

Google Cloud Platform: EU Model Contract Clauses

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Standard Contractual Clauses (processors)

for the purposes of Article 26(2) of Directive 95/46/EC for the transfer of personal data to processors established in third countries which do not ensure an adequate level of data protection

the non-Google legal entity accepting the Clauses (the “Data Exporter”)

And

Google LLC (formerly known as Google Inc.),

1600 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View, California 94043 USA

(the “Data Importer”)

each a “party”; together “the parties”,

HAVE AGREED on the following Contractual Clauses (the “Clauses”) in order to adduce adequate safeguards with respect to the protection of privacy and fundamental rights and freedoms of individuals for the transfer by the Data Exporter to the Data Importer of the personal data specified in Appendix 1.

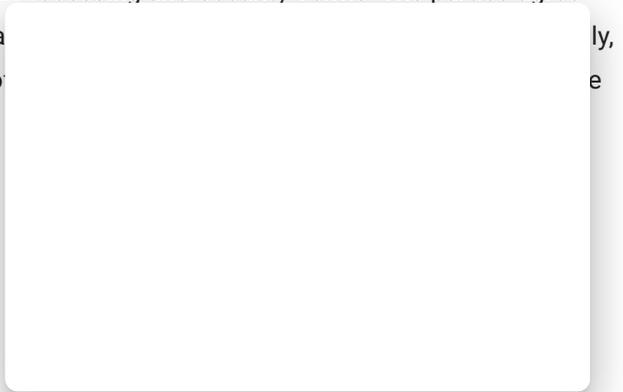
The Clauses (including Appendices 1 and 2) are effective from the date the Data Exporter has both: (i) executed a valid Google Cloud Platform Agreement with Data Processing and Security Terms (collectively the “Services Agreement”); and (ii) clicked to accept these Clauses. In this document: (a) “Google Cloud Platform Agreement” means an agreement under which the Data Importer, Google Ireland Limited, Google Asia Pacific Pte. Ltd., or any other entity that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the Data Importer, has agreed to provide Google Cloud Platform (as described at <https://cloud.google.com/terms/services> (<https://cloud.google.com/terms/services>)) and related technical support to Data Exporter (whether as a customer, reseller or supplier); and (b) “Data Processing and Security Terms” means terms incorporated by reference into the Google Cloud Platform Agreement or otherwise subsequently agreed between the parties to that agreement that set out certain terms in relation to the protection and processing of personal data.

If you are accepting on behalf of the Data Exporter, you represent and warrant that: (i) you have full legal authority to bind your employer, or the applicable entity, to these terms and conditions; (ii) you have read and understand the Clauses; and (iii) you agree, on behalf of the party that you represent, to the Clauses. If you do not have the legal authority to bind the Data Exporter, please do not click the “I Accept” button below. The Clauses shall automatically expire on the termination or expiry of the Data Processing and Security Terms. The parties agree that where Data Exporter has been presented with these Clauses, such acceptance shall constitute execution of the entirety of the Clauses on the date described above.

Clause 1

Definitions

For the purposes of the Clauses:



(a) 'personal data', 'special categories of data', 'process/processing', 'controller', 'processor', 'Data Subject' and 'Supervisory Authority' shall have the same meaning as in Directive 95/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 1995 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data;

(b) 'the Data Exporter' means the controller who transfers the personal data;

(c) 'the Data Importer' means the processor who agrees to receive from the Data Exporter personal data intended for processing on his behalf after the transfer in accordance with his instructions and the terms of the Clauses and who is not subject to a third country's system ensuring adequate protection within the meaning of Article 25 (1) of Directive 95/46/EC;

(d) 'the Subprocessor' means any processor engaged by the Data Importer or by any other subprocessor of the Data Importer who agrees to receive from the Data Importer or from any other subprocessor of the Data Importer personal data exclusively intended for processing activities to be carried out on behalf of the Data Exporter after the transfer in accordance with his instructions, the terms of the Clauses and the terms of the written subcontract;

(e) 'the applicable data protection law' means the legislation protecting the fundamental rights and freedoms of individuals and, in particular, their right to privacy with respect to the processing of personal data applicable to a data controller in the Member State in which the Data Exporter is established;

(f) 'technical and organisational security measures' means those measures aimed at protecting personal data against accidental or unlawful destruction or accidental loss, alteration, unauthorised disclosure or access, in particular where the processing involves the transmission of data over a network, and against all other unlawful forms of processing.

