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Recommendations for conducting video conferences

Regarding the media reports about an alleged warning from the Berlin data protection authority

by Microsoft Germany, the Berlin Commissioner for Data Protection and

Freedom of Information with:

On May 11, 2020, the Berlin data protection officer received a letter from Microsoft

Deutschland GmbH, in which the company refers to two publications

the regulator of video conferencing systems believes that several

assumptions made therein are factually or legally incorrect. When writing

Contrary to what is presented in the media, it is not a warning.

The Berlin Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information has the issues in question

Publications thereupon without acknowledgment of factual or legal positions of third parties

temporarily removed from its website to address the allegations made by Microsoft

to consider. This was the responsibility of Microsoft Germany GmbH in one

informed in advance by telephone.

The publications

☐ Berlin data protection officer to conduct video conferences during the

contact restrictions and

☐ Checklist for conducting video conferences during the

contact restrictions

contain recommendations and assistance for data processing offices based in Berlin,

which, due to the coronavirus containment measures, are increasingly relying on contactless

had to change communication.

The review of the documents by the Berlin supervisory authority has no content

There was a need to change the recommendations, only a few were minor

Specifications made to the texts.

The documents are therefore now back on the Berliner website

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<https://www.datenschutz-berlin.de/infothek-und-service/themen-a-bis-z/corona-pandemic.html>

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