

Privacy and cookies policy

1. Introduction

- 1.1 We are committed to safeguarding the privacy of our website visitors and service users.
- 1.2 This policy applies where we are acting as a data controller with respect to the personal data of our website visitors and service users; in other words, where we determine the purposes and means of the processing of that personal data.
- 1.3 By using our website and agreeing to this policy, you consent to our use of cookies in accordance with the terms of this policy.
- 1.4 In this policy, "we", "us" and "our" refer to *Sigma Consulting Solutions Limited*.

2. How we use your personal data

- 2.1 In this Section 2 we have set out:
 - (a) the general categories of personal data that we may process;
 - (b) in the case of personal data that we did not obtain directly from you, the source and specific categories of that data;
 - (c) the purposes for which we may process personal data; and
 - (d) the legal basis of the processing.
- 2.2 We may process data about your use of our website and services ("**usage data**"). The usage data may include your IP address, geographical location, browser type and version, operating system, referral source, length of visit, page views and website navigation paths, as well as information about the timing, frequency and pattern of your service use. The source of the usage data is Google Analytics. This usage data may be processed for the purposes of analysing the use of the website and services. The legal basis for this processing is our legitimate interests, namely monitoring and improving our website and services.
- 2.3 Where you have provided personal details through a contact form, newsletter sign-up field or when downloading a report, we may process information contained in any enquiry you submit to us. The enquiry data may be processed for the purposes of offering, marketing and selling relevant goods and/or services to you. The legal basis for this processing is your request to keep up to date with our news, events, services or content of interest.
- 2.4 We may process information relating to transactions, including purchases of goods and services, that you enter into with us and/or through our website ("**transaction data**"). The transaction data may include your contact details,

your card details and the transaction details. The transaction data may be processed for the purpose of supplying the purchased goods and services and keeping proper records of those transactions. The legal basis for this processing is the performance of a contract between you and us and/or taking steps, at your request, to enter into such a contract and our legitimate interests, namely our interest in the proper administration of our website and business.

- 2.5 We may process any of your personal data identified in this policy where necessary for the establishment, exercise or defense of legal claims, whether in court proceedings or in an administrative or out-of-court procedure. The legal basis for this processing is our legitimate interests, namely the protection and assertion of our legal rights, your legal rights and the legal rights of others.
- 2.6 We may process any of your personal data identified in this policy where necessary for the purposes of obtaining or maintaining insurance coverage, managing risks, or obtaining professional advice. The legal basis for this processing is our legitimate interests, namely the proper protection of our business against risks.
- 2.7 In addition to the specific purposes for which we may process your personal data set out in this Section 2, we may also process any of your personal data where such processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which we are subject, or in order to protect your vital interests or the vital interests of another natural person.
- 2.8 Please do not supply any other person's personal data to us, unless we prompt you to do so.

3. Providing your personal data to others

- 3.1 We may disclose your personal data to any member of our group of companies (this means our subsidiaries, our ultimate holding company and all its subsidiaries) insofar as reasonably necessary for the purposes, and on the legal basis, set out in this policy.
- 3.2 We may disclose your personal data to our insurers and/or professional advisers insofar as reasonably necessary for the purposes of obtaining or maintaining insurance coverage, managing risks, obtaining professional advice, or the establishment, exercise or defense of legal claims, whether in court proceedings or in an administrative or out-of-court procedure.

4. Retaining and deleting personal data

- 4.1 This Section 4 sets out our data retention policies and procedure, which are designed to help ensure that we comply with our legal obligations in relation to the retention and deletion of personal data.
- 4.2 Personal data that we process for any purpose or purposes shall not be kept for longer than is necessary for that purpose or those purposes.

- 4.3 In some cases it is not possible for us to specify in advance the periods for which your personal data will be retained. In such cases, we will determine the period of retention based on the following criteria:
- (a) the period of retention of data we use to contact you about services, events or news will be determined based on an annual review of the contacts we hold.
 - (b) We use MailChimp for all news and event communications and you have the option to unsubscribe each time. The platform will remove your details from the list and you will not receive further communications. There is a clear option on every communication for you to contact us and ask what data we hold for you.
- 4.4 Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Section 4, we may retain your personal data where such retention is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which we are subject, or in order to protect your vital interests or the vital interests of another natural person.

