☐ File No.: PS/00289/2021

RESOLUTION OF PUNISHMENT PROCEDURE

Of the procedure instructed by the Spanish Agency for Data Protection and based on

to the following

**BACKGROUND** 

FIRST: On December 29, 2020, the Spanish Agency for the Protection of

Data REQUIRED FUENSANTA S.L.,

what would contribute

documentation related to certain ongoing investigations carried out

carried out by the General Subdirectorate of Data Inspection of this Agency, in relation to

with file E/10435/2020, in the following terms:

with CIF B28062073,

"Within the framework of the actions carried out by the Subdirectorate General for

Inspection of Data in order to clarify certain facts of which it has had

knowledge of this Spanish Agency for Data Protection, and in use of the

powers conferred by article 58.1 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the

European Parliament and of the Council of April 27, 2016, regarding the protection of

individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and the free

circulation of these data and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (Regulation

General Data Protection) (hereinafter RGPD), and art. 67 of the Organic Law

3/2018, of December 5, on the Protection of Personal Data and Guarantee of the

Digital Rights (hereinafter LOPDGDD), it is requested that within ten days

working days, submit the following information regarding the email sent with the

clear recipients (no blind copy):

1.

3.
Four.
Information on the causes that have motivated the sending of the mail with the
list of recipients in clear (multiple list revealing the addresses of
email to other recipients).
Information about whether they have forwarded more similar emails to other
recipient lists or it is a single shipment.
Information on whether the email included other patient data
(other identifying data, including health data such as results of
tests).
Information on whether they have addressed those affected to communicate the error and
copy of the communication if so.
5. Measures adopted to prevent similar incidents from occurring, dates
of implementation and controls carried out to verify its effectiveness."
Likewise, they were informed that the person in charge and the person in charge of processing
personal data have the obligation to provide the documents,
information and any other collaboration that is required to carry out the function of
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inspection, with the indication that failure to comply with this obligation could
involve the commission of the offense typified in art. 83.5.e) of the RGPD,
consisting of not providing access in breach of article 58, section 1, which is

two.

will sanction, in accordance with art. 58.2 of the RGPD, with administrative fines of 20 million euros maximum or, in the case of companies, an amount equivalent to a maximum of 4% of the total global annual turnover for the year previous financial, opting for the highest amount.

SECOND: The request for information, which was carried out in accordance with the regulations established in Law 39/2015, of October 1, on Administrative Procedure

Common of Public Administrations (hereinafter, LPACAP), was notified in dated January 9, 2021, as stated in the Notific@ certificate that works in the proceedings.

THIRD: After the period granted to answer the aforementioned request for information does not appear in this Agency the answer to it.

FOURTH: On June 11, 2021, the Director of the Spanish Agency for Data Protection agreed to initiate a sanctioning procedure against the claimed party, for the alleged infringement of article 58.1 of the RGPD, typified in article 83.5 of the GDPR.

FIFTH: On August 2, 2021, a resolution proposal was formulated, in which following terms:

<< That the Director of the Spanish Data Protection Agency sanction

FUENSANTA S.L., with CIF B28062073, for an infringement of article 58.1 of the RGPD, typified in Article 83.5 of the RGPD, with a fine of €3,000.00 (THREE THOUSAND EURO).>>

SIXTH: On August 24, 2021, the entity submitted a written statement of allegations to the Motion for a Resolution, in which, in summary, it states that it proceeded to answer to the request for information, although not within the terms granted in the notifications after October 21, 2020, that the proposed resolution does not succinctly sets out the facts and legal grounds on which the claim is based.

dismissal, which means defenselessness affecting their right to defense, which does not there has been an intention not to provide the AEPD with the required information and reiterates that the situation caused by not attending in a timely manner the requirements of the AEPD, is the result of a succession of errors and unfortunate events and requests that the procedure be resolved without imputing an infraction or sanction and the filing of performances.

In view of everything that has been done, by the Spanish Data Protection Agency
In this proceeding, the following are considered proven facts:

**FACTS** 

FIRST: The information requirement indicated in the antecedent was first notified electronically, in accordance with the provisions of article 43 of the LPACAP.

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SECOND: The respondent has not responded to the request for information made by the Agency within the periods granted for it, namely:

The request made within the framework of the investigative actions referenced with code E/10435/2020, in which the deadline to respond was ten business days.

THIRD: After the period granted to answer the aforementioned request for information does not appear in this Agency the answer to it.

