May 22, 2012

The Honorable Monchito Ibrahim
Chair, Electronic Commerce Steering Group
Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)
Commission on Information and Communications Technology
CICT-NCC Building, C.P. Garcia Avenue
1101 Diliman Quezon City, Philippines

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On behalf of the United States, I am pleased to announce that the U.S. Department of Commerce, in order to foster, promote, and develop international commerce, will participate in the APEC Cross-Border Privacy Rules (CBPR) System.

The United States regards this initiative as an important development in international consumer data protection and a model for the global interoperability of privacy protections. I believe our participation will promote regionwide privacy policy compatibility to protect consumers and lower regulatory compliance costs throughout the Asia Pacific region.

I confirm that the Federal Trade Commission, a Privacy Enforcement Authority in the United States, is a participant in the Cross Border Privacy Enforcement Arrangement. In addition, I confirm that the United States expects to have at least one APEC-recognized Accountability Agent subject to the procedures outlined in paragraph 6.2 of the Charter.

Please find the following information attached to this letter:

- A narrative description of the relevant domestic laws and regulations that may apply to any CBPR certification-related activities of an Accountability Agent operating within U.S. jurisdiction and the enforcement authority associated with these laws and regulations (Annex A); and

- The Completed APEC CBPR System Program Requirements Enforcement Map (Annex B).
Please direct any enquiries regarding this letter to Robin Layton, Director of the Office of Technology and Electronic Commerce, United States Department of Commerce, at robin.layton@trade.gov.

Sincerely,

Rebecca M. Blank
DOMESTIC LAWS AND REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO ACCOUNTABILITY AGENT ACTIVITIES

To become an APEC-recognized Accountability Agent, an applicant must complete and sign the Accountability Agent APEC Recognition Application.

This application includes the following documents: (1) the Accountability Agent Recognition Criteria, which set forth the requirements for participation as a Cross-Border Privacy Rules (CBPR) System Accountability Agent, including (i) prohibitions against conflicts of interest; (ii) processes for evaluating, certifying, and monitoring applicants seeking CBPR certification; (iii) a dispute resolution process; and (iv) an enforcement mechanism; (2) the Accountability Agent Recognition Criteria Checklist, requiring an applicant to describe how it meets each of the Recognition Criteria; (3) an APEC CBPR System Program Requirements Map, which requires an Accountability Agent to map its own program requirements to the CBPR program requirements; (4) an Accountability Agent Case Notes document, attesting that the Accountability Agent has a process for releasing case notes as described in the document; and (5) an Accountability Agent Complaint Statistics document, attesting that the Accountability Agent has a process for releasing complaint statistics as described in the document. By signing and submitting the Recognition Application, an applicant represents that the answers contained in the Recognition Application are true. By publicly posting its Recognition Application, an APEC-recognized Accountability Agent further represents that the answers contained in the document are true.

In addition, any organization that publicly displays a seal, trustmark or other symbol indicating its participation in the CBPR System, or causes its name to appear on a list of APEC-recognized Accountability Agents, is making an enforceable representation that it complies with the requirements applicable to an APEC-recognized Accountability Agent.

If an APEC-recognized Accountability Agent subject to Federal Trade Commission (FTC) jurisdiction fails to comply with any of these requirements, its representations of compliance may constitute unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45. The FTC has broad authority to take action against unfair and deceptive acts and practices.

Furthermore, if an APEC-recognized Accountability Agent authorizes the use of its certification mark, 15 U.S.C. §1127, to convey compliance with the CBPR program requirements, under Section 14(5) of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1064(5), the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office may cancel the certification mark if the Accountability Agent (a) does not control, or is not able legitimately to exercise control over, the use of such mark, including by failing to monitor the activities of those who use the mark, (b) engages in the production or marketing of any goods or services to which the certification mark is applied, (c) permits the use of the certification mark for purposes other than to certify, or (d) discriminately refuses to certify or to continue to certify the goods or services of any person who maintains the standards or conditions which such mark certifies.

