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## 1. Your data

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## 6. Queries

If you have any questions about this Privacy Policy, please contact us by email at info@dwgroupuk.com

## 7. Complaints

If you are concerned about your data, or would like to make a complaint about the way we hold or handle your data, please refer to our GDPR Complaints Policy

## Terms and conditions of use

#### Introduction

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- We may suspend or cancel your registration with immediate effect for any reasonable purposes or if you breach these terms and conditions.
- You may cancel your registration at any time by informing us in writing to the address at the end of these terms and conditions. If you do so, you must immediately stop using the Website.
- Cancellation or suspension of your registration does not affect any statutory rights.

# **Privacy Policy and Cookies Policy**

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- We will not be liable to you in respect of any losses arising out of events beyond our reasonable control.
- To the maximum extent permitted by law, DW Renewable Energy Limited accepts no liability for any of the following:
  - Any business losses, such as loss of profits, income, revenue, anticipated savings, business, contracts, goodwill or commercial opportunities;
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  - Any special, indirect or consequential loss or damage.

#### General

- You may not transfer any of your rights under these terms and conditions to any
  other person. We may transfer our rights under these terms and conditions where
  we reasonably believe your rights will not be affected.
- These terms and conditions may be varied by us from time to time. Such revised terms will apply to the Website from the date of publication. Users should check the terms and conditions regularly to ensure familiarity with the then current version.
- These terms and conditions together with the Privacy Policy and Cookies Policy contain the whole agreement between the parties relating to its subject matter and supersede all prior discussions, arrangements or agreements that might have taken place in relation to the terms and conditions.
- The Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 shall not apply to these terms and conditions and no third party will have any right to enforce or rely on any provision of these terms and conditions.
- If any court or competent authority finds that any provision of these terms and

conditions (or part of any provision) is invalid, illegal or unenforceable, that provision or part- provision will, to the extent required, be deemed to be deleted, and the validity and enforceability of the other provisions of these terms and conditions will not be affected.

- Unless otherwise agreed, no delay, act or omission by a party in exercising any right or remedy will be deemed a waiver of that, or any other, right or remedy.
- This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted according to the law of England and Wales and all disputes arising under the Agreement (including noncontractual disputes or claims) shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England Wales.

## **DW Renewable Energy Limited details**

DW Renewable Energy Limited is a company incorporated in England and Wales with registered number 07606986 whose registered address is

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It operates the Website https://www.dwenergy.co.uk The registered VAT number is 118693882. You can contact DW Renewable Energy Limited by email on info@dwgroupuk.com

# **GDPR** complaints Policy

## **Policy Statement**

A thorough and transparent complaints procedure is considered necessary to enable the Firm to consider what happened and how to rectify errors in relation to breaches of GDPR, the Data Protection Act and the Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations. This Policy follows the DW Renewable Energy Limited Data Protection Policy. This GDPR Complaints Policy ensures that all complaints are treated with due consideration, fairness and equitability.

## General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) Complaints

If anyone wishes to complain to DW Renewable Energy Limited about how their personal information has been processed, their GDPR complaint has been handled, or appeal against any decision made following a complaint, they can submit their complaint in writing. This should be addressed directly to James Botley at info@ dwgroupuk.com.

### Complaints receipt

Complaints regarding how personal data has been processed should be submitted to DW Renewable Energy Limited's DPO. Receipt will be acknowledged within 7 working days. The DPO will review and respond in writing to a complaint within 14 working days of receipt of the complaint. If a longer time is required DW Renewable Energy Limited will notify the Complainant of the delay and will provide an estimate of when DW Renewable Energy Limited will provide a substantive response. If a Complainant is dissatisfied with the way in which their complaint has been handled then they can

forward their complaint to:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane Wilsmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF UK.

#### Procedure

DW Renewable Energy Limited's Complaints Procedure has three stages of handling and escalation:

- Stage 1 Informal Complaints delegation by the DPO to a suitable person knowledgeable about the circumstances for their investigation, discussion and resolution with the Complainant.
- Stage 2 Formal Complaints investigation, discussion and resolution with the Complainant by the DPO himself who is assigned to the role of dealing with Data Protection complaints.
- Stage 3 Final Escalation to the Directors consideration of the complaint and the prior investigation and efforts to resolve by the directors of DW Renewable Energy Limited.

All complaints should go fully through Stages 1 or 2 before/if they proceed any further to Stage 3. The DPO can elect to decide, on behalf of DW Renewable Energy Limited, that a complaint is vexatious or of no merit to justify Stage 3 and can refuse any Complainant's request for a Stage 3 review. Such a decision is to be undertaken in the knowledge that the Complainant's next step would be to the ICO or legal action which are factors that shall be taken into account in such decision.

Any Stage 2 Formal Complaint that is reasonably established to have been a reportable breach of GDPR shall be reported to the ICO as soon as reasonably possible after it has been established, and within 72 hours.

#### 1. Stage 1 - Informal Complaint

- The Complainant makes a verbal complaint to a DW Renewable Energy Limited employee or Representative who then logs and reports it immediately to the DPO who decides whether it is a Stage 1 or Stage 2 process that is best required in all the circumstances.
- The appointed DW Renewable Energy Limited employee hears the complaint, undertakes any required investigation into the circumstances of the allegation, agrees resolution with the Complainant and implements solution. The Complainant confirms in writing that they are satisfied with the resolution.
- **Time frame**: Immediate to within 5 working days.
- **Method**: Verbal initially; reference to DPO and his response to be in writing.