**FOUNDATIONS OF LAW** 

FIRST: By virtue of the powers that article 58.2 of the RGPD recognizes to each control authority, and as established in arts. 47 and 48.1 of the LOPDGDD, the

Director of the Spanish Data Protection Agency is competent to resolve this procedure.

SECOND: Regarding the allegations presented to the Resolution Proposal, it is should point out the following:

As regards the lack of reasons for the motion for a resolution, it is clear sufficiently reasoned the infraction imputed based on the documentation that work on file. The request for information was made in accordance with the regulations established in Law 39/2015, of October 1, on the Procedure

Common Administrative of Public Administrations. Spent too much term granted to respond to the aforementioned request for information, it is not stated in this Agency the answer to it.

The requirement of motivation for administrative actions is directly related to tioned with the principles of a Rule of Law (art. 1.1 of the EC) and with the charac-binding ter that the Law has for the Public Administrations, whose empire is are subject in the exercise of their powers (arts. 103.1 of the CE and 3.1 of the Law 40/2015, of the Legal Regime of the Public Sector).

Thus, all administrative decisions are subject to the requirement of reasons.

(art. 88.3 of the LPAC), although it does not presuppose the inexorable obligation to answer one by one to each objection that those interested in a procedure may have expose, because that would go against the principle of speed and compliance with the deadlines. procedural zos.

Articles 35 and 88, all of them of Law 39/2015, of October 1, of the Procedure

Common Administrative Law of Public Administrations, require that the "resolution

is motivated", albeit briefly, so that the interested party knows the func
foundation of the resolution, without the lack of knowledge being able to produce defenselessness

by that of the reasons that assist the Administration that sanctions, pro-

announcing in this sense the Supreme Court, in Judgment of September 30, 1996 or November 19, 2001, according to which, brevity and conciseness should not confused with lack of motivation.

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The doctrine that the Constitutional Court has been maintaining in relation to the defense is that in order for it to be invoked, it must be an inmaterial defense that implies that it has caused real and effective damage. (Come in others, SSTC 90/1988, 43/1989, STC, 105/1995, 118/1997, 91/2004)

In this case, not only are the requirements mentioned amply fulfilled, but that goes further by offering reasoning that justifies the possible qualification of the facts valued at the beginning and, even, the circumstances are mentioned that may influence the determination of the sanction.

Regarding the allegations that state that they proceeded to answer the request of information, although not within the terms granted in the notifications after October 21, 2020, that there has been no intention of not facilitating the AEPD the required information and that the situation caused by not responding in time and forms the requirements of the AEPD, is the result of a succession of errors and unfortunate events, they only come to confirm that the claimed has not procured from the Spanish Agency for Data Protection the information that required, without this argument being excused, since he is responsible, in compliance with their proactive responsibility obligations, who must implement the necessary technical and organizational measures, as expressed in the

articles 24 and 25 of the RGPD.

The denounced fact is accredited by the actions and documentation in the file, constituting an infringement, since with the indicated conduct of the defendant, the power of investigation that article 58.1 of the RGPD confers on the control authorities, in this case, the AEPD, has been seen hindered, meaning that the allegations presented do not distort the essential content of the infraction that is declared committed nor do they suppose a cause of sufficient justification or exoneration. Consequently, the claims must be dismissed.

Therefore, the events described in the "Events" section are deemed to constitute an infraction, attributable to the claimed party, for violation of article 58.1 of the RGPD, which provides that each control authority will have, among its powers of research:

- "a) order the person in charge and the person in charge of the treatment and, where appropriate, the representative of the person in charge or the person in charge, who facilitate any information required for the performance of its functions;
- b) carry out investigations in the form of data protection audits;
- c) carry out a review of the certifications issued under the article 42, paragraph 7;
- d) notify the person in charge or the person in charge of the treatment of the alleged violations of this Regulation;
- e) obtain from the person in charge and the person in charge of the treatment access to all personal data and all the information necessary for the exercise of their functions;
- f) obtain access to all the premises of the person in charge and of the person in charge of the processing, including any data processing equipment and means,

in accordance with the procedural law of the Union or of the States
members."

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of greater amount.

THIRD: This infringement is typified in article 83.5.e) of the RGPD, which considers as such: "failure to provide access in breach of article 58, section 1".

