

# Booking.com Data Portability API - Terms of Use

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Thank you for using the Booking.com Data Portability API. By using the Data Portability API, you agree to comply with these terms of use ("**Terms**"). Please read them carefully.

Under the Terms, "Booking.com" means Booking.com B.V., located at Oosterdokskade 163, 1011 DL, Amsterdam, Netherlands. We may refer to "we", "our", or "us" in the Terms.

## 1. Overview

The use of the Data Portability API allows you, the legal entity agreeing to these Terms, to import Customer Data upon authorization from a Booking.com Customer. To use, access or continue to use the Data Portability API, Booking.com will require you to successfully complete the registration process subject to periodic updates (if applicable). Detailed information on the verification process can be found at [developers.booking.com](https://developers.booking.com).

You shall keep your contact details up to date. We rely on the contact details provided by you for notices. These notices could be information on Data Portability API updates. We may terminate these Terms with you, if we cannot reach you via the contact details you provided.

## 2. Definitions

**"Booking.com's Affiliate"** means any entity that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by or is under common control with Booking.com.

**"Booking.com Customer"** means any Booking.com traveller residing in the EEA or the United Kingdom that has the right to authorise transfer of Customer Data to you based on DMA data portability requirements.

**"Customer Data"** means the information that is subject to transfer through the Data Portability API, as authorised by the Booking.com Customer.

**"Data and Data Protection Law"** means any applicable law relating to the provision of digital services and the protection and use of information and personal data (including but not limited to rules regarding information security, the processing of Customer Data, the protection of privacy, the use of device related information, the operation of digital marketplaces and platforms, and the use of information for marketing purposes), applicable to you, Booking.com or both, and any laws or regulations ratifying, implementing, adopting, supplementing, amending or replacing such laws or regulations.

**"Data Portability API"** means the Booking.com Data Portability Application Interface enabling the transfer of Customer Data.

**"DMA"** means the EU Digital Markets Act (Regulation (EU) 2022/1925).

**"EEA"** means member states of the European Union as well as Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein (as amended by the appropriate governing body from time to time)

**"Intellectual Property"** means all rights, title and interest in: (a) patents, trade marks, service marks, trade names, goodwill, registered designs, design rights, semiconductor topography rights, database rights, copyrights and other forms of intellectual or industrial property (in each case in any part of the world, whether or not registered or registerable for their full period of registration with all extensions, renewals and revivals, and including all applications for

registration or otherwise); (b) inventions, formulae including know-how or secret processes; (c) rights in computer software; and (d) any similar rights or assets which may now or in the future subsist anywhere in the world.

“**SCCs**” means the European Union Standard Contractual Clauses (Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/914) or such range of measures approved by the European Commission whereby such clauses are altered or replaced or substituted, and as applicable, the United Kingdom Addendum, as attached in Annex 1.

“**Security Breach**” means a breach in the technical and/or organisational measures to protect the confidentiality, integrity or availability of Customer Data or an incident that leads to the accidental or unlawful destruction, loss, alteration or unauthorised disclosure of, or access to, Customer Data.

### **3. Use of the Data Portability API**

#### **3.1. Licence to Use**

Booking.com grants you a limited, non-transferable, non-exclusive, non-sublicensable (with the exemption foreseen in clause 3.2.a) and revocable licence to use the Data Portability API for the sole purpose of transferring Customer Data as authorised by the Booking.com Customer and in accordance with these Terms.

#### **3.2. Restrictions of Use**

In addition to the other provisions included in these Terms, you agree not to do the following:

- a. Disclose or provide the Data Portability API to any third party other than to your employees or independent contractors, for whom you bear full responsibility and liabilities;
- b. Request transfer or transfer of Customer Data via the Data Portability API without actual authorization from the Booking.com Customer with or without remuneration;
- c. Cause any Security Breach, disturbance to, interruption of, or any loss of availability or functionality of the Data Portability API or Booking.com’s system;
- d. Use the Data Portability API in violation of the purposes described in these Terms;
- e. Copy, adapt, modify, reverse-engineer, disassemble, decompile, decipher, or otherwise attempt to derive the source code, underlying ideas, algorithms, or structure of the Data Portability API, through automated or other means.

#### **3.3. Monitor of Use**

You agree that Booking.com may monitor your use of the Data Portability API to ensure quality, improve our service and verify your compliance with the Terms. We may suspend your access to the Data Portability API without prior notice if we reasonably believe that you have breached any of the Terms.

### **4. Data Protection Obligations**

#### **4.1. You will not use the Data Portability API for any illegal purpose and will only process Customer Data for the purpose for which the Customer Data is shared via the Data Portability API. You shall not process shared Customer Data for your own purposes.**

#### **4.2. You shall comply with your obligations as a controller under applicable Data and Data Protection Law for the collection and processing of Customer Data and shall solely be**

responsible for your own compliance with applicable Data and Data Protection Law, including but not limited to promptly notifying the responsible data protection authority where required in the event of any Security Breaches occurring within your organization that affects the Customer Data you received from the Data Portability API. If you notify either Booking.com Customers or the responsible data protection authority you shall also notify Booking.com by sending an email to [security@booking.com](mailto:security@booking.com).