Clause 2

Details of the transfer

The details of the transfer and in particular the special categories of personal data where applicable are specified in Appendix 1 which forms an integral part of the Clauses.

Clause 3

Third-party beneficiary clause

1. The Data Subject can enforce against the Data Exporter this Clause, Clause 4(b) to (i), Clause 5(a) to (e), and (g) to (j), Clause 6(1) and (2), Clause 7, Clause 8(2), and Clauses 9 to 12 as third-party beneficiary.

2. The Data Subject can enforce against the Data Importer this Clause, Clause 5(a) to (e) and (g), Clause 6, Clause 7, Clause 8(2), and Clauses 9 to 12, in cases where the Data Importer ceases to exist in law or ceases to exist in law unless any successor entity has assumed the entire or part of the Data Importer's obligations or by operation of law, as a result of which it takes on the rights and obligations of the Data Importer, in which case the Data Subject can enforce them against such entity.

3. The Data Subject can enforce against the Subprocessor this Clause, Clause 5(a) to (e) and (g), Clause 7, Clause 8(2), and Clauses 9 to 12, in cases where both the Subprocessor and the Data Importer cease to exist in law or have become insolvent, in which case the Data Subject can enforce the entire legal obligations of the Data Exporter by contract or by law.

(j) that it will ensure compliance with Clause 4(a) to (i).

Clause 5

Obligations of the Data Importer*

The Data Importer agrees and warrants:

(a) to process the personal data only on behalf of the Data Exporter and in compliance with its instructions and the Clauses; if it cannot provide such compliance for whatever reasons, it agrees to inform promptly the Data Exporter of its inability to comply, in which case the Data Exporter is entitled to suspend the transfer of data and/or terminate the contract;

(b) that it has no reason to believe that the legislation applicable to it prevents it from fulfilling the instructions received from the Data Exporter and its obligations under the contract and that in the event of a change in this legislation which is likely to have a substantial adverse effect on the warranties and obligations provided by the Clauses, it will promptly notify the change to the Data Exporter as soon as it is aware, in which case the Data Exporter is entitled to suspend the transfer of data and/or terminate the contract;

(c) that it has implemented the technical and organisational security measures specified in Appendix 2 before processing the personal data transferred;

(d) that it will promptly notify the Data Exporter about:

(i) any legally binding request for disclosure of the personal data by a law enforcement authority unless otherwise prohibited, such as a prohibition under criminal law to preserve the confidentiality of a law enforcement investigation;

(ii) any accidental or unauthorised access; and

(iii) any request received directly from the Data Subjects without responding to that request, unless it has been otherwise authorised to do so;

(e) to deal promptly and properly with all inquiries from the Data Exporter relating to its processing of the personal Data Subject to the transfer and to abide by the advice of the supervisory authority with regard to the processing of the data transferred;

(f) at the request of the Data Exporter to submit its data-processing facilities for audit of the processing activities covered by the Clauses which shall be carried out by the Data Exporter or an inspection body composed of independent members and in possession of the required professional qualifications bound by a duty of confidentiality, selected by the Data Exporter, where applicable;

(g) to make available to the Data Subject upon request a copy of the personal data processed by it in connection with the processing, unless the Clauses or contract contain commercial information, with the exception of Appendix 2 with respect to the security measures in those cases where the Data Subject

(h) that, in the event of sub-processing, it has previously informed the Data Subject of the sub-processing and obtained its consent;

(i) that the processing services by the Subprocessor will be carried out in accordance with Clause 11;

(j) to send promptly a copy of any Subprocessor agreement it concludes under the Clauses to the Data Exporter.

