



Individual Agreement
“commissioned processing”

**(in the following:
AGREEMENT)**

Between

1. _____

- **“Address owner/address supplier/list broker (Controller)”** -

and

2. _____

- **“Service provider (Processor)”** -

The following provisions regarding **services involving personal data** are agreed:

§ 1 Preamble

This individual agreement “commissioned processing” (in the following: “AGREEMENT”) applies to services for which the services provider processes data of natural persons (data subjects pursuant to Art. 4 (1) of the European General Data Protection Regulation, **GDPR**; in particular, customers, interested persons, contact persons of legal entities, other personal data) within the scope of commissioned processing, independent of whether or not the data processing and thus the service provider’s accessing of the data subject’s data must be classified as a core activity of the processor or otherwise as commissioned processing pursuant to Art. 28 GDPR.

The service shown here is a typical service within direct marketing (*however, this AGREEMENT may also be used to regulate other types of services involving personal data in compliance with data protection laws*).

The data protection aspects of dialogue marketing services usually concern five parties: The **advertiser**, the **address owner**, the **address supplier/list broker**, the **service provider** and the **potential customer**, receiving marketing material. The advertiser initiates the commissioned processing to fulfill a business interest, by following its aim to contact potential customer (the “data subject” in the sense of this AGREEMENT) for marketing purposes. Such promotional activity constitutes a processing of personal data (name, address and, possibly, further data) held by the address owner, because the data must be processed to enable promotional material to be sent out. The advertiser acquires to this purpose a licensing contract with the right to use the personal data via the list owner/address supplier/list broker and remunerates the service provider who processes such data for the direct marketing purposes as agreed in a separate agreement. To ensure data privacy compliance, the planned commissioned processing (= the data protection contract) does not allow the advertiser any access to the personal data of the data subject. Access to the data is managed by the address owner/address supplier/list broker, and in this capacity as controller, this means that the address owner/address supplier/list broker is also responsible for the processing of the data in compliance with data privacy laws (controller in the sense of data protection law). [*The situation is different, if the data are sold and the advertiser becomes the controller in the sense of data protection law.*] **From a data protection perspective**, the **contractual relationship** (or **commissioned processing**) exists between the address owner/address supplier/list broker on the one side, and the service provider on the other side. The following diagram illustrates the involved parties and the legal relationships between these parties.

Address owner

Address supplier/list broker

Advertiser

data privacy relevant contractor

Service Provider

Potential customer

If the **address owner** is **identical with** the **advertiser**, the controller's responsibility for compliance with data protection law and the commercial ownership of the rights of use are combined in one entity. In this case, only the rights and obligations of this contract apply which are defined for the legal relationship between address owner and service provider.

Please note: This AGREEMENT complies with the requirements of Art. 28 GDPR and is supplemented with specific instructions of the controller relevant for each individual contract (**separate address order/service contract**). In the separate address order/service contract, the object and the duration as well as the type and purpose of the processing, the type of the personal data and the categories of the data subjects plus any possible recipients or categories of recipients need to be specified.

1. Definitions

Address owner (= list owner): The company which either collected the personal data itself or acquired them otherwise and/or has the usage rights for the personal data. No data processing may be conducted by the service provider without a data privacy contract issued by this company (controller) and therefore also one of the signing parties of this AGREEMENT.

Address data (records): Personal data which must only be processed in compliance with data privacy requirements. Service providers may only process such data on the basis of this AGREEMENT following an order pursuant to Art. 28 GDPR. Address data may comprise names, postal addresses, communication data and further personal data.

Controller in the sense of data protection law:

The controller pursuant to Art. 4 (7) GDPR and owner of the data/address supplier/list broker instructing the data processing by

the data processor pursuant to Art. 28 GDPR. He does not need to be identical with the advertiser in whose commercial interest the order is issued.

Address supplier: The company which has its own contracts to both supply data and assign data usage rights and may therefore be one of the signing parties of this AGREEMENT.

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Service provider: (Sub-)Processor pursuant to Art. 4 (8) GDPR who processes the address data for direct marketing purposes or who processes other personal data (e.g. file destruction, data center services, list broking or call center services) on behalf of the address owner/address supplier/list broker and who is a signatory to this AGREEMENT, including any separate address orders.