- 4.3. You and Booking.com acknowledge that you and Booking.com act as independent controllers for the respective processing activities pursuant to the use of this Data Portability API, not as joint controllers.
- 4.4. You shall only permit persons to access the Customer Data you receive via the Data Portability API if it is strictly necessary and in particular only to authorised employees or independent contractors that are bound by confidentiality obligations or are under an appropriate statutory obligation of confidentiality with regard to the shared Customer Data.
- 4.5. You shall process Customer Data in accordance with your privacy statement. You shall make your privacy statement available to Booking.com Customers in a transparent manner prior to or upon collection of the Customer Data or in a manner as permitted by applicable Data and Data Protection Law.
- 4.6. You will independently and promptly handle and respond to requests in relation to the Customer Data that is shared via the Data Portability API. When you receive a request that directly or indirectly relates to the processing of Customer Data carried out by Booking.com, You will refer and forward the request to Booking.com, together with all relevant information or communications without undue delay.
- 4.7. If you are located outside of the EEA or UK, or in a country that is not recognized as providing an adequate level of data protection by the European Commission or UK law, you and Booking.com agree that the Controller to Controller SSCs apply in light of the data transfer via Data Portability API. In the event of an (onward) data transfer to a country outside the EEA, you will assess whether the laws applicable to the transfer provide adequate protection under applicable Data and Data Protection Law. To the extent that any such laws are not in line with the requirements of the SCCs you shall share with Booking.com the implemented safeguards certifying the legitimacy of the data transfer.
- 4.8. You warrant that you have implemented appropriate technical and organisational measures and, at a minimum, the measures pursuant to article 32 of the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679) to ensure a level of security appropriate to the risk to the rights and freedoms of the Booking.com Customers, taking into account the state of the art, the costs of implementation and the nature, scope, context and purposes of such processing as well as the varying likelihood and severity of such risk and good practices. You shall continuously update and improve the security measures taken as necessary to ensure an appropriate and state of the art security level and shall have appropriate documentation in

place to demonstrate compliance, which includes the detection, cure and prevention of Security Breaches also to prevent and detect social engineering activities from third parties, including account takeovers, that may result in a Security Breach.

- 4.9. If you become aware of, or have reasonable grounds to suspect that there may be a Security Breach that may jeopardise Booking.com's systems, database, information, data, servers, connections, integration, website, as well as the Booking.com Data Portability API and any Customer Data stored, transmitted or otherwise processed in the context of these Terms, you will notify Booking.com immediately thereof by sending an email to [security@booking.com](mailto:security@booking.com), and cooperate with Booking.com in providing information, taking any reasonable and appropriate action to address the Security Breach and mitigate the risk of a similar Security Breach materialising in the future.
- 4.10. You shall assist Booking.com including but not limited to:
- a. respond to requests from competent authority (including supervisory authorities) in relation to the Customer Data processed and shared in the context of these Terms; and
  - b. conduct assessments to validate compliance with applicable laws, including Data and Data Protection Laws.

## **5. Security obligations**

You will not carry out any act or make any omission that has or could reasonably be expected to have an adverse impact on the security of Booking.com, and will use reasonable efforts to:

- a. ensure that your computer systems, database, servers, API connections and integrations do not and will not render inoperable software, hardware or security measures of Booking.com or contain any materials which may have a detrimental, deleterious or adverse effect on or cause damage to Booking.com, including but not limited to worms, viruses, Trojan horses, corrupted files, cracks, bugs, or unauthorised or hidden programs or other materials; and
- b. safeguard and keep the user credentials of the Booking.com Data Portability API confidential and secure, and shall not disclose these credentials to any person other than those who need to have access to the Booking.com Data Portability API to fulfil their job responsibilities.

## **6. Compliance with Laws**

You warrant and represent that you will comply with all applicable laws and regulations (including Data and Data Protection Laws).

## **7. Ownership of the Data Portability API, Use of Brand**

We reserve all Intellectual Property rights, title, and interest in and to the Data Portability API. All rights not expressly granted in these Terms are reserved by Booking.com. You shall not use Booking.com's brand/logo (including trade name and trademark) without Booking.com's prior written approval.

## **8. Termination and Suspension**

### **8.1. The Right of Termination and Suspension**

You may stop using the Data Portability API without prior notice to Booking.com or terminate these Terms at any time for any reason by giving prior written notice to Booking.com in accordance with clause 12 (*Contact*). Booking.com may suspend or terminate these Terms without liability at any time by giving prior written notice to you.

### **8.2. Effect of Termination**

Upon termination, you shall cease to use the Data Portability API.

### **8.3. Survival**

Clauses 6 (*Compliance with law*), 8.2 (*Effect of Termination*), 9 (*Disclaimer of warranties, Liability and Indemnity*), 10 (*Dispute Resolution*), 11 (*Miscellaneous*) (and such other clauses that by nature survive termination) shall all survive termination.

## **9. Disclaimer of warranties, Liability and Indemnity**

### **9.1. Disclaimer of warranties**

You acknowledge and agree that the Data Portability API is provided on “as is” and “as available” basis, where is, with all faults, and without representation, warranty or condition of any kind, whether express or implied, including any representation, merchantability, satisfactory quality or fitness for any particular purpose, absence of errors, or absence of interruptions.

### **9.2. Limitation of Liability**

In no event will Booking.com be liable for any indirect, incidental, special, consequential, or punitive damages, including but not limited to loss of profits, data, or business opportunities, arising from the use of the Data Portability API. You agree that the use of the Data Portability API is at your own discretion and risk, and you will be solely responsible for any damages that resulted from the use of Data Portability API, even if Booking.com was advised of the possibility of such damages.

### **9.3. Indemnity**

You shall fully indemnify, compensate and hold Booking.com and Booking.com’s Affiliates, their directors, officers, employees, agents, representatives and subcontractors, harmless from any claim brought by a third party, including any damages, losses, liabilities, obligations, costs, expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys’ fees and expenses) that are in connection with the use of the Data Portability API, or your breach of the Terms.

## **10. Dispute Resolution**

These Terms, as well as any claim arising out of or related to the Terms, shall be exclusively governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Netherlands. Any disputes arising out of or in connection with the Terms shall exclusively be submitted to and dealt with by the competent court in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

## **11. Miscellaneous**

### **11.1. Assignment**

You may not assign, transfer any of your rights or obligations under the Terms to a third party. Booking.com may assign, transfer any of its rights and obligations under these Terms to a third party without prior notice to you.