Clause 6

Liability

1. The parties agree that any Data Subject, who has suffered damage as a result of any breach of the obligations referred to in Clause 3 or in Clause 11 by any party or Subprocessor is entitled to receive compensation from the Data Exporter for the damage suffered.

2. If a Data Subject is not able to bring a claim for compensation in accordance with paragraph 1 against the Data Exporter, arising out of a breach by the Data Importer or his Subprocessor of any of their obligations referred to in Clause 3 or in Clause 11, because the Data Exporter has factually disappeared or ceased to exist in law or has become insolvent, the Data Importer agrees that the Data Subject may issue a claim against the Data Importer as if it were the Data Exporter, unless any successor entity has assumed the entire legal obligations of the Data Exporter by contract or by operation of law, in which case the Data Subject can enforce its rights against such entity. The Data Importer may not rely on a breach by a Subprocessor of its obligations in order to avoid its own liabilities.

3. If a Data Subject is not able to bring a claim against the Data Exporter or the Data Importer referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2, arising out of a breach by the Subprocessor of any of their obligations referred to in Clause 3 or in Clause 11 because both the Data Exporter and the Data Importer have factually disappeared or ceased to exist in law or have become insolvent, the Subprocessor agrees that the Data Subject may issue a claim against the data Subprocessor with regard to its own processing operations under the Clauses as if it were the Data Exporter or the Data Importer, unless any successor entity has assumed the entire legal obligations of the Data Exporter or Data Importer by contract or by operation of law, in which case the Data Subject can enforce its rights against such entity. The liability of the Subprocessor shall be limited to its own processing operations under the Clauses.

Clause 7

Mediation and jurisdiction

1. The Data Importer agrees that if the Data Subject invokes against it third-party beneficiary rights and/or claims compensation for damages under the Clauses, the Data Importer will accept the decision of the Data Subject;

(a) to refer the dispute to mediation, by an independent person or, where applicable, by the supervisory authority;

(b) to refer the dispute to the courts in the Member State in which the Data Exporter is established;

2. The parties agree that the choice made by the Data Subject to seek remedies in accordance with other provisions of national law shall prevail.

Clause 8

Cooperation with supervisory authorities

1. The Data Exporter agrees to deposit a copy of this contract with the supervisory authority if such deposit is required under the applicable data protection law.

2. The parties agree that the supervisory authority has the right to conduct an audit of the Data Importer, and of any Subprocessor, which has the same scope and is subject to the same conditions as would apply to an audit of the Data Exporter under the applicable data protection law.

3. The Data Importer shall promptly inform the Data Exporter about the existence of legislation applicable to it or any Subprocessor preventing the conduct of an audit of the Data Importer, or any Subprocessor, pursuant to paragraph 2. In such a case the Data Exporter shall be entitled to take the measures foreseen in Clause 5(b).

Clause 9

Governing Law

The Clauses shall be governed by the law of the Member State in which the Data Exporter is established.

Clause 10

Variation of the contract

The parties undertake not to vary or modify the Clauses. This does not preclude the parties from adding clauses on business related issues where required as long as they do not contradict the Clause.

Clause 11

Sub-Processing

1. The Data Importer shall not subcontract any of its processing operations performed on behalf of the Data Exporter under the Clauses without the prior written consent of the Data Exporter. Where the Data Importer subcontracts its obligations under the Clauses, with the consent of the Data Exporter, it shall do so only by way of a written agreement with the Subprocessor which imposes the same obligations on the Subprocessor as are imposed on the Data Importer under the Clauses. Where the Subprocessor fails to fulfil its data protection obligations under such written agreement the Data Importer shall remain fully liable to the Data Exporter for the performance of the Subprocessor's obligations under such agreement.

