

The Hellenic DPA issues a Guideline regarding International Data Transfers under the Safe Harbor Scheme.

Following the landmark ruling of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) dated October 6th, 2015 in the **Maximilian Schrems v Data Protection Commissioner case** (C-362-14), the Article 29 Data Protection Working Party issued, on October 16, 2015 a Statement in this regard, urging Member States and relevant European Institutions to open discussions with US authorities, in order to find political, legal and technical solutions ensuring respect of fundamental rights when data are transferred to the territory of the United States

It is noted that pursuant to the above CJEU Judgment, the Safe Harbor System, recognized by virtue of European Commission Decision 2000/520 as a valid transfer tool for data transfers towards entities based in the United States of America, is no longer deemed to provide an adequate level of protection to that end.

On October 21st, 2015, the Greek DPA issued a guideline, inviting all entities having notified transfers to third countries in accordance with the Safe Harbor System to cease any such transfers, as after the CJEU Judgment they are unlawful.

It is not yet clear though how the Greek DPA will treat any cases of non compliance.

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