### **11.2. Modification**

Booking.com may from time to time update and amend the Terms. We recommend you to look at the Terms regularly. Any changes on the Terms will take effect 30 days after the announcement of such changes.

### **11.3. Costs and Expenses**

You shall bear your own costs and expenses incurred in using the Data Portability API and executing these Terms.

### **11.4. Language**

These Terms are drafted and shall be construed in English.

### **11.5. No Partnership**

You and Booking.com are, and shall remain, independent contractors under these Terms, and nothing herein shall constitute or be construed to create an agency, partnership or joint venture between you and Booking.com. You have no authority or power to bind, to contract in the name of, or to create a liability for Booking.com in any way or for any purpose.

### **11.6. Severability**

If there is a conflict between these Terms and any Annex, the Annex shall prevail. If any provision of these Terms is or becomes invalid or non-binding, both you and we shall remain bound by all other provisions, and shall replace the (element of the) invalid or non-binding provision with provisions that are valid and binding and that have as similar an effect as the invalid or non-binding provision as possible.

## **12. Contact**

If not specified otherwise, please send an email to [procurement.legal@booking.com](mailto:procurement.legal@booking.com) to contact Booking.com for anything related to these Terms.

## ANNEX 1 - Standard Contractual Clauses

Booking.com and you, the user of the Booking.com Data Portability API, hereafter referred to individually as a “**Party**” and together as the “**Parties**”.

### STANDARD CONTRACTUAL CLAUSES

#### SECTION I

##### *Clause 1*

##### **Purpose and scope**

(a) 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)<sup>(1)</sup> for the transfer of personal data to a third country.

(b) The Parties:

- (i) 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 the Data Sharing Overview (hereinafter each ‘data exporter’), and
- (ii) 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 the Data Sharing Overview (hereinafter each ‘data importer’).

have agreed to these standard contractual clauses (hereinafter: ‘Clauses’).

(c) These Clauses apply with respect to the transfer of personal data as specified in the Data Sharing Overview.

(d) The Data Sharing Overview and Booking.com Security Requirements form an integral part of these Clauses.

##### *Clause 2*

##### **Effect and invariability of the Clauses**

(a) 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 Data Sharing Overview and Booking.com Security Requirements. 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.

(b) 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**

(a) Data subjects may invoke and enforce these Clauses, as third-party beneficiaries, against the data exporter and/or data importer, with the following exceptions:

- (i) Clause 1, Clause 2, Clause 3, Clause 6, Clause 7;
- (ii) Clause 8.5 (e) and Clause 8.9(b);
- (iv) Clause 12(a) and (d);
- (v) Clause 13;
- (vi) Clause 15.1(c), (d) and (e);
- (vii) Clause 16(e);
- (viii) Clause 18(a) and (b).

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<sup>1</sup>( ) Where the data exporter is a processor subject to Regulation (EU) 2016/679 acting on behalf of a Union institution or body as controller, reliance on these Clauses when engaging another processor (sub-processing) not subject to Regulation (EU) 2016/679 also ensures compliance with Article 29(4) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC (OJ L 295 of 21.11.2018, p. 39), to the extent these Clauses and the data protection obligations as set out in the contract or other legal act between the controller and the processor pursuant to Article 29(3) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 are aligned. This will in particular be the case where the controller and processor rely on the standard contractual clauses included in Decision 2021/915.

(b) Paragraph (a) is without prejudice to rights of data subjects under Regulation (EU) 2016/679.

#### *Clause 4*

##### **Interpretation**

(a) Where these Clauses use terms that are defined in Regulation (EU) 2016/679, 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.

(c) 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 the Data Sharing Overview.

## **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 Purpose limitation**

The data importer shall process the personal data only for the specific purpose(s) of the transfer, as set out in the Data Sharing Overview. It may only process the personal data for another purpose:

- (i) where it has obtained the data subject's prior consent;
- (ii) where necessary for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims in the context of specific

administrative, regulatory or judicial proceedings; or

- (iii) where necessary in order to protect the vital interests of the data subject or of another natural person.

##### **8.2 Transparency**

(a) In order to enable data subjects to effectively exercise their rights pursuant to Clause 10, the data importer shall inform them, either directly or through the data exporter:

- (i) of its identity and contact details;
- (ii) of the categories of personal data processed;
- (iii) of the right to obtain a copy of these Clauses;
- (iv) where it intends to onward transfer the personal data to any third party/ies, of the recipient or categories of recipients (as appropriate with a view to providing meaningful information), the purpose of such onward transfer and the ground therefore pursuant to Clause 8.7.

(b) Paragraph (a) shall not apply where the data subject already has the information, including when such information has already been provided by the data exporter, or providing the information proves impossible or would involve a disproportionate effort for the data importer. In the latter case, the data importer shall, to the extent possible, make the information publicly available.

(c) On request, the Parties shall make a copy of these Clauses, including the Data Sharing Overview as completed by the Parties and the Booking.com Security Requirements, available to the data subject free of charge. To the extent necessary to protect business secrets or other confidential information, including the measures described in Booking.com Security Requirements and personal data, the Parties may redact part of the text of the Data Sharing Overview and the Booking.com Security Requirements prior to sharing a copy, but shall provide a meaningful summary where the data subject would otherwise not be able to understand its content or exercise his/her rights. On request, the Parties shall provide the data subject with the reasons for the redactions, to the extent possible without revealing the redacted information.

(d) Paragraphs (a) to (c) are without prejudice to the obligations of the data exporter under Articles 13 and 14 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679.

##### **8.3 Accuracy and data minimisation**

(a) Each Party shall ensure that the personal data is accurate and, where necessary, kept up to date. The data importer shall take every reasonable step to ensure



that personal data that is inaccurate, having regard to the purpose(s) of processing, is erased or rectified without delay.