2. The prior written contract between the Data Importer and the Subprocessor shall also provide for a third-party beneficiary clause as laid down in Clause 3 for cases where the Data Subject is not able to bring the claim for compensation referred to in paragraph 1 of Clause 6 against the Data Exporter or the Data Importer because they have factually disappeared or have ceased to exist in law or have become insolvent and no successor entity has assumed the entire legal obligations of the Data Exporter or Data Importer by contract or by operation of law. Such third-party liability of the Subprocessor shall be limited to its own processing operations under the Clauses.

3. The provisions relating to data protection aspects for sub-processing of the contract referred to in paragraph 1 shall be governed by the law of the Member State in which the Data Exporter is established.

4. The Data Exporter shall keep a list of sub-processing agreements entered into by the Data Importer pursuant to Clause 5(j), which shall be updated annually and made available to the Data Exporter's data protection supervisory authority.

Clause 12

Obligation after the termination of personal data processing

1. The parties agree that on the termination of the provision of data processing services, the Data Importer and the Subprocessor shall, at the choice of the Data Exporter, return all the personal data transferred and the copies thereof to the Data Exporter or shall destroy all the personal data and certify to the Data Exporter that it has done so, unless legislation imposed upon the Data Importer prevents it from returning or destroying all or part of the personal data transferred. In that case, the Data Importer warrants that it will guarantee the confidentiality of the personal data transferred and will not actively process the personal data transferred anymore.

2. The Data Importer and the Subprocessor warrant that upon request of the Data Exporter and/or of the supervisory authority, it will submit its data processing facilities for an audit of the measures referred to in paragraph 1.

Appendix 1

to the Standard Contractual Clauses

This Appendix forms part of the Clauses

Data Exporter

The Data Exporter is the non-Google legal entity that is a party to the Clauses.

Data Importer

The Data Importer is Google LLC, a global provider of a variety of technology services for businesses.

Data Subjects

The personal data transferred concern the following categories of data subjects: Data subjects include the individuals about whom data is provided to Google via the Services (as defined in the Services Agreement) by (or at the direction of) Data Exporter.

Categories of data

The personal data transferred concern the following categories of data: Data relating to individuals provided to Google via the Services by (or at the direction of) Data Exporter.

Special categories of data (if appropriate)

The personal data transferred concern the following special categories of data: Data relating to individuals provided to Google via the Services by (or at the direction of) Data Exporter.

Processing operations

The personal data transferred will be subject to the following basic processing activities:

- **Scope of Processing.** The Clauses reflect the parties' agreement with respect to the processing and transfer of personal data specified in this Appendix pursuant to the instructions of the Data Exporter. The Data Importer and its Subprocessors will process personal data only to comply with Instructions (as defined in the Data Processing and Security Terms) that the Data Exporter instructs the Data Importer to process personal data. The Data Importer and its Subprocessors maintain facilities.
- **Term of Data Processing.** Data processing will be for the period specified in the Data Processing and Security Terms. Such period will automatically terminate as described in the Data Processing and Security Terms.
- **Data Deletion.** During the term of the Services Agreement, the Data Importer and its Subprocessors will process personal data with the ability to delete the Data Exporter's personal data.

Agreement. After termination or expiry of the Services Agreement, the Data Importer will delete the Data Exporter's personal data in accordance with the Data Processing and Security Terms.

- Access to Data. During the term of the Services Agreement, the Data Importer will provide the Data Exporter with access to, and the ability to rectify, restrict processing of and export the Data Exporter's personal data from the Services in accordance with the Services Agreement.
- Subprocessors. The Data Importer may engage Subprocessors to provide parts of the Services and TSS (as defined in the Services Agreement). The Data Importer will ensure Subprocessors only access and use the Data Exporter's personal data to provide the Services and TSS and not for any other purpose.

Appendix 2

to the Standard Contractual Clauses

This Appendix forms part of the Clauses.

Description of the technical and organisational security measures implemented by the Data Importer in accordance with Clauses 4(c) and 5(c) (or document/legislation attached): The Data Importer currently abides by the security standards in this Appendix 2. The Data Importer may update or modify these security standards from time to time provided such updates and modifications will not result in a degradation of the overall security of the Services during the term of the Services Agreement.

