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Government steps in to ease the burden of registering data processing

The Austrian government has issued a decree (BGBl II 232/2003) in response to fears that a new system of private pension funds would have required hundreds of thousands of companies to register their employee data processing.

Data controllers must register all data transfers with the Austrian Data Processing Register, unless an exemption is granted under the 'standard applications' set out in Decree BGBl II 201/2000. The Standard Application on Employee Data Processing exempts nearly 200,000 national and foreign companies established in Austria from registering their employee data processing. However, the standard application does not take into account the transfer of data to private funds.

The Act on Employee Retirement Schemes, which came into force at the beginning of this year, establishes an entirely new system of private funds. In order for the system to work, employee data (eg, employment commencement and termination dates, and salary details) must be continuously forwarded to the fund. The fact that this type of transfer was not covered by the relevant standard application led to fears that companies might be obliged to register all their employee data processing.

The amending decree allays these fears and demonstrates that the government is committed to ensuring that its legislation keeps up with developing technologies and systems, and will not impose unnecessary burdens on companies.

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