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1 Annex A does not purport to provide a complete and comprehensive account of the FTC’s privacy enforcement authority. It is not intended to be relied on as legal advice and should not be used as statements of law in the context of legal proceedings.
Annex B

APEC CROSS-BORDER PRIVACY RULES SYSTEM PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: ENFORCEMENT MAP

As outlined in the Charter of the APEC Cross Border Privacy Rules (CBPR) System’s Joint Oversight Panel (JOP), an APEC Member Economy is considered a Participant in the CBPR System after the Chair of the Electronic Commerce Steering Group (ECSG Chair) has notified the Economy that the following conditions have been met:

(i) The Economy’s ECSG delegation, or appropriate governmental representative, submits to the ECSG Chair a letter indicating its intention to participate and confirming that at least one Privacy Enforcement Authority in that Economy is a participant in the APEC Cross Border Privacy Enforcement Arrangement (CPEA);

(ii) The Economy indicates its intention to make use of at least one APEC-recognized Accountability Agent subject to the procedures outlined in paragraph 6.2 of the Charter of the JOP;

(iii) The Economy’s ECSG delegation, or appropriate governmental representative, after consulting with the JOP, submits to the ECSG Chair an explanation of how the CBPR System program requirements may be enforced in that Economy; and

(iv) The JOP submits to the ECSG Chair a report as to how the conditions in (i)-(iii) above have been satisfied.

The purpose of Annex B is to assist Economies and the JOP in fulfilling the requirements of items (iii) and (iv):

- This document provides the baseline program requirements of the CBPR System in order to guide the Economy’s explanation of how each requirement may be enforced in that Economy; and

- The information provided by the Economy will form the basis of the JOP’s report.

Column 1 lists the questions in the intake questionnaire to be answered by an applicant organization when seeking CBPR certification. Column 2 lists the assessment criteria to be used by an APEC-recognized Accountability Agent when verifying the answers provided in Column 1. Column 3 is for use by the Economy’s ECSG delegation or appropriate governmental representative when explaining the enforceability of an applicant organization’s answers in Column 1. Accountability Agents should be able to enforce the CBPR program requirements through law or contract and an economy’s relevant privacy enforcement authorities should have the ability to take enforcement actions under applicable domestic laws and regulations that have the effect of protecting personal information consistent with the CBPR program requirements. Additional

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3 As noted in the table that follows, Section 5 of the FTC Act also would allow the FTC to take action in appropriate cases against entities subject to FTC jurisdiction under that Act that have received CBPR certification from an APEC-recognized Accountability Agent. In addition, the FTC has authority to take action under a number of United States laws that relate to the privacy and security of consumer financial data and other information. These laws include: (i) the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1681, et seq.; (ii) the
documentation to assist in these explanations may be submitted as necessary. This document is to be read consistently with the qualifications to the provision of notice, the provision of choice mechanisms, and the provision of access and correction mechanisms found in the CBPR Intake Questionnaire.

Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 6801-6809; and (iii) the Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 6501-6506. These laws may also provide a basis for the FTC to take legal action against an entity that has received CBPR certification from an APEC-recognized Accountability Agent.
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**NOTICE**

**Assessment Purpose** – To ensure that individuals understand the applicant’s personal information policies (subject to any qualifications), including to whom the personal information may be transferred and the purpose for which the personal information may be used. Refer to the APEC Cross Border Privacy Rules Intake Questionnaire for a list of acceptable Qualifications to the provision of notice.

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| 1. Do you provide clear and easily accessible statements about your practices and policies that govern the personal information described above (a privacy statement)? Where YES, provide a copy of all applicable privacy statements and/or hyperlinks to the same. | If YES, the Accountability Agent must verify that the Applicant’s privacy practices and policy (or other privacy statement) include the following characteristics:  
- Available on the Applicant’s Website, such as text on a Web page, link from URL, attached document, pop-up windows, included on frequently asked questions (FAQs), or other (must be specified).  
- Is in accordance with the principles of the APEC Privacy Framework;  
- Is easy to find and accessible.  
- Applies to all personal information; whether collected online or offline.  
- States an effective date of Privacy Statement publication.  
Where Applicant answers NO to question 1, and does not identify an applicable qualification subject to the Qualifications to Notice set out below, the Accountability Agent must inform the Applicant that Notice as described herein is required for compliance with this principle. Where the Applicant identifies an applicable qualification, the Accountability Agent | • The FTC enforces Section 5 of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45, which prohibits unfair or deceptive acts or practices in or affecting commerce.  
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A company that joins the APEC CBPRs must publicly declare that it will comply with the CBPR program requirements and must make these program requirements publicly accessible. If the company fails to comply with any of these program requirements, its public representation of compliance may constitute an unfair or deceptive act or practice subject to Section 5 enforcement.  
• If a company engages in any of the following practices it may violate Section 5 of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45 and be subject to an enforcement action:  
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must verify whether the applicable qualification is justified.