5. Security of personal data

- 5.1 We will take appropriate technical and organisational precautions to secure your personal data and to prevent the loss, misuse or alteration of your personal data.
- 5.2 We will store all your personal data on secure servers, personal computers and mobile devices, and in secure manual record-keeping systems.
- 5.3 The following personal data will be stored by us in encrypted form: your name and contact information
- 5.4 Data relating to your enquiries and financial transactions that is sent from your web browser to our web server, or from our web server to your web browser, will be protected using encryption technology.
- 5.5 You acknowledge that the transmission of unencrypted (or inadequately encrypted) data over the internet is inherently insecure, and we cannot guarantee the security of data sent over the internet.

6. Amendments

- 6.1 We may update this policy from time to time by publishing a new version on our website.
- 6.2 You should check this page occasionally to ensure you are happy with any changes to this policy.

7. Your rights

- 7.1 In this Section 7, we have summarised the rights that you have under data protection law. Some of the rights are complex, and not all of the details have been included in our summaries. Accordingly, you should read the relevant laws and guidance from the regulatory authorities for a full explanation of these rights.

7.2 Your principal rights under data protection law are:

- (a) the right to access;
- (b) the right to rectification;
- (c) the right to erasure;
- (d) the right to restrict processing;
- (e) the right to object to processing;
- (f) the right to data portability;
- (g) the right to complain to a supervisory authority; and
- (h) the right to withdraw consent.

7.3 You have the right to confirmation as to whether or not we process your personal data and, where we do, access to the personal data, together with certain additional information. That additional information includes details of the purposes of the processing, the categories of personal data concerned and the recipients of the personal data. Providing the rights and freedoms of others are not affected, we will supply to you a copy of your personal data. The first copy will be provided free of charge, but additional copies may be subject to a reasonable fee

7.4 You have the right to have any inaccurate personal data about you rectified and, taking into account the purposes of the processing, to have any incomplete personal data about you completed.

7.5 In some circumstances you have the right to the erasure of your personal data without undue delay. Those circumstances include: the personal data are no longer necessary in relation to the purposes for which they were collected or otherwise processed; you withdraw consent to consent-based processing; you object to the processing under certain rules of applicable data protection law; the processing is for direct marketing purposes; and the personal data have been unlawfully processed. However, there are exclusions of the right to erasure. The general exclusions include where processing is necessary: for exercising the right of freedom of expression and information; for compliance with a legal obligation; or for the establishment, exercise or defense of legal claims.

7.6 In some circumstances you have the right to restrict the processing of your personal data. Those circumstances are: you contest the accuracy of the personal data; processing is unlawful but you oppose erasure; we no longer need the personal data for the purposes of our processing, but you require personal data for the establishment, exercise or defense of legal claims; and you have objected to processing, pending the verification of that objection. Where processing has been restricted on this basis, we may continue to store your personal data. However, we will only otherwise process it: with your consent; for the establishment, exercise or defense of legal claims; for the

protection of the rights of another natural or legal person; or for reasons of important public interest.

- 7.7 You have the right to object to our processing of your personal data on grounds relating to your particular situation, but only to the extent that the legal basis for the processing is that the processing is necessary for: the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of any official authority vested in us; or the purposes of the legitimate interests pursued by us or by a third party. If you make such an objection, we will cease to process the personal information unless we can demonstrate compelling legitimate grounds for the processing which override your interests, rights and freedoms, or the processing is for the establishment, exercise or defense of legal claims.
- 7.8 To the extent that the legal basis for our processing of your personal data is:
- (a) consent; or
 - (b) that the processing is necessary for the performance of a contract to which you are party or in order to take steps at your request prior to entering into a contract,

and such processing is carried out by automated means, you have the right to receive your personal data from us in a structured, commonly used and machine-readable format. However, this right does not apply where it would adversely affect the rights and freedoms of others.