1. Data Center & Network Security.

(a) Data Centers.

Infrastructure. The Data Importer maintains geographically distributed data centers. The Data Importer stores all production data in physically secure data centers.

Redundancy. Infrastructure systems have been designed to eliminate single points of failure and minimize the impact of anticipated environmental risks. Dual circuits, switches, networks or other necessary devices help provide this redundancy. The Services are designed to allow the Data Importer to perform certain types of preventative and corrective maintenance without interruption. All environmental equipment and facilities have documented preventative maintenance procedures that detail the process for and frequency of performance in accordance with the manufacturer's or internal specifications. Preventative and corrective maintenance of the data center equipment is scheduled through a standard change process according to documented procedures.

Power. The data center electrical power systems are designed to be redundant and maintainable without impact to continuous operations, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In most cases, a primary as well as an alternate power source, each with equal capacity, is provided for critical infrastructure components in the data center. Backup power is provided by various mechanisms such as uninterruptible power supplies (UPS) to ensure a consistently reliable power protection during utility brownouts and tolerance frequency conditions. If utility power is interrupted, diesel generators are capable of automatically starting up within 10 minutes to provide power to the data center, at full capacity, for up to 10 minutes. Diesel generators are capable of automatically starting up within 10 minutes to provide power to run the data center at full capacity typically for a period of 24 hours.

Server Operating Systems. The Data Importer servers use a secure operating system and application environment. Data is stored using proprietary algorithms.

The Data Importer employs a code review process to increase the security of the code used to provide the Services and enhance the security products in production environments.

Businesses Continuity. The Data Importer replicates data over multiple systems to help to protect against accidental destruction or loss. The Data Importer has designed and regularly plans and tests its business continuity planning/disaster recovery programs.

(b) Networks and Transmission.

Data Transmission. Data centers are typically connected via high-speed private links to provide secure and fast data transfer between data centers. This is designed to prevent data from being read, copied, altered or removed without authorization during electronic transfer or transport or while being recorded onto data storage media. The Data Importer transfers data via Internet standard protocols.

External Attack Surface. The Data Importer employs multiple layers of network devices and intrusion detection to protect its external attack surface. The Data Importer considers potential attack vectors and incorporates appropriate purpose built technologies into external facing systems.

Intrusion Detection. Intrusion detection is intended to provide insight into ongoing attack activities and provide adequate information to respond to incidents. The Data Importer intrusion detection involves:

1. tightly controlling the size and make-up of the Data Importer's attack surface through preventative measures;
2. employing intelligent detection controls at data entry points; and
3. employing technologies that automatically remedy certain dangerous situations.

Incident Response. The Data Importer monitors a variety of communication channels for security incidents, and The Data Importer's security personnel will react promptly to known incidents.

Encryption Technologies. The Data Importer makes HTTPS encryption (also referred to as SSL or TLS connection) available. Google servers support ephemeral elliptic curve Diffie-Hellman cryptographic key exchange signed with RSA and ECDSA. These perfect forward secrecy (PFS) methods help protect traffic and minimize the impact of a compromised key, or a cryptographic breakthrough.

2. Access and Site Controls.

(a) Site Controls.

On-site Data Center Security Operation. The Data Importer's data centers maintain an on-site security operation responsible for all physical data center security functions 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The on-site security operation personnel monitor closed circuit TV (CCTV) cameras and security personnel perform internal and external patrols of the data center.

Data Center Access Procedures. The Data Importer maintains strict access to the data centers. The data centers are housed in facilities with physical security alarms that are linked to the on-site security operation. All employees must identify themselves as well as show proof of identity to on-site security personnel. Only authorized contractors and visitors are allowed entry to the data centers. All contractors are permitted to request electronic card key access to these facilities.

implemented. These standards include restrictions on password reuse and sufficient password strength. For access to extremely sensitive information (e.g., credit card data), the Data Importer uses hardware tokens.