In the same article it is established that this infraction can be sanctioned with a fine. twenty million euros (€20,000,000) maximum or, in the case of a company, of an amount equivalent to four percent (4%) as a maximum of the global total annual turnover of the previous financial year, opting for the

For the purposes of the limitation period for infringements, the infringement charged prescribes after three years, in accordance with article 72.1 of the LOPDGDD, which qualifies as very serious the following behavior:

- "ñ) Not facilitating the access of the personnel of the data protection authority competent to personal data, information, premises, equipment and means of treatment that are required by the data protection authority to the exercise of its investigative powers.
- o) The resistance or obstruction of the exercise of the inspection function by the competent data protection authority."

FOURTH: The fine imposed must be, in each individual case, effective,
proportionate and dissuasive, in accordance with the provisions of article 83.1 of the RGPD.

Consequently, it is appropriate to graduate the sanction to be imposed in accordance with the criteria

established in article 83.2 of the RGPD, and with the provisions of article 76 of the LOPDGDD, with respect to section k) of the aforementioned article 83.2 RGPD.

In the initial assessment it was found that no extenuating circumstances were applicable and The following facts have been considered as aggravating:

- Art. 83.2 b) RGPD: the intention or negligence in the infringement. It is about of a company that is not newly created and should have procedures established for the fulfillment of the obligations that contemplates the data protection regulations, among them, to respond to the requirements of the supervisory authority.
- Art. 83.2 k) RGPD: any other aggravating or mitigating factor applicable to the circumstances of the case, such as the financial benefits obtained or the Losses avoided, directly or indirectly, through the infringement. The claim refers to the particular case of a person, but the data processing to which it refers can potentially affect a very high number of clients of the responsible entity or users of the service provided by the responsible entity.

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Therefore, in accordance with the applicable legislation and having assessed the criteria for graduation of the sanctions whose existence has been proven, the Director of the Spanish Data Protection Agency RESOLVES:

FIRST: IMPOSE FUENSANTA S.L., with CIF B28062073, for an infraction of article 58.1 of the RGPD, typified in Article 83.5 of the RGPD, a fine of

€3,000.00 (THREE THOUSAND EUROS).

SECOND: NOTIFY this resolution to FUENSANTA S.L.

THIRD: Warn the sanctioned party that he must make the imposed sanction effective once Once this resolution is enforceable, in accordance with the provisions of the art. 98.1.b) of Law 39/2015, of October 1, on Administrative Procedure

Common Public Administrations (hereinafter LPACAP), within the payment term voluntary established in art. 68 of the General Collection Regulations, approved by Royal Decree 939/2005, of July 29, in relation to art. 62 of Law 58/2003, of December 17, through its entry, indicating the NIF of the sanctioned and the number

of procedure that appears in the heading of this document, in the account restricted number ES00 0000 0000 0000 0000, opened on behalf of the Agency

Spanish Department of Data Protection in the banking entity CAIXABANK, S.A.. In case

Otherwise, it will be collected in the executive period.

Received the notification and once executed, if the date of execution is between the 1st and 15th of each month, both inclusive, the term to make the payment voluntary will be until the 20th day of the following month or immediately after, and if between the 16th and last day of each month, both inclusive, the payment term It will be until the 5th of the second following month or immediately after.

In accordance with the provisions of article 50 of the LOPDGDD, this

Resolution will be made public once it has been notified to the interested parties.

Against this resolution, which puts an end to the administrative procedure in accordance with art. 48.6 of the

LOPDGDD, and in accordance with the provisions of article 123 of the LPACAP, the

Interested parties may optionally file an appeal for reconsideration before the

Director of the Spanish Agency for Data Protection within a month from

counting from the day following the notification of this resolution or directly

contentious-administrative appeal before the Contentious-Administrative Chamber of the

National Court, in accordance with the provisions of article 25 and section 5 of the fourth additional provision of Law 29/1998, of July 13, regulating the Contentious-administrative jurisdiction, within a period of two months from the day following the notification of this act, as provided in article 46.1 of the aforementioned Law.

Finally, it is pointed out that in accordance with the provisions of art. 90.3 a) of the LPACAP, may provisionally suspend the firm resolution in administrative proceedings if the

The interested party expresses his intention to file a contentious-administrative appeal.

If this is the case, the interested party must formally communicate this fact by writing addressed to the Spanish Agency for Data Protection, presenting it through

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web/], or through any of the other registers provided for in art. 16.4 of the aforementioned Law 39/2015, of October 1. You must also transfer to the Agency the documentation proving the effective filing of the contentious appeal-administrative. If the Agency was not aware of the filing of the appeal contentious-administrative within a period of two months from the day following the notification of this resolution would end the precautionary suspension.

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