

press statement

On possible databases of credit agencies on energy supply contracts

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The Hessian Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information (HBDI) clarifies the public discussion about possible databases that could be kept by credit agencies for energy supply contracts:

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Whether the processing, such as the storage of corresponding data, and the provision of information about switching customers of energy suppliers is permissible has not yet been finally coordinated and decided by the supervisory authorities of the federal states and the federal government. This was not yet necessary due to the lack of productive databases operated by credit agencies. However, such a vote will take place at the next meeting of the responsible body of the data protection conference in early November in order to prepare a decision of the data protection conference.

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