3. Data.

(a) Data Storage, Isolation and Logging.

The Data Importer stores data in a multi-tenant environment on the Data Importer-owned servers. The data and file system architecture are replicated between multiple geographically dispersed data centers. The Data Importer also logically isolates the Data Exporter's data, and the Data Exporter will be given control over specific data sharing policies. Those policies, in accordance with the functionality of the Services, will enable the Data Exporter to determine the product sharing settings applicable to end users for specific purposes. The Data Exporter may choose to make use of certain logging capability that the Data Importer may make available via the Services.

(b) Decommissioned Disks and Disk Erase Policy.

Disks containing data may experience performance issues, errors or hardware failure that lead them to be decommissioned ("Decommissioned Disk"). Every Decommissioned Disk is subject to a series of data destruction processes (the "Disk Erase Policy") before leaving the Data Importer's premises either for reuse or destruction. Decommissioned Disks are erased in a multi-step process and verified complete by at least two independent validators. The erase results are logged by the Decommissioned Disk's serial number for tracking. Finally, the erased Decommissioned Disk is released to inventory for reuse and redeployment. If, due to hardware failure, the Decommissioned Disk cannot be erased, it is securely stored until it can be destroyed. Each facility is audited regularly to monitor compliance with the Disk Erase Policy.

4. Personnel Security.

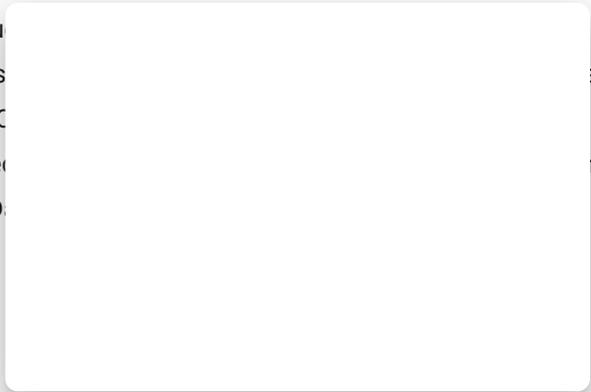
The Data Importer personnel are required to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the company's guidelines regarding confidentiality, business ethics, appropriate usage, and professional standards. The Data Importer conducts reasonably appropriate background checks to the extent legally permissible and in accordance with applicable local labor law and statutory regulations.

Personnel are required to execute a confidentiality agreement and must acknowledge receipt of, and compliance with, the Data Importer's confidentiality and privacy policies. Personnel are provided with security training. Personnel handling customer data are required to complete additional requirements appropriate to their role (eg., certifications). The Data Importer's personnel will not process customer data without authorization.

5. Subprocessor Security.

Before onboarding Subprocessors, the Data Importer conducts due diligence on Subprocessors to ensure Subprocessors provide a level of security and the scope of the services they are engaged to provide. Consistent with the requirements presented by the Subprocessor, the Subprocessor is required to enter into a data processing agreement and privacy contract terms as described in Section 11.3 of the Data Importer's Privacy Policy.

6. The Data Importer's Cloud Data Protection Team.



The Data Importer's Cloud Data Protection Team can be contacted at <https://support.google.com/cloud/contact/dpo> (<https://support.google.com/cloud/contact/dpo>) (and/or via such other means as Google may provide from time to time).

* Mandatory requirements of the national legislation applicable to the data importer which do not go beyond what is necessary in a democratic society on the basis of one of the interests listed in Article 13(1) of Directive 95/46/EC, that is, if they constitute a necessary measure to safeguard national security, defence, public security, the prevention, investigation, detection and prosecution of criminal offences or of breaches of ethics for the regulated professions, an important economic or financial interest of the State or the protection of the data subject or the rights and freedoms of others, are not in contradiction with the standard contractual clauses. Some examples of such mandatory requirements which do not go beyond what is necessary in a democratic society are, inter alia, internationally recognised sanctions, tax-reporting requirements or anti-money-laundering reporting requirements.

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