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**GENERAL LAW ON THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA IN**  
**POSSESSION OF RESPONSIBLE PARTIES.**

Dear Clients and Friends:

Please be advised that on January 26th, 2017, the General Law on the Protection of Personal Data in Possession of Responsible Parties (the Law) was published in the Official Daily Gazette. This new law is a big step in the data protection area, because now we have a general law for the protection of personal data in possession of responsible parties of all levels of government.

The main purpose of this Law, among other things, is to establish the bases, principles and procedures to guarantee every person's right to protect their personal data in possession of responsible parties, such as any authority, entity, organ, or body of the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches of Government, autonomies agencies, political parties, public trusts or funds, as well as unions and any individual or legal entity that receives or manages public resources or carries out acts of authority at the federal, state or municipal levels.

The relevance and importance on the publishing of this Law is because citizens often provide information pertaining to their personal data, such as their address, in order to receive a good or service, or to exercise some right, or to fulfill an obligation.

According to this Law, The Federal Law on Transparency and Access to Public Information, other federal laws, and laws in force in the Federal Entities regarding personal data protection, must be brought into compliance with the provisions set forth in the Law within six months, i.e., by July 27, 2017, in order to avoid arbitrariness in the treatment of information.

There will be a National System for Transparency, Access to Information and Data Protection that will evaluate and coordinate all actions related to personal data public politics, and will also establish and implement guidelines and criteria accordingly.

This National System for Transparency, Access to Information and Data Protection shall issue a National Personnel Protection Program no later than one year after entry into force of the Law, i.e. by **January 26, 2018**. The National Personnel Protection Program will establish objectives, actions, strategies and goals in order to promote the data protection culture among Mexican society and, among other activities, will also promote the exercise of ARCO rights (Access, Rectify, Cancel or Oppose).

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On the other hand, also within one year, National Institute for Transparency, Access to Information and Data Protection (INAI by its Spanish acronym), as well as the guarantor bodies, should issue the Guidelines referred to in the Law no later than one year after entry into force, e.g., by January 26, 2018.

Responsible parties shall establish and maintain security measures to protect personal data in their possession against any damage, loss, destruction or its use, access or unauthorized treatment, as well as guarantee confidentiality, integrity and availability. Responsible parties should also, among other activities, adopt prevention measures against personal data breaches, evaluate impacts and determine relevant treatments.

Every responsible party will have a Transparency Committee, according to the Federal Law on Transparency and Access to Public Information. This Committee will be the maximum data privacy authority.

This law also rules, among other topics, about portability, communications, transfers and forwarding of persona data.

Yours,

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