GDPR: European General Data Protection Regulation.

Separate address order/

service contract: The AGREEMENT shall be supplemented by a separate address order/service contract (hereafter referred to as *whole address order*). It refers to an agreement between the address owner/address supplier/list broker and the service provider containing instructions regarding the object and the duration of the processing, the type and purpose of the processing, the type of personal data as well as the category of the data subjects plus the categories of recipients or the recipient, where applicable. Only the combination of the AGREEMENT with the separate address order/service contract guarantee a data processing which is compliant with data protection law. The receipt of a separate address order/service contract will be confirmed and therefore accepted. It does not require an explicit acceptance of the quote with the separate address order/service contract.

List broker: The company which receives the usage rights of the data (not the address data themselves) from the address owner and grants it directly or indirectly via another list broker the usage rights to an advertiser for advertising purposes.

Marketing activity: The marketing activity which is carried out with the address data (e.g. a postal mailing/catalogue, an email newsletter, a promotional telephone call or data preparation/processing).

Advertiser: The commercial service recipient who may only use the address data subject to prior approval by the address owner by complying to the procedure using service providers, and not processing the data itself.

2. General obligations of the service provider

- (1) The address owner/address supplier/list broker (controller) grants the advertiser the rights of use for the address data. The advertiser acquires such rights of use in order to carry out a specified marketing activity either directly or with the help of a list broker. The service provider, who is paid by the advertiser, serves as a processor for the address owner/address supplier/list broker and provides his services for the specified marketing activity by using data from the address owner and specified in the separate address order/service contract. The advertiser shall at no time have access to the addresses. The service provider will process the address data exclusively pursuant to the specifications of this AGREEMENT, the separate address order/service contract or any other orders issued by the controller for the required services like IT (e.g. analysis, correction of postal addresses, deduplication, postage optimization and printing), print, letter shop or call center services. The service provider will carry out any further processing (e.g. storing of anonymized data, for data capture purposes, history files or scoring analyses) only, if this is allowed from a data protection perspective and if the controller has issued the necessary orders or if there exists a binding legal obligation for the service provider. As a rule, the order shall always be issued in writing; as an exception, they may be issued orally, where necessary, but will then have to be confirmed in writing immediately by the controller.
- (2) The object and the duration of the processing, the type and purpose of the processing, the type of personal data as well as the category of the data subjects plus the categories of recipient(s) or deletion requirements, where applicable and not stated in this agreement, shall be specified in the individual address order/service contract.
- (3) The service provider shall process the address data separately from the data files which are not part of this AGREEMENT and separate address order/service contract. Thus, any unauthorized processing for other, illegal purposes shall be prevented.
- (4) To the extent to which the service provider receives the data on portable storage media, he shall copy the data for the proper handling of this AGREEMENT. The data on the received

storage media shall only be deleted after the controller has given his consent; up to this point of time, they shall no longer be processed (restriction of processing).

- (5) Once the agreed services have been provided, the service provider shall return the address data which he received in the context of this AGREEMENT, the separate address order/service contract or other instructions either to the controller himself or to a third party specified by the controller in writing or destroy them in compliance with the GDPR, as specified by the controller. This also applies for the processing results which are produced in the context of this AGREEMENT and separate address order/service contract or as part of other instructions as well as for any testing or reject material. Any waste containing personal data shall be destroyed in compliance with security level 3 of the DIN 66399-2, either by internal file destroyers or by specialized subcontractors. The service provider shall take care that data files containing personal data do not survive in the form of email attachments, on communication servers, clients, production computers or in data back-ups any longer than up to the specified destruction date. To the extent to which the controller has not issued a deviating order, e.g. for managed data inventories, the data shall have been verifiably deleted in the course of the seventh month following postal delivery. The calendar week (ISO 8601) of the latest postal delivery shall be communicated to the service provider, if it is not included in the address order/service contract. The service provider shall confirm the destruction of the data carried out by himself or by an external subcontractor to the controller and his representative in writing within a period of five business days. Upon request, the service provider shall provide a deletion or destruction report to the controller or his representative. The report shall confirm the effected deletion and contain the date and time as well as the type of the deletion plus the responsible person; the document shall be held for a period of five years. The obligation to return or delete the data does not apply, if the service provider is legally or otherwise bound to retain or store the specific data. Any other disclosure of the data shall only be legal in compliance with the address order or a specific order issued by the controller.
- (6) The engagement of subcontractors (service provider with an individually specified access to the data) in order to fulfill the separate address order/service contract requires the prior consent declared by the controller in writing. Where services related to contractual data processing are concerned, which third parties render to the processor as ancillary services, the service provider may engage such subcontractor in order to fulfill the agreement without an explicit written declaration of consent, as long as he complies with his obligation to control the instructions and verifiably establishes an agreement in compliance with Art. 28 GDPR. This applies, e.g., for extended telecommunications services or for cleaning staff who are also responsible for the disposal of data media. A declaration of consent is required, however, if the said service represents the service agreed with the processor in whole or in essential parts.