| 1.a) Does this privacy statement describe how personal information is collected? | If **YES**, the Accountability Agent must verify that:  
• The statement describes the collection practices and policies applied to all covered personal information collected by the Applicant.  
• the Privacy Statement indicates what types of personal information, whether collected directly or through a third party or agent, is collected, and  
• The Privacy Statement reports the categories or specific sources of all categories of personal information collected.  
If **NO**, the Accountability Agent must inform the | notice requirements and failing to comply with the representation;  
• b. displaying a seal, trustmark or other symbol on the company’s website or on any other of its own publicly available documentation that indicates that it participates in the APEC CBPRs and thus complies with the notice requirements and failing to comply; or  
• c. causing the company’s name to appear on a list of companies that are certified for participation in the APEC CBPRs (e.g., lists on the websites of participating government authorities, privacy enforcement authorities, APEC-recognized Accountability Agents, or on an APEC website specifically dedicated to the operation of APEC Cross-Border Privacy Rules) thereby indicating that it complies with the notice requirements and failing to comply.  
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| 1.b) Does this privacy statement describe the purpose(s) for which personal information is collected? | Where the Applicant answers **YES**, the Accountability Agent must verify that the Applicant provides notice to individuals of the purpose for which personal information is being collected.
Where the Applicant answers **NO** and does not identify an applicable qualification set out below, the Accountability Agent must notify the Applicant that notice of the purposes for which personal information is collected is required and must be included in their Privacy Statement. Where the Applicant identifies an applicable qualification, the Accountability Agent must verify whether the applicable qualification is justified. |
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1.c) Does this privacy statement inform individuals whether their personal information is made available to third parties and for what purpose?

| Where the Applicant answers **YES**, the Accountability Agent must verify that the Applicant notifies individuals that their personal information will or may be made available to third parties, **identifies the categories or specific third parties, and the purpose for which the personal information will or may be made available.** Where the Applicant answers **NO** and does not identify an applicable qualification, the Accountability Agent must notify the Applicant that notice that personal information will be available to third parties is required and must be included in their Privacy Statement. Where the Applicant identifies an applicable qualification, the Accountability Agent must verify whether the applicable qualification is justified. |

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| Where the Applicant answers **YES**, the Accountability Agent must verify that the Applicant’s Privacy Statement includes, if applicable, information regarding the use and disclosure of all personal information collected. Refer to question 8 for guidance on permissible uses of personal information. Where the Applicant answers **NO** and does not identify an applicable qualification, the Accountability Agent must inform the Applicant, that such information is required for compliance with this principle. Where the Applicant identifies an applicable qualification, the Accountability Agent must verify whether the applicable qualification is justified. | • The FTC enforces Section 5 of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45, which prohibits **unfair** or **deceptive** acts or practices in or affecting commerce.

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| 1.f) Does this privacy statement provide information regarding whether and how an individual can access and correct their personal information? | Where the Applicant answers **YES**, the Accountability Agent must verify that the Privacy Statement includes:

- The process through which the individual may access his or her personal information (including electronic or traditional non-electronic means).
- The process that an individual must follow in order to correct his or her personal information.

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2. Subject to the qualifications listed below, at the time of collection of personal information (whether directly or through Where the Applicant answers YES, the Accountability Agent must verify that the Applicant provides notice to individuals that their personal information is being (or, if not practicable, has been) collected and that the notice is reasonably.

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the use of third parties acting on your behalf), do you provide notice that such information is being collected?

**Available to individuals.**

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3. Subject to the qualifications listed below, at the time of collection of personal information (whether directly or through the use of third parties acting on your behalf), do you indicate the purpose(s) for which personal information is being collected?

| Where the Applicant answers **YES**, the Accountability Agent must verify that the Applicant explains to individuals the purposes for which personal information is being collected. The purposes must be communicated orally or in writing, for example on the Applicant’s website, such as text on a website link from URL, attached documents, pop-up window, or other. Where the Applicant answers **NO** and does not identify an applicable qualification set out on part II of the CBPR Self-Assessment Guidelines for Organisations, the Accountability Agent must inform the Applicant of the need to provide notice to individuals of the purposes for which personal information is being collected. Where the Applicant identifies an applicable qualification, the Accountability Agent must verify whether the applicable qualification is justified. | **•** The FTC enforces Section 5 of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45, which prohibits **unfair** or **deceptive** acts or practices in or affecting commerce.

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COLLECTION LIMITATION

Assessment Purpose - Ensuring that collection of information is limited to the specific purposes stated at the time of collection. The collection of the information should be relevant to such purposes, and proportionality to the fulfillment of such purposes may be a factor in determining what is relevant. In all instances, collection methods must be lawful and fair.

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6. Do you limit your personal information collection (whether directly or through the use of third parties acting on your behalf) to information that is relevant to fulfill the purpose(s) for which it is collected or other compatible or related purposes? Where the Applicant answers YES and indicates it only collects personal information which is relevant to the identified collection purpose or other compatible or related purposes, the Accountability Agent must require the Applicant to identify:

- Each type of data collected
- The corresponding stated purpose of collection for each; and
- All uses that apply to each type of data
- An explanation of the compatibility or

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7. Do you collect personal information (whether directly or through the use of third parties acting on your behalf) by lawful and fair means, consistent with the requirements of the jurisdiction that governs the collection of such personal information? Where YES, describe.