## 2. Stage 2 - Formal Complaint

- The complaint is received either verbally, in writing by email, phone, website or by personal submission.
- The complaint is logged and reported to the DPO to deal with and action. Receipt
  of the complaint is acknowledged within one working day. Investigation of the
  complaint by the DPO will then proceed.

- As above, if it is reasonably established that a Data Protection breach of the use or application of personal data has occurred which is reportable to the ICO, then DW Renewable Energy Limited shall as soon as reasonably possible, formally notify the ICO.
- The Complainant will receive a response from DW Renewable Energy Limited authorised by the DPO within 10 working days. If applicable, the results of the investigation into the matter shall be shared with the ICO and the DPO shall liaise with the ICO if and as required.
- The Complainant has 10 working days after the response has been issued in which
  to respond further; in the absence of which it will afterwards be assumed the
  complaint is resolved.
- Time frame: Between one working day and, at the latest, 21 working days after submission of complaint.
- Method: Email, verbal or written complaint submission; written response.

## 3. Stage 3 - Escalation to the Directors

This applies where the Complainant confirms:

- **a)** that they are not content with the proposed course of action, explanation or resolution, and
- b) the DPO does not consider the case to be vexatious or of no merit such as a Stage 3 is justified for purposes of transparency; orc) the ICO considers that there has been a breach.
- Receipt of the escalated complaint is acknowledged within one working day. The DPO fully briefs the Director hearing the complaint concerning its history and the details and conclusions of any prior Stage 1 or Stage 2 investigations. Within 5 working days, the Complainant is advised of when the relevant Director of DW Renewable Energy Limited will be considering the complaint which will be no more than 2 working weeks from the date of the acknowledgement of the escalated complaint. The Complainant will be invited to make a final written submission to the said Director. If the Complainant is asked to attend a meeting in person, the Complainant may be accompanied by an independent person for the purposes of support. The Director concerned will proceed with review of the substance of the case and its handling. The Complainant will receive a response from the Director or, as he may delegate such task, the DPO within 10 working days after the Director's consideration of the complaint. The Director's decision is final, subject to any ruling or information relating thereto from the ICO.
- **Time frame**: Between one working day and, at the latest, 28 working days after submission of complaint.
- **Method**: Written response from a Director or on his behalf by the DPO.

## **Anonymous Complaints**

Complaints submitted anonymously will be considered if there is enough information in the complaint to enable DW Renewable Energy Limited to make further enquiries. If, however, an anonymous complaint does not provide enough information to enable DW Renewable Energy Limited to take further action it may decide not to pursue it further. However, DW Renewable Energy Limited may give consideration to the issues raised, and will record the complaint so that corrective action can be taken as appropriate.

Any decision not to pursue an anonymous complaint must be authorised by the DPO who is responsible for dealing with Data Protection breaches. If an anonymous complaint contains serious allegations, it should be referred to the Board of Directors.

## **Data Protection Complaint Inventory**

DW Renewable Energy Limited shall keep a written log of complaints received and actions taken and decisions reached in a Data Protection Complaint Inventory. This shall consist of an adequate record to be retained of a case, any reporting to the ICO, action taken by DW Renewable Energy Limited and action/conclusion required by the ICO (if any).

## Abusive, Persistent or Vexatious Correspondence and Complaints

It is important to note that for this GDPR Complaints Policy purpose, it is the complaint which must be vexatious and not the individual making the complaint. It is important to distinguish between people who make a number of complaints because they really think things have gone wrong, and people who are simply being difficult. It must be recognised that Complainants may sometimes act out of character at times of anxiety or distress and reasonable allowances should be made for this.

Features of the types of complaint and behaviour that this GDPR Complaints Policy covers can include the following (the list is not exhaustive, nor does one single feature on its own necessarily imply that the person will be considered as being in this category):

Persisting in a complaint after being advised that there are insufficient or no grounds for their complaint or that DW Renewable Energy Limited is not the appropriate authority. Refusing to cooperate with the complaints process, without good reason, whilst still wanting their complaint to be resolved, including a failure or refusal to specify the grounds of a complaint despite offers of assistance, changing the basis of the complaint as inquiries of a complaint despite offers of assistance, changing the basis of the complaint as inquiries are made and introducing trivial or irrelevant new information and expecting this to be taken into account and commented on.

Submitting repeat complaints, after the complaints procedure has been completed essentially about the same issues, with additions/variations which the Complainant then insists on being treated as new complaints and put through the full GDPR Complaints Policy procedure again. Refusing to accept the outcome of the GDPR Complaints Policy procedure after its conclusion, repeatedly arguing the point, complaining about the outcome, and/or denying that an adequate response has been given.

## **Imposing Restrictions**

DW Renewable Energy Limited will ensure that correspondence and/or complaints are being, or have been, investigated properly according to the appropriate procedure and are notified to the ICO if applicable and required.

If a decision has been taken to record the complaint formally, DW Renewable Energy Limited then has to decide on the next steps. This is the point at which it may consider

whether a complaint is vexatious, persistent, repetitive or otherwise an abuse of process. When the decision has been taken to apply this GDPR Complaints Policy, the individual will be written to with reasons for the decision and what action is being taken, subject to any requirements of the ICO. That decision may be amended if the individual Complainant continues to behave in a way which is unacceptable.

Where a Complainant's behaviour is so extreme or it threatens the immediate safety and welfare of staff, DW Renewable Energy Limited may consider other options, for example reporting the matter to the police or taking legal action.

## **Document Owner and Approval**

The DPO is the owner of this document and is responsible for ensuring that this GDPR Complaints Policy is reviewed from time to time.

A current version of this GDPR Complaints Policy is available to all members of staff.

This GDPR Complaints Policy was approved by the Board of Directors of DW Renewable Energy Limited on 11 May 2022