In any case, the engagement of (sub-)contractors shall always be subject to the provisions in this AGREEMENT, the separate address order/service contract and other instructions relating to the processing. Upon request, the controller shall be provided with a list of all subcontractors, including those whose engagement was approved by the controller. The rules also apply for the engagement of freelancers who work for the service provider without being integrated into the service provider’s company and render substantial services in relation to the AGREEMENT, the separate address order/service contract and other processing instructions.

- (7) In his area of responsibility, the service provider shall take technical and organizational measures for an adequate protection of the address owner’s address data, in particular against unintentional or unauthorized processing leakage, to protect (suitable technical and organizational data protection measures in order to grant a level of protection appropriate with a view to the risk involved; pursuant to Art. 32 GDPR) and support the controller with the privacy impact assessment, where necessary, by providing information related to his sphere of action and taking into account the data provided to him by the controller. With regard to the controller’s obligation to provide information to data subjects and to correct or delete data or to restrict the processing of data or to comply with any other rights of the data subjects pursuant to current data protection law, the service provider, depending on the type of processing performed by him and the means and information available to him, supports the controller immediately. Pursuant to Art. 30 (2) GDPR, the service provider keeps a journal of the processing procedures carried out by him. Upon request of the controller and his representative, a copy of such journal shall be made available, to the extent to which the content of the journal is related to this AGREEMENT, the address order/service contract and other instructions.
- (8) The service provider grants support for the defense against claims raised by data subjects, to the extent to which this is possible for him without major effort. If the data subject contacts the service provider directly in order to claim his/her rights, the service provider shall refer the data subject formally to the controller, without giving any advance information, and forward the request to the controller. The service provider shall only answer any requests, if the controller has commissioned him to do so within this AGREEMENT, the separate address order/service contract and other instructions.
- (9) The address owner is obliged to report immediately any unintentional or unauthorized data protection law relevant leakage to third parties or any other infringements against data protection law which might lead to a risk for the rights and freedoms of natural persons to the responsible data protection supervisory authority and – where a high risk for the rights and freedoms of the data subject is involved – to the data subject directly. To the extent to which such infringements within his sphere of action come to the knowledge of the service provider, he shall immediately inform the controller. In such case, the service provider shall, at his own

dutiful discretion, take temporary measures appropriate in his sphere of action in order to protect the address data and to mitigate its possible negative effects (appropriate technical and organizational measures to ensure a level of security appropriate to the risk; pursuant to Art. 32 GDPR). The service provider shall inform the controller about any measures taken by him immediately.

- (10) The service provider informs the controller, if an order issued by the controller in his view – which does not presuppose any comprehensive legal analysis -, might lead to an infringement against legal provisions. Such an order does not need to be followed, if it is neither amended nor explicitly confirmed by the controller.
- (11) The service provider shall appoint a contact person with whom the controller or his representative may clarify any queries from the controller in relation to this AGREEMENT, the separate address order/service contract other instructions. The service provider shall immediately inform the controller about any change of the contact person in writing.

