compliance with the Clauses

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Clause 15

Obligations of the data importer in case of access by public authorities

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SECTION IV – FINAL PROVISIONS

Clause 16

Non-compliance with the Clauses and termination

- (27) The data importer shall promptly inform the data exporter if it is unable to comply with these Clauses, for whatever reason.
- (28) In the event that the data importer is in breach of these Clauses or unable to comply with these Clauses, the data exporter shall suspend the transfer of personal data to the data importer until compliance is again ensured or the contract is terminated. This is without prejudice to Clause 14(f).
- (29) The data exporter shall be entitled to terminate the contract, insofar as it concerns the processing of personal data under these Clauses, where:
 - (1) the data exporter has suspended the transfer of personal data to the data importer pursuant to paragraph (b) and compliance with these Clauses is not restored within a reasonable time and in any event within one month of suspension;
 - (2) the data importer is in substantial or persistent breach of these Clauses; or
 - (3) the data importer fails to comply with a binding decision of a competent court or supervisory authority regarding its obligations under these Clauses.

In these cases, it shall inform the competent supervisory authority of such non-compliance. Where the contract involves more than two Parties, the data exporter may exercise this right to termination only with respect to the relevant Party, unless the Parties have agreed otherwise.

- (30) Personal data collected by the data exporter in the EU that has been transferred prior to the termination of the contract pursuant to paragraph (c) shall immediately be deleted in its entirety, including any copy thereof. The data importer shall certify the deletion of the data to the data exporter. Until the data is deleted or returned, the data importer shall continue to ensure compliance with these Clauses. In case of local laws applicable to the data importer that prohibit the return or deletion of the transferred personal data, the data importer warrants that it will continue to ensure compliance with these Clauses and will only process the data to the extent and for as long as required under that local law.
- (31) Either Party may revoke its agreement to be bound by these Clauses where (i) the European Commission adopts a decision pursuant to Article 45(3) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 that covers the transfer of personal data to which these Clauses apply; or (ii) Regulation (EU) 2016/679 becomes part of the legal framework of the country to which

the personal data is transferred. This is without prejudice to other obligations applying to the processing in question under Regulation (EU) 2016/679.

Clause 17

Governing law

These Clauses shall be governed by the law of a country allowing for third-party beneficiary rights. The Parties agree that this shall be the law of Germany.

Clause 18

Choice of forum and jurisdiction

Any dispute arising from these Clauses shall be resolved by the courts of Germany.

APPENDIX

EXPLANATORY NOTE:

It must be possible to clearly distinguish the information applicable to each transfer or category of transfers and, in this regard, to determine the respective role(s) of the Parties as data exporter(s) and/or data importer(s). This does not necessarily require completing and signing separate appendices for each transfer/category of transfers and/or contractual relationship, where this transparency can be achieved through one appendix. However, where necessary to ensure sufficient clarity, separate appendices should be used.

ANNEX I

A. LIST OF PARTIES

Data exporter:

Name: VERBI Software. Consult. Sozialforschung GmbH

Address: Invalidenstr. 74, 10557 Berli

Contact person's name, position and contact details: The data protection officer of VERBI GmbH can be reached at kontakt@datenschutzrechte.de.

Activities relevant to the data transferred under these Clauses: See relevant information in the respective sections on data protection of these GTC/EULA.

Signature and date: Effective with agreement to the General Terms & Conditions (GTC) and End User License Agreement (EULA) by the customer.

Role (controller/processor): Processor

Data importer:

The controller is the customer in accordance with the General Terms & Conditions (GTC) and End User License Agreement (EULA) of VERBI Software. Consult. Sozialforschung GmbH.

Activities relevant to the data transferred under these Clauses: See relevant information in the section on data protection of these GTC/EULA.

Signature and date: Effective with agreement to the General Terms & Conditions (GTC) and End User License Agreement (EULA) by the customer.

Role (controller/processor): Controller

B. DESCRIPTION OF TRANSFER

See relevant information in the data protection section of these GTC/EULA.