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Control of the LfDI causes a stop to inadmissible publications of personal

gene bankruptcy data

At the urging of the Bremen State Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information (LfDI)

Law firms entrusted with insolvency administration have worked to ensure that the search mask in the

the digital creditor information system they use was reprogrammed in compliance with data protection regulations

became.

In connection with a complaints procedure, the LfDI became aware that

the data of the insolvency debtors are unconditionally public on the websites of the law firms

were accessible. The LfDI then checked the publication of this data in the creditor

information systems of the most popular insolvency law firms operating throughout Germany located in

Bremen. In doing so, she presented the data protection violations due to the lack of a sufficient legal basis

publications. The law firms concerned were mostly cooperative and effective

successfully approached the software provider. The adapted software is now also being used nationwide by

non-verified law firms used.

From now on, the data of the insolvency debtors can be found in the publicly accessible creditor

information systems of those insolvency law firms that use the software of the provider concerned

contact, will only be asked if their first and last name, the insolvency court and the

court file numbers are entered into the search mask.

The Bremen State Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information, Dr. Sommer, shows satisfied that the technical solution achieved overcomes the unlawful publications identified gene prevented in the future: "Once again it shows that in a digitized world data protection through Technology is the be-all and end-all. Insolvency law firms are fundamentally legally obliged to information systems that contain the data of insolvency debtors. This must of course in compliance with data protection regulations. This includes, in addition to the restricted search availability of the personal data also that the statutory deletion periods are observed. We will also check this in the future, in particular because the publications of these data can mean significant economic stigma for those affected."

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