

I. Order

1. O Instituto dos Registos e do Notariado, I.P. (IRN) requested the National Data Protection Commission (CNPd) to issue an opinion on a protocol aimed at regulating the Braga Municipal Police's access to vehicle registration.

2. The request is made pursuant to paragraph d) of paragraph 2 of article 27-D and paragraphs 2, 3 and 7 of article 27-E of Decree-Law n° 54 /75, of 12 February¹, diploma that defines the Motor Vehicle Registration Regime.

3. The IRN, the Institute for Financial Management and Justice Equipment, I.P. are parties to the protocol. (IGFEJ) and the Municipality of Braga.

4. Pursuant to Clause 1.a of the Protocol, the Municipal Police of Braga (PMB) is authorized to access vehicle registration information by online consultation of the respective database, located at IGFEJ, for the exclusive purpose of pursuing within its legal competence, within the scope of monitoring compliance with the provisions of the Highway Code and other complementary legislation, on public roads, including parking, under the jurisdiction of the Municipality of Braga.

5. The following data are accessed: «name, habitual residence, identification document number and date and tax identification number, when available, or company name, registered office and number of legal person, owner or lessee or usufructuary by date of occurrence fact, and when technically available'. (No. 1 of Clause 1a).

6. Access to the database is made through a search by vehicle registration and is conditioned to the mandatory identification of the case number or of the administrative offense report to which they refer (cf. no. 1 of Clause 2.a).

7. For audit purposes, accesses are recorded (logs) for a period of two years, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2 of Clause 2a of the protocol.

8. Pursuant to Clause 3.3 of the protocol, PMB must comply with the legal provisions contained in Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council, of 27 April 2016, on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and the free movement of such data and which repeals Directive 95/46/EC (General Regulation on Data Protection) and Law No. 58/2019, of 8

1 As amended by Decree-Law No. 182/2002, of 20 August.

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of August, namely with regard to respecting the purpose for which the consultation was authorized, which should be limited to what is strictly necessary, not using the information for other purposes; not to transmit the information to third parties; to take the necessary security measures to guarantee the integrity and proper functioning of the database. Any form of interconnection of personal data is also prohibited.

9. It is also foreseen, in the same clause, that, if PMB uses the subcontractor to execute the protocol, it is bound, namely, to guarantee the security of the treatment, to ensure that the people involved assume a commitment to confidentiality and to give knowledge to the IRN of all information necessary to demonstrate compliance with the obligations under the GDPR, including facilitating and contributing to audits or inspections conducted by the IRN or by another auditor mandated by it.

10. Access is carried out through two types of channels, alternative, in both cases with implementation of IPsec tunnels, to guarantee data confidentiality.

11. Also under the terms of the protocol, PMB undertakes to previously communicate to the IRN the identification of the users of access to the database, by indicating the name, category/function and NIF, with a view to attributing connection credentials to the system, and each user will receive, in a closed letter, a personal password, which will make him responsible for the use he makes of the service. OIGFEJ will assign an application user and respective password to PMB to access the web services provided.

12. The protocol is concluded for a period of one (1) year, tacitly extendable for equal periods.

II. appreciation

13. The possibility for municipalities to access car registration results from the combined provisions of paragraph 1(d) and

article 5(3)(a) of Decree-Law No. 44/2005, of 27 February, last amended by Decree-Law No. 146/2014, of 9 October.

14. The Municipal Police of Braga is, under the terms of article 5, no. 1, point d) and no. 3, point b) of Decree-Law no. 44/2005, of 23 February, the entity responsible for supervising compliance with vehicle parking and road traffic regulations, including the reporting of traffic accidents, in the territorial area of the Municipality of Braga.

15. In accordance with subparagraph d) of paragraph 2 of article 27-E of the regime relating to the Motor Vehicle Registration, the personal data of the vehicle registration must be communicated, for the pursuit of the respective attributions, to the entities responsible for enforcement of the Highway Code. Paragraphs 2, 3 and 7 of article 27-E of the same diploma also allow these entities to be authorized to consult data transmission lines, provided that the security guarantees are observed and subject to the signing of a protocol. .

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16. Thus, there is a legitimate basis for this processing of personal data, in terms of access, under Article 6(1)(e) of the GDPR.

17. Paragraph 4 of article 27-H of the regime relating to the Motor Vehicle Registration obliges the entities with competence to consult that registration to maintain an updated list of persons authorized to access the database. In this way, PMB is obliged to maintain this list, which must be updated in order to limit the possibility of undue access by users who no longer have the legitimacy to access.

18. Naturally, this obligation derives from the law, but it must also be included in the present protocol, insofar as it will have an effect on its compliance and will allow the IRN, at any time, to determine to the IGFEJ that the access credentials are disabled.

19. The IGFEJ's intervention in this protocol stems from the attribution provided for in subparagraph m) of paragraph 2 of article 3 of Decree-Law no. 164/2012, of 31 July.

20. With regard to security measures, without prejudice to the need for permanent verification of their compliance, they appear to be appropriate.

III. Conclusion

21. The CNPD considers that there is legitimacy for the Braga Municipal Police to have access to the personal data of the car

registration, within the limits and conditions recommended by this protocol, so it understands that there is no impediment to its execution.

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