

Date: **04 AUGUST 2021**

To: All ADGM Establishments.

**OFFICE OF DATA PROTECTION CIRCULAR NO (2) OF 2021 REPEALING PERMITS AND CLARIFYING TRANSITION PERIOD FOR THE STANDARD CONTRACTUAL CLAUSES**

The purpose of this circular is to inform you that the Office of Data Protection (“ODP”) has repealed the permits issued under the Data Protection Regulations 2015 (“the 2015 Regulations”) following the enactment of the ADGM Data Protection Regulations 2021 (“the new Regulations”).

Under Article 42(5) of the new Regulations, Permits issued under section 5(1)(a) of the 2015 Regulations will remain valid as evidence of compliance with transfers until amended, replaced or revoked, if necessary, by the ODP.

**DECISION**

The Commissioner of Data Protection has exercised his powers under Article 42(5) to repeal permits issued under the 2015 Regulations. This decision applies from the 14 August 2021 following the publication of the ADGM Standard Contractual Clauses (“SCCs”).

The ODP acknowledges that new entities established on or after 14 February 2021, the new Regulations will be effective from the 14 August 2021. The Commissioner will exercise his discretion and will allow new entities relying on recently issued transfer permits to transition to a new condition under Chapter V of the new Regulations.

The discretionary no action transition period of six months will be until the **14 February 2022**.

Existing entities will not be provided a transition period. The Registrar and the Office of Data Protection will no longer be issuing new data protection related permits through the Registry Online Platform.

All registered entities must ensure compliance with Chapter V by the aforementioned date.

**ABOUT THE OFFICE OF DATA PROTECTION**

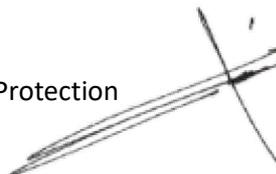
The ODP is the independent data protection body responsible for promoting data protection within ADGM. The ODP maintains the register of Data Controllers enforces the obligations upon Data Controllers and upholds the privacy rights of individuals (Data Subjects).

For more information, please refer to our website: <https://www.adgm.com/operating-in-adgm/office-of-data-protection/overview>

Thank you for your cooperation,

Sincerely,

Office of Data Protection



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