What is the DHL Group Data Privacy Policy?

The DHL Group Data Privacy Policy is a corporate guideline for the data protection standards applicable within the Group and is designed to satisfy legal data protection requirements. All companies within the Group are bound by these regulations with reference to the use of personal data belonging to customers, employees, shareholders and suppliers. The DHL Group Data Privacy Policy was submitted for approval to all European supervisory authorities, within the framework of the mutual recognition process and under the executive authority of the German Federal Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information (Bundesbeauftragter für den Datenschutz und die Informationsfreiheit, BfDI). In 2011 the BfDI has approved the DHL Group Data Privacy Policy. When the European General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679/EU (GDPR) came into application in May 2018 the DHL Group Data Privacy Policy has been adjusted to the new law. The editorial modifications have been accepted by BfDI in 2019. The DHL Group Data Privacy Policy satisfies the requirements for binding corporate rules to guarantee an adequate level of data protection vis-à-vis data transfer in countries outside the European Union (EU). As such, it provides appropriate safeguards for DHL Group’s transmission of personal data belonging to its customers and employees to Group companies around the world, and ensures compliance with the GDPR.

The principles of data protection

Group companies are obliged to protect your personal data. Personal data is any data which can directly or indirectly identify you as an individual, for example your contractual data, such as your name and surname, postal or email address, telephone number or, should an employment relationship exist, your personnel number or data from your personnel file. Insofar as your data has been collected within the scope of the GDPR, i.e. you are a European customer or employee, all Group companies must observe the following basic principles, in particular:

- Your personal data is only processed in the event that a legal basis to do so exists. This legal basis may be derived from a law, a contract or your previous express consent, insofar as the processing of your personal data is required (Principle of legitimating basis).

- Group companies may only process such personal data required in terms of type and scope for the fulfillment of authorized purposes. Such data must be relevant and appropriate (Principle of purpose limitation).

- As a matter of principle, you will be informed of the concrete purpose of the data processing in question and of the controller, being the unit responsible for these activities, insofar as no special exceptions exist with reference to the duty to inform, e.g. you have already been informed via another channel or the data is already publicly accessible. Information is available in the Privacy Statements on our websites or within the framework of written contracts (Principle of transparency).

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1 This text is a summary of applicable regulations under DHL Group Data Privacy Policy and does not in itself constitute a right to individual legal claims.
- Your personal data is deleted as soon as it may no longer be retained pursuant to DHL Group storage guidelines or applicable legislation. Where at all possible and economically viable, anonymization and pseudonymization measures are applied to ensure that your actual identity is not discernible or cannot be reestablished without recourse to a disproportionate amount of effort (Principle of data minimization and data avoidance).

- All necessary technical and organizational measures are taken to ensure your personal data is protected against unauthorized use and publication, and its security and confidentiality guaranteed. All data stored is up to date (Principle of data security and data quality).

Group companies may transmit your personal data to third parties, such as internal or external service providers or suppliers commissioned by DHL Group to render services on your behalf. Your personal data shall, however, only be transmitted to companies who are obliged to observe data secrecy and who abide by the relevant legislation in the processing of your data. Should such companies be located outside the EU, DHL Group shall ensure the protection of your personal data in accordance with the relevant legislation by means of the DHL Group Data Privacy Policy or other appropriate measures.

Should you, under exceptional circumstances, provide DHL Group with personal data which is, according to some legal standards, classified as particularly sensitive – such as ethnic origin, religion or health issues – the Group is obliged to only process such sensitive personal data in compliance with the applicable legislation, which can often first require your express consent.

Your rights as the data subject

Group companies are obliged to protect and uphold the rights of the person whose data is processed (data subjects’ rights). As a European customer or employee, the following, in particular, fall under such rights in accordance with EU privacy legislation:

- In your capacity as data subject you may, at any time, request to be informed which data pertaining to you is stored by a given Group company, and also to whom such personal data has been transferred. DHL Group is however not obliged to comply with your request for information in the event that it affects the interests of a third party in a manner which is not legally permissible, or in the event that, in a specific case, a legitimate interest in protecting business secrets contradicts such a course of action (Right to information).

- As the data subject, you retain the right of rectification should the saved data pertaining to you be incomplete or incorrect (Right of rectification).

- Group companies must delete your personal data in the event that data processing was illegal or the requirement for data processing no longer exists. Should statutory retention periods apply, or if deletion is not possible or unreasonable, data shall be blocked (Right to deletion and blocking).

- You retain the right to object to the use of your data in the event that a contractual or legal right to object exists. In the event you are approached for the purposes of advertising or market/opinion research, the Group company must, upon first contact, inform you once again of your right to object as regards the use or transfer of data for direct marketing.
purposes. In the event you have consented to the use of your data, you retain the right to revoke your consent at any time (Right to object and right of revocation).

- The exercising of your rights may not result in discrimination against your person (Prohibition of discrimination).

- You retain the right to approach the data protection officer of the respective Group company or DHL Group with questions at any time (Right to express concerns).

Furthermore, within the framework of the DHL Group Data Privacy Policy, the following rights (third party beneficiary rights) shall apply to you as a European DHL Group customer or employee in the event that you believe your personal data has been transmitted in violation of the principles of the DHL Group Data Privacy Policy to a DHL Group company outside the EU, and/or has been processed by the DHL Group company outside the EU in violation of the DHL Group Data Privacy Policy:

- You retain the right to submit a complaint to the DHL Group company within the EU which transmitted the data in question to a Group company outside the EU. All complaints shall be thoroughly investigated by the company’s data protection officer with a view to resolving the complaint (Extrajudicial settlement).

- You may also submit a complaint to the respective data protection authorities in the county of the European DHL Group company which transmitted the data to a Group company outside the EU (Involvement of supervisory authorities).

- You also retain the right to take legal action against the DHL Group company which transmitted the data to a Group company outside the EU. In the event of infringement by a DHL Group company outside the EU, you may take direct legal action against this company in the event that the EU-based company which transmitted the data does not assert its rights against the DHL Group company which is not situated in the EU within one month. You may also pursue the Group company outside the EU which received the data in the event that the case relates to data processing on behalf of the controller, and the EU-based company which transmitted the data has factually disappeared or ceased to exist in law, or has become insolvent (Judicial clarification).

- Compensation for damage incurred shall be granted insofar as either the DHL Group company which transmitted the data to a Group company outside the EU or the Group company in question outside the EU is responsible for the occurrence of financial loss through the infringement of third party beneficiary provisions within the DHL Group Data Privacy Policy (Compensation).

Should you require any further information regarding the DHL Group Data Privacy Policy or wish to exercise your rights, please contact the Corporate Data Protection team at Privacy.Policy@dhl.com.

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