(b) If one of the Parties becomes aware that the personal data it has transferred or received is inaccurate, or has become outdated, it shall inform the other Party without undue delay.

(c) The data importer shall ensure that the personal data is adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purpose(s) of processing.

#### **8.4 Storage limitation**

The data importer shall retain the personal data for no longer than necessary for the purpose(s) for which it is processed. It shall put in place appropriate technical or organisational measures to ensure compliance with this obligation, including erasure or anonymisation<sup>(2)</sup> of the data and all back-ups at the end of the retention period.

#### **8.5 Security of processing**

(a) The data importer and, during transmission, also the data exporter shall implement appropriate technical and organisational measures to ensure the security of the personal data, including 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, scope, context and purpose(s) of processing and the risks involved in the processing for the data subject. The Parties shall in particular consider having recourse to encryption or pseudonymisation, including during transmission, where the purpose of processing can be fulfilled in that manner.

(b) The Parties have agreed on the technical and organisational measures set out in the Booking.com Security Requirements. The data importer shall carry out regular checks to ensure that these measures continue to provide an appropriate level of security.

(c) The data importer shall ensure that persons authorised to process the personal data have committed themselves to confidentiality or are under an appropriate statutory obligation of confidentiality.

(d) In the event of a personal data breach concerning personal data processed by the data importer under these Clauses, the data importer shall take appropriate measures to address the personal data breach, including measures to mitigate its possible adverse effects.

(e) In case of a personal data breach that is likely to result in a risk to the rights and freedoms of natural persons, the data importer shall without undue delay notify both the data exporter and the competent supervisory authority pursuant to Clause 13. Such notification shall contain i) a description of the nature of the breach (including, where possible, categories and approximate number of data subjects and personal data records concerned), ii) its likely consequences, iii) the measures taken or proposed to address the breach, and iv) the details of a contact point from whom more information can be obtained. To the extent it is not possible for the data importer to provide all the information at the same time, it may do so in phases without undue further delay.

(f) In case of a personal data breach that is likely to result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of natural persons, the data importer shall also notify without undue delay the data subjects concerned of the personal data breach and its nature, if necessary in cooperation with the data exporter, together with the information referred to in paragraph (e), points ii) to iv), unless the data importer has implemented measures to significantly reduce the risk to the rights or freedoms of natural persons, or notification would involve disproportionate efforts. In the latter case, the data importer shall instead issue a public communication or take a similar measure to inform the public of the personal data breach.

(g) The data importer shall document all relevant facts relating to the personal data breach, including its effects and any remedial action taken, and keep a record thereof.

#### **8.6 Sensitive data**

Where the transfer 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 or offences (hereinafter 'sensitive data'), the data importer shall apply specific restrictions and/or additional safeguards adapted to the specific nature of the data and the risks involved. This may include restricting the personnel permitted to access the personal data, additional security measures (such as pseudonymisation) and/or additional restrictions with respect to further disclosure.

#### **8.7 Onward transfers**

The data importer shall not disclose the personal data to a third party located outside the European Union<sup>(3)</sup> (in the

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<sup>2</sup>( ) This requires rendering the data anonymous in such a way that the individual is no longer identifiable by anyone, in line with recital 26 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, and that this process is irreversible.

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<sup>3</sup>( ) The Agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA Agreement) provides for the extension of the European Union's internal market to the three EEA States Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway. The Union data protection legislation, including Regulation (EU) 2016/679, is covered by the EEA Agreement and has been incorporated into Annex XI thereto. Therefore, any disclosure by the data

same country as the data importer or in another third country, hereinafter 'onward transfer') unless the third party is or agrees to be bound by these Clauses, under the appropriate Module. Otherwise, an onward transfer by the data importer may only take place if:

- (i) it is to a country benefitting from an adequacy decision pursuant to Article 45 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 that covers the onward transfer;
- (ii) the third party otherwise ensures appropriate safeguards pursuant to Articles 46 or 47 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 with respect to the processing in question;
- (iii) the third party enters into a binding instrument with the data importer ensuring the same level of data protection as under these Clauses, and the data importer provides a copy of these safeguards to the data exporter;
- (iv) it is necessary for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims in the context of specific administrative, regulatory or judicial proceedings;
- (v) it is necessary in order to protect the vital interests of the data subject or of another natural person; or
- (vi) where none of the other conditions apply, the data importer has obtained the explicit consent of the data subject for an onward transfer in a specific situation, after having informed him/her of its purpose(s), the identity of the recipient and the possible risks of such transfer to him/her due to the lack of appropriate data protection safeguards. In this case, the data importer shall inform the data exporter and, at the request of the latter, shall transmit to it a copy of the information provided to the data subject.

Any onward transfer is subject to compliance by the data importer with all the other safeguards under these Clauses, in particular purpose limitation.

### **8.8 Processing under the authority of the data importer**

The data importer shall ensure that any person acting under its authority, including a processor, processes the data only on its instructions.

### **8.9 Documentation and compliance**

(a) Each Party shall be able to demonstrate compliance with its obligations under these Clauses. In particular, the data importer shall keep appropriate documentation of the processing activities carried out under its responsibility.

(b) The data importer shall make such documentation available to the competent supervisory authority on request.

### *Clause 9*

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### *Clause 10*

#### **Data subject rights**

(a) The data importer, where relevant with the assistance of the data exporter, shall deal with any enquiries and requests it receives from a data subject relating to the processing of his/her personal data and the exercise of his/her rights under these Clauses without undue delay and at the latest within one month of the receipt of the enquiry or request.<sup>(4)</sup> The data importer shall take appropriate measures to facilitate such enquiries, requests and the exercise of data subject rights. Any information provided to the data subject shall be in an intelligible and easily accessible form, using clear and plain language.