Where the Applicant answers YES, the Accountability Agent must require the Applicant to certify that it is aware of and complying with the requirements of the jurisdiction that governs the collection of such personal information and that it is collecting information by fair means, without deception.

Where the Applicant Answers NO, the Accountability Agent must inform that Applicant that lawful and fair procedures are required for compliance with this principle.

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USES OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

Assessment Purpose - Ensuring that the use of personal information is limited to fulfilling the specific purposes of collection and other compatible or related purposes. This section covers use, transfer and disclosure of personal information. Application of this Principle requires consideration of the nature of the information, the context of collection and the intended use of the information. The fundamental criterion in determining whether a purpose is compatible with or related to the stated purposes is whether the extended usage stems from or is in furtherance of such purposes. The use of personal information for "compatible or related purposes" could extend, for example, to matters such as the creation and use of a centralized database to manage personnel in an effective and efficient manner; the processing of employee payrolls by a third party; or, the use of information collected by an applicant for the purpose of granting credit for the subsequent purpose of collecting debt owed to that applicant

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<td>8. Do you limit the use of the personal information you collect (whether directly or through the use of third parties acting on your behalf) as identified in your privacy statement and/or in the notice provided at the time of collection, to those purposes for which the information was collected or for other compatible or related purposes? If necessary, provide a description in the space below.</td>
<td>Where the Applicant answers YES, the Accountability Agent must verify the existence of written policies and procedures to ensure that all covered personal information collected either directly or indirectly through an agent is done so in accordance with the purposes for which the information was collected as identified in the Applicant’s Privacy Statement(s) in effect at the time of collection or for other compatible or related purposes. Where the Applicant Answers NO, the Accountability Agent must consider answers to Question 9 below.</td>
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9. Based on express consent of the individual?

9.a) Based on express consent of the individual?

Where the applicant selects 9a, the Accountability Agent must require the Applicant to provide a description of how such consent was obtained, and the Accountability Agent must verify that the Applicant’s use of the personal information is based on express consent of the individual (9.a), such as:

- Online at point of collection
- Via e-mail
- Via preference/profile page
- Via telephone
- Via postal mail, or
- Other (in case, specify)

Where the Applicant answers 9.a, the Accountability Agent must require the Applicant to provide a description of how such consent was obtained. The consent must meet the requirements set forth in questions 17-19 below.

Where the Applicant selects 9.b, the Accountability Agent must require the Applicant to provide a description of how the collected personal information may be shared, used or disclosed as compelled by law.

Where the Applicant does not answer 9.a or 9.b, the Accountability Agent must inform the Applicant that limiting the use of collected information to the identified purposes of collection or other compatible or related purposes, unless permitted under the circumstances listed in this Question, is required for compliance with this principle.

9.b) Compelled by applicable laws?

Where the Applicant selects 9.b, the Accountability Agent must require the Applicant to provide a description of how the collected personal information may be shared, used or disclosed as compelled by law.

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| 10. Do you disclose personal information you collect (whether directly or through the use of third parties acting on your behalf) to other personal information controllers? If YES, describe. | Where the Applicant answers **YES** in questions 10 and 11, the Accountability Agent must verify that if personal information is disclosed to other personal information controllers or transferred to processors, such disclosure and/or transfer must be undertaken to fulfill the original purpose of collection or another compatible or related purpose, unless based upon the express consent of the individual necessary to provide a service or product requested by the individual, or compelled by law.

Also, the Accountability Agent must require the Applicant to identify:

1) each type of data disclosed or transferred;
2) the corresponding stated purpose of collection for each type of disclosed data; and
3) the manner in which the disclosure fulfills the

| failing to comply; or c. causing the company’s name to appear on a list of companies that are certified for participation in the APEC CBPRs (e.g., lists on the websites of participating government authorities, privacy enforcement authorities, APEC-recognized Accountability Agents, or on an APEC website specifically dedicated to the operation of APEC Cross-Border Privacy Rules) thereby indicating that it complies with the use requirements and failing to comply. | • The FTC enforces Section 5 of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45, which prohibits **unfair** or **deceptive** acts or practices in or affecting commerce.

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12. If you answered YES to question 10 and/or question 11, is the disclosure and/or transfer undertaken to fulfill the original purpose of collection or another compatible or related purpose? If YES, describe.