3. Safety obligation of the service provider

- (1) In his sphere, the service provider guarantees that he, pursuant to Art. 32 GDPR, shall implement appropriate technical and organizational measures to ensure a level of security appropriate to the risk in order for the processing of address data, taking into account the state of the art, the costs of implementation and the nature, scope, context and purposes of processing as well as the risk of varying likelihood and severity for the rights and freedoms of natural persons (data protection measures). Upon the controller's request, the service provider makes his current data security concept available to the controller and his representative, also once the order has already been placed, and facilitates either the controller's data privacy officer or an external auditor, who is committed to professional secrecy and appointed by the controller, to access and review of the data security concept. The data security concept includes sufficient explanations regarding access control to the premises, the system and the applications, as well as transfer, input, order and availability control and, finally, regarding separate processing. To the extent to which the controller requests changes, the service provider shall implement them following the prior written request of the controller; all expenses shall be reimbursed by the controller, if such changes go beyond the legally required state of the art.
- (2) Address data which must be transferred electronically, shall only be transferred in a safe (taking into account the state of the art) and encrypted form.
- (3) Beyond the legally permissible, the service provider does not have the right to use any real data of the controller in order to develop software or for any other tests. Instead, he shall work with anonymized original data or with fictitious test data.

- (4) The service provider stores and processes the address data separately for each order and grants his employees access to the data only to the extent to which this is necessary for the fulfillment of the order. In addition, he only grants access to such employees who have been explicitly committed to secrecy and have been trained regularly with regard to the data protection and data security rules and processes relevant for the data processing. These training measures must be documented.

4. Obligations of the service provider to tolerate controls

- (1) The controller is legally required to audit the effectiveness of the data protection measures taken by the service provider. The service provider shall, therefore, allow that the controller controls the processing of the data provided by him by accessing and checking the data processing facilities, the stored data and the data processing programs used in the context of this AGREEMENT, the separate address order/service contract and other instructions in an on-site audit as well as the documentation of the data protection organization, including work orders once a year. The service provider shall make the documents related to this agreement available and answer any upcoming questions without undue delay. Access shall be granted to the controller's data privacy officer or an external auditor, who is committed to professional secrecy and appointed by the controller.
- (2) The controller may also verify the data protection measures as to being up to the state to the art by receiving from the service provider proof-like auditing reports regarding information security or the information regarding the receipt of the DDV quality award issued by the Competence Centers DirectMail Services and Target Group Marketing.

5. Matching report/control addresses

- (1) Where data, according to the order, are matched with the help of third-party data, the service provider shall compile a complete and comprehensible protocol, containing the following information.

<i>DDV Standard “Accounting Protocol”</i>	
Date of issue	
Title of the marketing activity	
List name/selection per data file	
Date of completion	
Delivered quantity of address data	
./.	Address data remaining after postal validation (e.g. corrections)
=	Input quantity for deduplication (dedupe input)
./.	Address data eliminated during deduplication
=	Net quantity after deduplication (dedupe output)
./.	Deleted data based on advertiser’s instructions
=	Mailed quantity

- (2) For verification purposes and for protection against use in violation of contract, verification addresses may be inserted into the individual data files. If the controller is able to present marketing material which was not agreed with him and which was sent to a seed address, and if such seed address clearly belongs to the data file which was provided to the service provider for a specific marketing activity only, it must be assumed that the addresses were used without proper authorization. If the service provider notices such unauthorized use of data himself, he is obliged to communicate it to the controller and his representative immediately. Such communication shall at least be in writing.

6. Miscellaneous

- (1) If third party address data are transmitted (electronically or in print), the recipient shall be informed that the address data stem from one specific or, as the case may be, several external controllers and shall only be processed for the purpose for which they were delivered.
- (2) Where third-party data are deduplicated for use in the Business to Consumer sector, the service provider responsible for the deduplication process shall use the current DDV Robinson list (updated monthly), unless the controller revoked its use in writing.
- (3) This AGREEMENT is valid for all separate address orders/service contracts which were issued prior to the effective termination of this AGREEMENT for an unlimited period of time.
- (4) This AGREEMENT as well as the individual separate address orders/service contracts and any written orders are subject to German law. The place of jurisdiction is the place of the controller's local court.

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Date Place

_____, _____
Date Place

Company name or stamp

Company name or stamp

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Signatory (full name in block capitals)

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Signatory (full name in block capitals)

Signature

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