(b) In particular, upon request by the data subject the data importer shall, free of charge:

- (i) provide confirmation to the data subject as to whether personal data concerning him/her is being processed and, where this is the case, a copy of the data relating to him/her and the information in the Data Sharing Overview; if personal data has been or will be onward transferred, provide information on recipients or categories of recipients (as appropriate with a view to providing meaningful information) to which the personal data has been or will be onward transferred, the purpose of such onward transfers and their ground pursuant to Clause 8.7; and provide information on the right to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority in accordance with Clause 12(c)(i);
- (ii) rectify inaccurate or incomplete data concerning the data subject;
- (iii) erase personal data concerning the data subject if such data is being or has been processed in violation of any of these Clauses ensuring third-party beneficiary rights, or if the data subject withdraws the consent on which the processing is based.

(c) Where the data importer processes the personal data for direct marketing purposes, it shall cease processing for such purposes if the data subject objects to it.

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<sup>4</sup>(i) That period may be extended by a maximum of two more months, to the extent necessary taking into account the complexity and number of requests. The data importer shall duly and promptly inform the data subject of any such extension.

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importer to a third party located in the EEA does not qualify as an onward transfer for the purpose of these Clauses.

(d) The data importer shall not make a decision based solely on the automated processing of the personal data transferred (hereinafter 'automated decision'), which would produce legal effects concerning the data subject or similarly significantly affect him / her, unless with the explicit consent of the data subject or if authorised to do so under the laws of the country of destination, provided that such laws lay down suitable measures to safeguard the data subject's rights and legitimate interests. In this case, the data importer shall, where necessary in cooperation with the data exporter:

- (i) inform the data subject about the envisaged automated decision, the envisaged consequences and the logic involved; and
- (ii) implement suitable safeguards, at least by enabling the data subject to contest the decision, express his/her point of view and obtain review by a human being.

(e) Where requests from a data subject are excessive, in particular because of their repetitive character, the data importer may either charge a reasonable fee taking into account the administrative costs of granting the request or refuse to act on the request.

(f) The data importer may refuse a data subject's request if such refusal is allowed under the laws of the country of destination and is necessary and proportionate in a democratic society to protect one of the objectives listed in Article 23(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679.

(g) If the data importer intends to refuse a data subject's request, it shall inform the data subject of the reasons for the refusal and the possibility of lodging a complaint with the competent supervisory authority and/or seeking judicial redress.

#### *Clause 11*

##### **Redress**

(a) 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.

(b) In case of a dispute between a data subject and one of the Parties as regards compliance with these Clauses, that Party shall use its best efforts to resolve the issue amicably in a timely fashion. The Parties shall keep each other informed about such disputes and, where appropriate, cooperate in resolving them.

(c) Where the data subject invokes a third-party beneficiary right pursuant to Clause 3, the data importer shall accept the decision of the data subject to:

- (i) lodge a complaint with the supervisory authority in the Member State of his/her habitual residence or place of work, or the competent supervisory authority pursuant to Clause 13;
- (ii) refer the dispute to the competent courts within the meaning of Clause 18.

(d) The Parties accept that the data subject may be represented by a not-for-profit body, organisation or association under the conditions set out in Article 80(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679.

(e) The data importer shall abide by a decision that is binding under the applicable EU or Member State law.

(f) The data importer agrees that the choice made by the data subject will not prejudice his/her substantive and procedural rights to seek remedies in accordance with applicable laws.

#### *Clause 12*

##### **Liability**

(a) 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.

(b) 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.

(c) 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.

(d) 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.

(e) The data importer may not invoke the conduct of a processor or sub-processor to avoid its own liability.

#### *Clause 13*

##### **Supervision**

(a) The supervisory authority with responsibility for ensuring compliance by the data exporter with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 as regards the data transfer, as indicated in the Data Sharing Overview, shall act as competent supervisory authority.

(b) The data importer agrees to submit itself to the jurisdiction of and cooperate with the competent supervisory authority in any procedures aimed at ensuring compliance with these Clauses. In particular, the data importer agrees to respond to enquiries, submit to audits and comply with the measures adopted by the supervisory authority, including remedial and compensatory measures. It shall provide the supervisory authority with written confirmation that the necessary actions have been taken.

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

#### *Clause 14*

#### **Local laws and practices affecting compliance with the Clauses**

(a) The Parties warrant that they have no reason to believe that the laws and practices in the third country of destination applicable to the processing of the personal data by the data importer, including any requirements to disclose personal data or measures authorising access by public authorities, prevent the data importer from fulfilling its obligations under these Clauses. This is based on the understanding that laws and practices that respect the essence of the fundamental rights and freedoms and do not exceed what is necessary and proportionate in a democratic society to safeguard one of the objectives listed in Article 23(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, are not in contradiction with these Clauses.

(b) The Parties declare that in providing the warranty in paragraph (a), they have taken due account in particular of the following elements:

- (i) the specific circumstances of the transfer, including the length of the processing chain, the number of actors involved and the transmission channels used; intended onward transfers; the type of recipient; the purpose of processing; the categories and format of the transferred personal data; the economic sector in which the transfer occurs; the storage location of the data transferred;
- (ii) the laws and practices of the third country of destination– including those requiring the disclosure of data to public authorities or authorising access by such authorities – relevant in

light of the specific circumstances of the transfer, and the applicable limitations and safeguards<sup>5</sup>;

- (iii) any relevant contractual, technical or organisational safeguards put in place to supplement the safeguards under these Clauses, including measures applied during transmission and to the processing of the personal data in the country of destination.

(c) The data importer warrants that, in carrying out the assessment under paragraph (b), it has made its best efforts to provide the data exporter with relevant information and agrees that it will continue to cooperate with the data exporter in ensuring compliance with these Clauses.