- 7.9 If you consider that our processing of your personal information infringes data protection laws, you have a legal right to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority responsible for data protection. You may do so in the EU member state of your habitual residence, your place of work or the place of the alleged infringement.
- 7.10 To the extent that the legal basis for our processing of your personal information is consent, you have the right to withdraw that consent at any time. Withdrawal will not affect the lawfulness of processing before the withdrawal.
- 7.11 You may exercise any of your rights in relation to your personal data by written notice to us, in addition to the other methods specified in this Section 7.

8. Third party websites

- 8.1 Our website includes hyperlinks to, and details of, third party websites.
- 8.2 We have no control over, and are not responsible for, the privacy policies and practices of third parties.

9. Updating information

- 9.1 Please let us know if the personal information that we hold about you needs to be corrected or updated.

10. About cookies

- 10.1 A cookie is a file containing an identifier (a string of letters and numbers) that is sent by a web server to a web browser and is stored by the browser. The identifier is then sent back to the server each time the browser requests a page from the server.
- 10.2 Cookies may be either "persistent" cookies or "session" cookies: a persistent cookie will be stored by a web browser and will remain valid until its set expiry date, unless deleted by the user before the expiry date; a session cookie, on the other hand, will expire at the end of the user session, when the web browser is closed.
- 10.3 Cookies do not typically contain any information that personally identifies a user, but personal information that we store about you may be linked to the information stored in and obtained from cookies.

11. Cookies that we use

- 11.1 We use cookies to help us to analyse the use and performance of our website and services. The cookies used for this purpose are:

- wearesigma.com
 - unam
 - ARRAffinity
 - RequestVerificationToken
- Cdn.syndication.twing.com
 - Lang
- eventbrite.co.uk
 - AS
 - SP
 - SS
 - Csrftoken
 - mgref

12 Cookies used by our service providers

- 12.1 Our service providers use cookies and those cookies may be stored on your computer when you visit our website.
- 12.2 We use Google Analytics to analyse the use of our website. Google Analytics gathers information about website use by means of cookies. The information gathered relating to our website is used to create reports about the use of our

website. Google's privacy policy is available at:

<https://www.google.com/policies/privacy/>. The relevant cookies are:

- `_ga`
- `_gid`
- `_gat_UA-19084612-1`

13. Managing cookies

13.1 Most browsers allow you to refuse to accept cookies and to delete cookies. The methods for doing so vary from browser to browser, and from version to version. You can however obtain up-to-date information about blocking and deleting cookies via these links:

- (a) <https://support.google.com/chrome/answer/95647?hl=en> (Chrome);
- (b) <https://support.mozilla.org/en-US/kb/enable-and-disable-cookies-website-preferences> (Firefox);
- (c) <http://www.opera.com/help/tutorials/security/cookies/> (Opera);
- (d) <https://support.microsoft.com/en-gb/help/17442/windows-internet-explorer-delete-manage-cookies> (Internet Explorer);
- (e) <https://support.apple.com/kb/PH21411> (Safari); and
- (f) <https://privacy.microsoft.com/en-us/windows-10-microsoft-edge-and-privacy> (Edge).

13.2 Blocking all cookies will have a negative impact upon the usability of many websites.

14. Cookie preferences

14.1 We do not have a cookie preference management facilities functionality on our website so we recommend using your browsers to block any cookies.

15. Our details

15.1 This website is owned and operated by *Sigma Consulting Solutions Limited*.

15.2 We are registered in England under registration number *06237914*, and our registered office is at Sigma Consulting Solutions Limited, Ropewalks Building, Newton Street, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK11 6QJ.

15.3 Our principal place of business is at the same as our registered address.

15.4 You can contact us:

- (a) by post, to the postal address given above;
- (b) using our website contact form;
- (c) by telephone, on +44(0)1625 427718; or

(d) by email, using hello@wearesigma.com.

16. Data protection registration

16.1 We are registered as a data controller with the UK Information Commissioner's Office.

16.2 Our data protection registration number is Z9920948.

16.3 This policy is effective from 25th May 2018.

17. Credit

17.1 This document was created using a template from SEQ Legal (<http://www.seqlegal.com>)