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13. If you answered NO to question 12 or if otherwise appropriate, does the disclosure and/or transfer take place under one of the following circumstances?

13.a) Based on express consent of the individual?
13.b) Necessary to provide a service or product requested by the individual?
13.c) Compelled by applicable laws?

Where applicant answers **NO** to question 13, the Applicant must clarify under what circumstances it discloses or transfers personal information for unrelated purposes, specify those purposes.

Where the Applicant answers **YES** to 13.a, the Accountability Agent must require the Applicant to provide a description of how individual’s provide consent to having their personal information disclosed and/or transferred for an unrelated use, such as:

- Online at point of collection
- Via e-mail
- Via preference/profile page
- Via telephone
- Via postal mail, or
- Other (in case, specify)

Where the Applicant answers **YES** to 13.b, the Accountability Agent must require the Applicant to provide a description of how the disclosure and/or transfer of collected personal information is necessary to provide a service or product requested by the individual. The Accountability Agent must verify that the disclosure or transfer is necessary to provide a service or product requested by the individual.

Where the Applicant answers **YES** to 13.c, the Accountability Agent must require the Applicant to provide a description of how collected information

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CHOICE

Assessment Purpose - Ensuring that individuals are provided with choice in relation to collection, use, and disclosure of their personal information. However, this Principle recognizes, through the introductory words "where appropriate" in the Framework itself, that there are certain situations where consent may be clearly implied or where it would not be necessary to provide a mechanism to exercise choice. These situations are detailed in part II of the CBPR Self-Assessment Guidelines for Organisations. Refer to the APEC Cross Border Privacy Rules Intake Questionnaire for a list of acceptable Qualifications to the provision of choice mechanisms.

| Question (to be answered by the Applicant) | Assessment Criteria (to be verified by the Accountability Agent) | Enforceability (to be answered by the Economy) |
| 14. Subject to the qualifications described below, do you provide a mechanism for individuals to exercise choice in relation to the collection of their personal information? Where YES describe such mechanisms below. | Where the Applicant answers **YES**, the Accountability Agent must verify that the Applicant provides a description of the mechanisms provided to individuals so that they may exercise choice in relation to the collection of their personal information, such as:

- Online at point of collection
- Via e-mail
- Via preference/profile page
- Via telephone
- Via postal mail, or
- Other (in case, specify)

The Accountability Agent must verify that these mechanisms are in place and operational and that the purpose of collection is clearly stated.

Where the Applicant answers **NO**, the Applicant must identify the applicable qualification and the Accountability Agent must verify whether the applicable qualification is justified. Where the Applicant answers **NO** and does not identify an applicable qualification the Accountability Agent must inform the Applicant that a mechanism for individuals to exercise choice in relation to the collection of their personal information must be provided. | • The FTC enforces Section 5 of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45, which prohibits **unfair** or **deceptive** acts or practices in or affecting commerce.

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The Accountability Agent must verify that these types of mechanisms are in place and operational and identify the purpose(s) for which the information will be used. Subject to the qualifications outlined below, the opportunity to exercise choice should be provided to the individual at the time of collection, for subsequent uses of personal information. Subject to the qualifications outlined below, the opportunity to exercise choice may be provided to the individual after collection, but before:

- being able to make use of the personal information, when the purpose(s) of such use is not related or compatible to the purpose for which the information was collected, and
- Personal information may be disclosed or distributed to third parties, other than Service Providers.

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- Via e-mail
- Via preference/profile page
- Via telephone
- Via postal mail, or |

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• Other (in case, specify)

The Accountability Agent must verify that these types of mechanisms are in place and operational and identify the purpose(s) for which the information will be disclosed. Subject to the qualifications outlined below, the opportunity to exercise choice should be provided to the individual at the time of collection, for subsequent disclosures of personal information. Subject to the qualifications outlined below, the opportunity to exercise choice may be provided to the individual after collection, but before:

- disclosing the personal information to third parties, other than Service Providers, for a purpose that is not related or when the Accountability Agent finds that the Applicant’s choice mechanism is not displayed in a clear and conspicuous manner, or compatible with that for which the information was collected.

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### INTEGRITY OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

**Assessment Purpose** - The questions in this section are directed towards ensuring that the personal information controller maintains the accuracy and completeness of records and keeps them up to date. This Principle also recognizes that these obligations are only required to the extent necessary for the purposes of use.

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Where the Applicant answers **YES**, the Accountability Agent must require the Applicant to provide the procedures the Applicant has in place to communicate corrections to personal information processors, agent, or other service providers to whom the personal information was transferred and the accompanying procedures to ensure that the corrections are also made by the processors, agents or other service providers acting on the Applicant’s behalf.