(d) The Parties agree to document the assessment under paragraph (b) and make it available to the competent supervisory authority on request.

(e) The data importer agrees to notify the data exporter promptly if, after having agreed to these Clauses and for the duration of the contract, it has reason to believe that it is or has become subject to laws or practices not in line with the requirements under paragraph (a), including following a change in the laws of the third country or a measure (such as a disclosure request) indicating an application of such laws in practice that is not in line with the requirements in paragraph (a).

(f) Following a notification pursuant to paragraph (e), or if the data exporter otherwise has reason to believe that the data importer can no longer fulfil its obligations under these Clauses, the data exporter shall promptly identify appropriate measures (e.g. technical or organisational measures to ensure security and confidentiality) to be adopted by the data exporter and/or data importer to address the situation. The data exporter shall suspend the data transfer if it considers that no appropriate safeguards for such transfer can be ensured, or if instructed by the competent supervisory authority to do so. In this case, the data exporter shall

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<sup>5</sup>( ) As regards the impact of such laws and practices on compliance with these Clauses, different elements may be considered as part of an overall assessment. Such elements may include relevant and documented practical experience with prior instances of requests for disclosure from public authorities, or the absence of such requests, covering a sufficiently representative time-frame. This refers in particular to internal records or other documentation, drawn up on a continuous basis in accordance with due diligence and certified at senior management level, provided that this information can be lawfully shared with third parties. Where this practical experience is relied upon to conclude that the data importer will not be prevented from complying with these Clauses, it needs to be supported by other relevant, objective elements, and it is for the Parties to consider carefully whether these elements together carry sufficient weight, in terms of their reliability and representativeness, to support this conclusion. In particular, the Parties have to take into account whether their practical experience is corroborated and not contradicted by publicly available or otherwise accessible, reliable information on the existence or absence of requests within the same sector and/or the application of the law in practice, such as case law and reports by independent oversight bodies.

be entitled to terminate the contract, insofar as it concerns the processing of personal data under these Clauses. If 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. Where the contract is terminated pursuant to this Clause, Clause 16(d) and (e) shall apply.

#### *Clause 15*

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

#### **15.1 Notification**

(a) The data importer agrees to notify the data exporter and, where possible, the data subject promptly (if necessary with the help of the data exporter) if it:

- (i) receives a legally binding request from a public authority, including judicial authorities, under the laws of the country of destination for the disclosure of personal data transferred pursuant to these Clauses; such notification shall include information about the personal data requested, the requesting authority, the legal basis for the request and the response provided; or
- (ii) becomes aware of any direct access by public authorities to personal data transferred pursuant to these Clauses in accordance with the laws of the country of destination; such notification shall include all information available to the importer.

(b) If the data importer is prohibited from notifying the data exporter and/or the data subject under the laws of the country of destination, the data importer agrees to use its best efforts to obtain a waiver of the prohibition, with a view to communicating as much information as possible, as soon as possible. The data importer agrees to document its best efforts in order to be able to demonstrate them on request of the data exporter.

(c) Where permissible under the laws of the country of destination, the data importer agrees to provide the data exporter, at regular intervals for the duration of the contract, with as much relevant information as possible on the requests received (in particular, number of requests, type of data requested, requesting authority/ies, whether requests have been challenged and the outcome of such challenges, etc.).

(d) The data importer agrees to preserve the information pursuant to paragraphs (a) to (c) for the duration of the contract and make it available to the competent supervisory authority on request.

(e) Paragraphs (a) to (c) are without prejudice to the obligation of the data importer pursuant to Clause 14(e) and Clause 16 to inform the data exporter promptly where it is unable to comply with these Clauses.

#### **15.2 Review of legality and data minimisation**

(a) The data importer agrees to review the legality of the request for disclosure, in particular whether it remains within the powers granted to the requesting public authority, and to challenge the request if, after careful assessment, it concludes that there are reasonable grounds to consider that the request is unlawful under the laws of the country of destination, applicable obligations under international law and principles of international comity. The data importer shall, under the same conditions, pursue possibilities of appeal. When challenging a request, the data importer shall seek interim measures with a view to suspending the effects of the request until the competent judicial authority has decided on its merits. It shall not disclose the personal data requested until required to do so under the applicable procedural rules. These requirements are without prejudice to the obligations of the data importer under Clause 14(e).

(b) The data importer agrees to document its legal assessment and any challenge to the request for disclosure and, to the extent permissible under the laws of the country of destination, make the documentation available to the data exporter. It shall also make it available to the competent supervisory authority on request.

(c) The data importer agrees to provide the minimum amount of information permissible when responding to a request for disclosure, based on a reasonable interpretation of the request.

### **SECTION IV – FINAL PROVISIONS**

#### *Clause 16*

### **Non-compliance with the Clauses and termination**

(a) The data importer shall promptly inform the data exporter if it is unable to comply with these Clauses, for whatever reason.

(b) 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).

(c) The data exporter shall be entitled to terminate the contract, insofar as it concerns the processing of personal data under these Clauses, where:

- (i) 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;

- (ii) the data importer is in substantial or persistent breach of these Clauses; or
- (iii) 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.

(d) Personal data that has been transferred prior to the termination of the contract pursuant to paragraph (c) shall at the choice of the data exporter immediately be returned to the data exporter or deleted in its entirety. The same shall apply to any copies of the data. 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.

(e) 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 one of the EU Member States, provided such law allows for third-party beneficiary rights. The Parties agree that this shall be the law of the Netherlands.

#### *Clause 18*

##### **Choice of forum and jurisdiction**

(a) Any dispute arising from these Clauses shall be resolved by the courts of an EU Member State.

(b) The Parties agree that those shall be the courts of the Netherlands.

