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About the data exchange

Dear Daiga,

We are contacting you concerning the agreement „Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Estonia and the Government of the Republic of Latvia on the Exchange of Data from the Population Register “(hereinafter referred to as the Governmental Agreement).

According to the Article 3 (1) of the Governmental Agreement, the competent authority maintaining the population register of the state of arrival shall deliver the data (including changes in the data) listed in the Annex to this Agreement, which has been recorded in the population register within one calendar month regarding the person of interest, to the competent authority maintaining the population register of the state of departure once a month, but no later than on the 15th day of the next month.

This principle is also in the “Agreement on the exchange of the information registered between the population registers of the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Estonia” “(hereinafter referred to as the Technical Agreement) that applies the Governmental Agreement. According to the Technical Agreement’s Article 2.3. for the first time, the Parties shall exchange with the files that summarise the data specified in the annex to the Governmental Agreement regarding to all persons of interest registered in the population register of the relevant Party. Subsequently, the Parties shall exchange with the files that contain changes in the data on the Person of Interest as set out in the annex to the Governmental Agreement.

Our concern is that we are receiving from Latvia every month all the data about all the people of interest, not the changes of their data. That means we must manually look through thousands of lines in Excel to find out which data is new, and which is already sent to us previously. According to our Agreements we must exchange data that has been recorded in the population register within one calendar month regarding the person of interest. That means the data that has been recorded in the previous month, for example the file in May should only consist of data that has been recorded in April, not in January or even before that.

We are kindly asking you to send only the new data, that means the data about the previous month, not all the data every month about all the people of interest.

In addition to that, we are proposing to hold a meeting in person after the summer. There we could discuss more in detail how is the data exchange going and maybe give an overview about the changes in the national legislation and share the future plans with each other. The meeting could be held either in Estonia or in Latvia, how is more suitable for you. Please let us know, is this proposal suitable for you and if yes, where this meeting should be held and when.

Yours Sincerely,

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