The Accountability Agent must verify that these procedures are in place and operational, and that they effectively ensure that corrections are made by the processors, agents or other service providers acting on the Applicant’s behalf.

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SECURITY SAFEGUARDS

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- **Authentication and access control (eg password protections)**
- **Encryption**
- **Boundary protection (eg firewalls, intrusion detection)**
- **Audit logging**
- **Monitoring (eg external and internal audits, vulnerability scans)**
- **Other (specify)**

The Applicant must implement reasonable administrative, technical and physical safeguards, suitable to the Applicant’s size and complexity, the nature and scope of its activities, and the sensitivity of the personal information and/or Third Party personal information it collects, in order to protect that information from leakage, loss or unauthorized use, alteration, disclosure, distribution, or access.

Such safeguards must be proportional to the probability and severity of the harm threatened the sensitivity of the information, and the context in which it is held.

The Applicant must take reasonable measures to require information processors, agents, contractors, or other service providers to whom personal information is transferred to protect against leakage, loss or unauthorized access, destruction, use, modification or disclosure or other misuses of the information. The Applicant must periodically review and reassess its security measures to evaluate their relevance.

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Where the Applicant indicates that it has **NO** physical, technical and administrative safeguards, or inadequate safeguards, to protect personal information, the Accountability Agent must inform the Applicant that the implementation of such safeguards is required for compliance with this principle.

Where the Applicant provides a description of the physical, technical and administrative safeguards used to protect personal information, the Accountability Agent must verify that these safeguards are proportional to the risks identified.

The Applicant must implement reasonable administrative, technical and physical safeguards, suitable to the Applicant’s size and complexity, the nature and scope of its activities, and the confidentiality or sensitivity of the personal information.

with the representation;

b. displaying a seal, trustmark or other symbol on the company’s website or on any other of its own publicly available documentation that indicates that it participates in the APEC CBPRs and thus complies with the security safeguards requirements and failing to comply; or

c. causing the company’s name to appear on a list of companies that are certified for participation in the APEC CBPRs (e.g., lists on the websites of participating government authorities, privacy enforcement authorities, APEC-recognized Accountability Agents, or on an APEC website specifically dedicated to the operation of APEC Cross-Border Privacy Rules) thereby indicating that it complies with the security safeguards requirements and failing to comply.

28. Describe how the safeguards you identified in response to question 27 are proportional to the likelihood and severity of the harm threatened, the sensitivity of the information, and the

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29. Describe how you make your employees aware of the importance of maintaining the security of personal information (e.g. through regular training and oversight).

The Accountability Agent must verify that the Applicant's employees are aware of the importance of, and obligations respecting, maintaining the security of personal information through regular training and oversight as demonstrated by procedures, which may include:

- Training program for employees
- Regular staff meetings or other communications
- Security policy signed by employees
- Other (specify)

Where the Applicant answers that it does not make employees aware of the importance of, and obligations respecting, maintaining the security of personal information through regular training and oversight, the Accountability Agent has to inform the Applicant that the existence of such requirements and failing to comply; or
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31. Have you implemented a policy for secure disposal of personal information?

Where the Applicant answers YES, the Accountability Agent must verify the implementation of a policy for the secure disposal of personal information.

Where the Applicant answers NO, the Accountability Agent must inform Applicant that the existence of a policy for the secure disposal of personal information is required for compliance with this principle.

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### 32. Have you implemented measures to detect, prevent, and respond to attacks, intrusions, or other security failures?

Where the Applicant answers **YES**, the Accountability Agent must verify the existence of measures to detect, prevent, and respond to attacks, intrusions, or other security failures. Where the Applicant answers **NO**, the Accountability Agent must inform the Applicant that the existence of measures to detect, prevent, and respond to attacks, intrusions, or other security failures, is required for compliance with this principle.

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| 33. Do you have processes in place to test the effectiveness of the safeguards referred to above in question 32? Describe below. | The Accountability Agent must verify that such tests are undertaken at appropriate intervals, and that the Applicant adjusts their security safeguards to reflect the results of these tests. | • The FTC enforces Section 5 of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45, which prohibits unfair or deceptive acts or practices in or affecting commerce.

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34. Do you use risk assessments or third-party certifications? Describe below.

The Accountability Agent must verify that such risk assessments or certifications are undertaken at appropriate intervals, and that the Applicant adjusts their security safeguards to reflect the results of these certifications or risk assessments. One example is whether privacy compliance audits are carried out by the Applicant and if audits are carried out, the Accountability Agent must verify whether recommendations made in the audits are implemented.