(c) A data subject may also bring legal proceedings against the data exporter and/or data importer before the courts of the Member State in which he/she has his/her habitual residence.

(d) The Parties agree to submit themselves to the jurisdiction of such courts.

**UNITED KINGDOM INTERNATIONAL DATA TRANSFER ADDENDUM TO THE EU COMMISSION  
STANDARD CONTRACTUAL CLAUSES**

**VERSION B1.0, in force 21 March 2022**

This Addendum has been issued by the UK Information Commissioner for Parties making Restricted Transfers. The Information Commissioner considers that it provides Appropriate Safeguards for Restricted Transfers when it is entered into as a legally binding contract.

**Part 1: Tables**

**(a) Table 1: Parties**

<b>Start date</b>	will be the “Effective Date” as stated in this Booking.com Master Services Agreement	
<b>The Parties</b>	<b>Exporter (who sends the Restricted Transfer)</b>	<b>Importer (who receives the Restricted Transfer)</b>
<b>Parties’ details</b>	<p>Full legal name:</p> <p>Main address (if a company registered address):</p> <p>Official registration number (if any) (company number or similar identifier):</p>	<p>Full legal name:</p> <p>Trading name (if different):</p> <p>Main address (if a company registered address):</p> <p>Official registration number (if any) (company number or similar identifier):</p>
<b>Key Contact</b>	<p>Full Name (optional): Data Protection Officer</p> <p>Job Title: DPO</p>	<p>Full Name (optional): Data Protection Officer</p> <p>Job Title: DPO</p>

	Contact details including email: data <a href="mailto:protectionofficer@rentalcars.com">protectionofficer@rentalcars.com</a> , or <a href="mailto:dataprotectionoffice@booking.com">dataprotectionoffice@booking.com</a>	Contact details including email:
<b>Signature (if required for the purposes of Section 2)</b>	the Agreement, including this Addendum is made legally binding to the Data Exporter by means of the signatures to this DSA.	the Agreement, including this Addendum is made legally binding to the Data Importer by means of the signatures to this DSA.

(b) **Table 2: Selected SCCs, Modules and Selected Clauses**

<b>Addendum EU SCCs</b>	<b>The version of the Approved EU SCCs which this Addendum is appended to, detailed above, including the Appendix Information.</b>
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(c) **Table 3: Appendix Information**

“**Appendix Information**” means the information which must be provided for the selected modules as set out in the Appendix of the Approved EU SCCs (other than the Parties), and which for this Addendum is set out in:

Annex 1A: List of Parties:

Set out on Section “Sharing details and purpose of data sharing”

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Annex 1B: Description of Transfer:

Set out on Section “Sharing details and purpose of data sharing”

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Annex II: Technical and organisational measures including technical and organisational measures to ensure the security of the data:

Set out in the “Booking.com Security Requirements”

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Annex III: List of Sub processors (Modules 2 and 3 only):

Set out on Section “Sharing details and purpose of data sharing”

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**(d) Table 4: Ending this Addendum when the Approved Addendum Changes**

<b>Ending this Addendum when the Approved Addendum changes</b>	The Data Exporter may end this Addendum as set out in Section 19.
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**Part 2: Mandatory Clauses**

**(e) Entering into this Addendum**

1. Each Party agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions set out in this Addendum, in exchange for the other Party also agreeing to be bound by this Addendum.
2. Although Annex 1A and Clause 7 of the Approved EU SCCs require signature by the Parties, for the purpose of making Restricted Transfers, the Parties may enter into this Addendum in any way that makes them legally binding on the Parties and allows data subjects to enforce their rights as set out in this Addendum. Entering into this Addendum will have the same effect as signing the Approved EU SCCs and any part of the Approved EU SCCs.

**(f) Interpretation of this Addendum**

3. Where this Addendum uses terms that are defined in the Approved EU SCCs those terms shall have the same meaning as in the Approved EU SCCs. In addition, the following terms have the following meanings:

<b>Addendum</b>	This International Data Transfer Addendum which is made up of this Addendum incorporating the Addendum EU SCCs.
<b>Addendum EU SCCs</b>	The version(s) of the Approved EU SCCs which this Addendum is appended to, as set out in Table 2, including the Appendix Information.

Appendix Information	As set out in Table 3.
Appropriate Safeguards	The standard of protection over the personal data and of data subjects' rights, which is required by UK Data Protection Laws when you are making a Restricted Transfer relying on standard data protection clauses under Article 46(2)(d) UK GDPR.
Approved Addendum	The template Addendum issued by the ICO and laid before Parliament in accordance with s119A of the Data Protection Act 2018 on 2 February 2022, as it is revised under Section 18.
Approved EU SCCs	The Standard Contractual Clauses set out in the Annex of Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/914 of 4 June 2021.
ICO	The Information Commissioner's Office.
Restricted Transfer	A transfer which is covered by Chapter V of the UK GDPR.
UK	The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
UK Data Protection Laws	All laws relating to data protection, the processing of personal data, privacy and/or electronic communications in force from time to time in the UK, including the UK GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018.
UK GDPR	As defined in section 3 of the Data Protection Act 2018.

4. This Addendum must always be interpreted in a manner that is consistent with UK Data Protection Laws and so that it fulfils the Parties' obligation to provide the Appropriate Safeguards.

5. If the provisions included in the Addendum EU SCCs amend the Approved SCCs in any way which is not permitted under the Approved EU SCCs or the Approved Addendum, such amendment(s) will not be incorporated in this Addendum and the equivalent provision of the Approved EU SCCs will take their place.

6. If there is any inconsistency or conflict between UK Data Protection Laws and this Addendum, UK Data Protection Laws applies.

7. If the meaning of this Addendum is unclear or there is more than one meaning, the meaning which most closely aligns with UK Data Protection Laws applies.

