

47 New Decisions by the Turkish Personal Data Protection Board

Following a long break, the Turkish Personal Data Protection Board has published summaries of 47 decisions in a single batch. These decisions span a wide range of sectors, including manufacturing, retail, tourism, technology, and food services.

The Board's assessments notably address treating explicit consent as a precondition for providing services; processing of third parties' personal data obtained through brand ambassador programs, obtaining explicit consent where an alternative legal basis for processing is available, video and audio recording in the workplace, sending unsolicited commercial electronic messages, monitoring attendance using biometric data, the allocation of liability between data controllers and data processors, and the rejection of data subject requests. The decision summaries also include decisions issued following investigations into personal data breach notifications.

Consistent with its previous practice, the Board's publication of decision summaries in a single batch after a long pause provides valuable guidance to data controllers in their compliance efforts. Data controllers are advised to review their personal data processing activities and existing compliance programs in light of these recent decisions, and to align their practices with the Board's current approach by taking the necessary legal, technical and administrative measures to mitigate the risk of administrative fines.

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