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35. Do you require personal

The Accountability Agent must verify that the Applicant has

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taken reasonable measures (such as by inclusion of appropriate contractual provisions) to require information processors, agents, contractors, or other service providers to whom personal information is transferred, to protect against leakage, loss or unauthorized access, destruction, use, modification or disclosure or other misuses of the information. The Applicant must periodically review and reassess its security measures to evaluate their relevance and effectiveness.

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## ACCESS AND CORRECTION

**Assessment Purpose** - The questions in this section are directed towards ensuring that individuals are able to access and correct their information. This section includes specific conditions for what would be considered reasonable in the provision of access. Access will also be conditioned by security requirements that preclude the provision of direct access to information and will require sufficient proof of identity prior to provision of access. The details of the procedures whereby the ability to access and correct information is provided may differ depending on the nature of the information and other interests, which is why, in certain circumstances, it may be impossible, impracticable or unnecessary to change, suppress or delete records.

The ability to access and correct personal information, while generally regarded as a central aspect of privacy protection, is not an absolute right. While you should always make good faith efforts to provide access, in some situations, it may be necessary to deny claims for access and correction. Section II of the CBPR Self-Assessment Guidelines for Organisations sets out those conditions that must be met in order for such denials to be considered acceptable. When you deny a request for access, for the reasons specified herein, you should provide the requesting individual with an explanation as to why you have made that determination and information on how to challenge that denial. You would not be expected to provide an explanation, however, in cases where such disclosure would violate a law or judicial order. Refer to the APEC Cross Border Privacy Rules Intake Questionnaire for a list of acceptable Qualifications to the provision of access and correction mechanisms.

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<td>36. Upon request, do you provide confirmation of whether or not you hold personal information about the requesting individual? Describe below.</td>
<td>Where the Applicant answers YES, the Accountability Agent must verify that the Applicant has procedures in place to respond to such requests. The Applicant must grant access to any individual, to personal information collected or gathered about that individual, upon receipt of sufficient information confirming the individual’s identity. The Applicant’s processes or mechanisms for access by individuals to personal information must be reasonable having regard to the manner of request and the nature of the personal information. The personal information must be provided to individuals.</td>
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in an easily comprehensible way. The Applicant must provide the individual with a time frame indicating when the requested access will be granted.

Where the Applicant answers **NO** and does not identify an applicable qualification, the Accountability Agent must inform the Applicant that the existence of written procedures to respond to such requests is required for compliance with this principle. Where the Applicant identifies an applicable qualification, the Accountability Agent must verify whether the applicable qualification is justified.

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  c. causing the company’s name to appear on a list of companies that
37. Upon request, do you provide individuals access to the personal information that you hold about them? Where YES, answer questions 37(a) – (e) and describe your applicant's policies/procedures for receiving and handling access requests. Where NO, proceed to question 38.

37.a) Do you take steps to confirm the identity of the individual requesting access? If YES, please describe.

37.b) Do you provide access within a reasonable time frame following an individual’s request for access? If YES, please describe.

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38. Do you permit individuals to challenge the accuracy of their information, and to have it rectified, completed, amended and/or deleted? Describe your applicant's policies/procedures in this regard below and answer questions 37 (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e).

38.a) Are your access and correction mechanisms presented in a clear and conspicuous manner? Provide a description in the space below or in an attachment if necessary.

38.b) If an individual demonstrates that personal information about them is incomplete or incorrect, do you make the requested correction, addition, or where appropriate, deletion?

38.c) Do you make such

| Where the Applicant answers **YES to questions 38.a**, the Accountability Agent must verify that such policies are available and understandable in the primarily targeted economy. If the Applicant denies correction to the individual’s personal information, it must explain to the individual why the correction request was denied, and provide the appropriate contact information for challenging the denial of correction where appropriate. All access and correction mechanisms have to be simple and easy to use, presented in a clear and visible manner, operate within a reasonable time frame, and confirm to individuals that the inaccuracies have been corrected, amended or deleted. Such mechanisms could include, but are not limited to, accepting written or e-mailed information requests, and having an employee copy the relevant information and send it to the requesting individual. Where the Applicant answers **NO** to questions 38a-38e and does not identify an applicable qualification, the Accountability Agent must inform the Applicant that the existence of written procedures to respond to such requests is required for compliance with this principle. Where the Applicant identifies an applicable qualification, the Accountability Agent must verify whether the applicable | • The FTC enforces Section 5 of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45, which prohibits **unfair or deceptive** acts or practices in or affecting commerce. An act or practice is **deceptive** if it is likely to mislead a consumer acting reasonably under the circumstances and is likely to affect a consumer’s conduct or decision regarding a product or service. An act or practice is **unfair** when it causes, or is likely to cause, substantial injury to consumers that (i) is not reasonably avoidable by consumers themselves; and (ii) is not outweighed by countervailing benefits to consumers or to competition. A company that joins the APEC CBPRs must publicly declare that it will comply with the CBPR program requirements and must make these program requirements publicly accessible. If the company fails to comply with any of these program requirements, its public representation of compliance may constitute an unfair or deceptive act or practice subject to Section |