8. Any references to legislation (or specific provisions of legislation) means that legislation (or specific provision) as it may change over time. This includes where that legislation (or specific provision) has been consolidated, re-enacted and/or replaced after this Addendum has been entered into.

**(g) Hierarchy**

9. Although Clause 5 of the Approved EU SCCs sets out that the Approved EU SCCs prevail over all related agreements between the parties, the parties agree that, for Restricted Transfers, the hierarchy in Section 10 will prevail.

10. Where there is any inconsistency or conflict between the Approved Addendum and the Addendum EU SCCs (as applicable), the Approved Addendum overrides the Addendum EU SCCs, except where (and in so far as) the inconsistent or conflicting terms of the Addendum EU SCCs provides greater protection for data subjects, in which case those terms will override the Approved Addendum.

11. Where this Addendum incorporates Addendum EU SCCs which have been entered into to protect transfers subject to the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 then the Parties acknowledge that nothing in this Addendum impacts those Addendum EU SCCs.

**(h) Incorporation of and changes to the EU SCCs**

12. This Addendum incorporates the Addendum EU SCCs which are amended to the extent necessary so that:

- a. together they operate for data transfers made by the data exporter to the data importer, to the extent that UK Data Protection Laws apply to the data exporter's processing when making that data transfer, and they provide Appropriate Safeguards for those data transfers;
- b. Sections 9 to 11 override Clause 5 (Hierarchy) of the Addendum EU SCCs; and
- c. this Addendum (including the Addendum EU SCCs incorporated into it) is (1) governed by the laws of England and Wales and (2) any dispute arising from it is resolved by the courts of England and Wales, in each case unless the laws and/or courts of Scotland or Northern Ireland have been expressly selected by the Parties.

13. Unless the Parties have agreed alternative amendments which meet the requirements of Section 12, the provisions of Section 15 will apply.

14. No amendments to the Approved EU SCCs other than to meet the requirements of Section 12 may be made.

15. The following amendments to the Addendum EU SCCs (for the purpose of Section 12) are made:

- a. References to the "Clauses" means this Addendum, incorporating the Addendum EU SCCs;

- b. In Clause 2, delete the words:

“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”;

- c. Clause 6 (Description of the transfer(s)) is replaced with:

“The details of the transfers(s) and in particular the categories of personal data that are transferred and the purpose(s) for which they are transferred) are those specified in Annex I.B where UK Data Protection Laws apply to the data exporter’s processing when making that transfer.”;

- d. Clause 8.7(i) of Module 1 is replaced with:

“it is to a country benefitting from adequacy regulations pursuant to Section 17A of the UK GDPR that covers the onward transfer”;

- e. Clause 8.8(i) of Modules 2 and 3 is replaced with:

“the onward transfer is to a country benefitting from adequacy regulations pursuant to Section 17A of the UK GDPR that covers the onward transfer;”

- f. References to “Regulation (EU) 2016/679”, “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)” and “that Regulation” are all replaced by “UK Data Protection Laws”. References to specific Article(s) of “Regulation (EU) 2016/679” are replaced with the equivalent Article or Section of UK Data Protection Laws;

- g. References to Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 are removed;

- h. References to the “European Union”, “Union”, “EU”, “EU Member State”, “Member State” and “EU or Member State” are all replaced with the “UK”;

- i. The reference to “Clause 12(c)(i)” at Clause 10(b)(i) of Module one, is replaced with “Clause 11(c)(i)”;

- j. Clause 13(a) and Part C of Annex I are not used;

- k. The “competent supervisory authority” and “supervisory authority” are both replaced with the “Information Commissioner”;

- l. In Clause 16(e), subsection (i) is replaced with:

“the Secretary of State makes regulations pursuant to Section 17A of the Data Protection Act 2018 that cover the transfer of personal data to which these clauses apply;”;

- m. Clause 17 is replaced with:

“These Clauses are governed by the laws of England and Wales.”;

n. Clause 18 is replaced with:

“Any dispute arising from these Clauses shall be resolved by the courts of England and Wales. A data subject may also bring legal proceedings against the data exporter and/or data importer before the courts of any country in the UK. The Parties agree to submit themselves to the jurisdiction of such courts.”; and

o. The footnotes to the Approved EU SCCs do not form part of the Addendum, except for footnotes 8, 9, 10 and 11.

**(i) Amendments to this Addendum**

16. The Parties may agree to change Clauses 17 and/or 18 of the Addendum EU SCCs to refer to the laws and/or courts of Scotland or Northern Ireland.

17. If the Parties wish to change the format of the information included in Part 1: Tables of the Approved Addendum, they may do so by agreeing to the change in writing, provided that the change does not reduce the Appropriate Safeguards.

18. From time to time, the ICO may issue a revised Approved Addendum which:

- a. makes reasonable and proportionate changes to the Approved Addendum, including correcting errors in the Approved Addendum; and/or
- b. reflects changes to UK Data Protection Laws;

The revised Approved Addendum will specify the start date from which the changes to the Approved Addendum are effective and whether the Parties need to review this Addendum including the Appendix Information. This Addendum is automatically amended as set out in the revised Approved Addendum from the start date specified.

19. If the ICO issues a revised Approved Addendum under Section 18, if any Party selected in Table 4 “Ending the Addendum when the Approved Addendum changes”, will as a direct result of the changes in the Approved Addendum have a substantial, disproportionate and demonstrable increase in:

- a its direct costs of performing its obligations under the Addendum; and/or
- b its risk under the Addendum,

and in either case it has first taken reasonable steps to reduce those costs or risks so that it is not substantial and disproportionate, then that Party may end this Addendum at the end of a reasonable notice period, by providing written notice for that period to the other Party before the start date of the revised Approved Addendum.

20. The Parties do not need the consent of any third party to make changes to this Addendum, but any changes must be made in accordance with its terms.