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ACCOUNTABILITY

Assessment Purpose - The questions in this section are directed towards ensuring that the Applicant is accountable for complying with measures that give effect to the other Principles stated above. Additionally, when transferring information, the Applicant should be accountable for ensuring that the recipient will protect the information consistently with these Principles when not obtaining consent. Thus, you should take reasonable steps to ensure the information is protected, in accordance with these Principles, after it is transferred. However, there are certain situations where such due diligence may be impractical or impossible, for example, when there is no on-going relationship between you and the third party to whom the information is disclosed. In these types of circumstances, you may choose to use other means, such as obtaining consent, to assure that the information is being protected consistently with these Principles. However, in cases where disclosures are required by domestic law, you would be relieved of any due diligence or consent obligations.

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The Applicant must designate an individual or individuals to be responsible for the Applicant’s overall compliance with privacy principles as described in its Privacy Statement, and must implement opportune procedures to receive, investigate, and respond to privacy-related complaints, providing an explanation of any remedial action where applicable.

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41. Do you have procedures in place to receive, investigate and respond to privacy-related complaints? Please describe. - Where the Applicant answers **YES**, the Accountability Agent must verify that the Applicant has procedures in place to receive, investigate and respond to privacy-related complaints, such as:

1) A description of how individuals may submit complaints to the Applicant (e.g. Email/Phone/Fax/Postal Mail/Online Form); 
   AND/OR
2) A designated employee(s) to handle complaints related to the Applicant’s compliance with the APEC Privacy Framework and/or requests from individuals for access to personal information; 
   AND/OR
3) A formal complaint-resolution process; 
   AND/OR
4) Other (must specify).

Where the Applicant answers **NO**, the Accountability Agent must inform the Applicant that implementation of such procedures is required for compliance with this principle.

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42. Do you have procedures in place to ensure individuals receive a timely response to their complaints?

Where the Applicant answers **YES**, the Accountability Agent must verify that the Applicant has procedures in place to ensure individuals receive a timely response to their complaints.

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| 43. If YES, does this response include an explanation of remedial action relating to their complaint? Describe. | The Accountability Agent must verify that the Applicant indicates what remedial action is considered. | •  The FTC enforces Section 5 of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45, which prohibits unfair or deceptive acts or practices in or affecting commerce.

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44. Do you have procedures in place for training employees with respect to your privacy policies and procedures, including how to respond to privacy-related complaints? If YES, describe.

Where the Applicant answers YES, the Accountability Agent must verify that the Applicant has procedures regarding training employees with respect to its privacy policies and procedures, including how to respond to privacy-related complaints.

Where the Applicant answers that it does not have procedures regarding training employees with respect to their privacy policies and procedures, including how to respond to privacy-related complaints, the Accountability Agent must inform the Applicant that the existence of such procedures is required for compliance with this principle.

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| 45. Do you have procedures in place for responding to judicial or other government subpoenas, warrants or orders, including those that require the disclosure of personal information? | Where the Applicant answers **YES**, the Accountability Agent must verify that the Applicant has procedures in place for responding to judicial or other government subpoenas, warrants or orders, including those that require the disclosure of personal information, as well as provide the necessary training to employees regarding this subject.

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46. Do you have mechanisms in place with personal information processors, agents, contractors, or other service providers pertaining to personal information they process on your behalf, to ensure that your obligations to the individual will be met (check all that apply)?

- Internal guidelines or policies _____
- Contracts _____
- Compliance with applicable industry or sector laws and regulations _____
- Compliance with self-regulatory applicant code and/or rules _____
- Other (describe) _____

Where the Applicant answers **YES**, the Accountability Agent must verify the existence of each type of agreement described.

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- Implement privacy practices that are substantially similar to your policies or privacy practices as stated in your Privacy Statement? _____
- Follow instructions provided by you relating to the manner in which your personal information must be handled? _____
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- Have their CBPRs specifically dedicated to the operation of APEC Cross-Border Privacy Rules) thereby indicating that it complies with the accountability requirements and failing to comply.

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- Notify the Applicant in the case of a breach of the personal information of the Applicant’s customers?
- Other (describe) ______

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48. Do you require your personal information processors, agents, contractors or other service providers to provide you with self-assessments to ensure compliance with your instructions and/or agreements/contracts? If YES, describe below.

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