

**The Commissioner of Data Protection**

**Circular No.2 – Part 1**

**Enforcement and Compliance Notice**

27th August, 2009

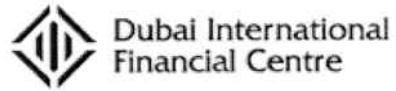
**The Data Protection Commissioner,**

**Pursuant to Article 25 of the Data Protection Law, DIFC Law No.1 of 2007 (“Law”)**

**Notifies registered DIFC Centre Establishments of the following:**

1. In accordance with our commitment to streamline procedures for new and existing DIFC entities, we have resolved to align our data protection registration and renewal notification dates for affirming compliance with the Law (“Notifications”), with the company registration and renewal dates of the Registrar of Companies (“ROC”).
2. From 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009, all DIFC entities, both regulated and non-regulated by the DFSA, shall have their Notifications aligned with those of the ROC. All DIFC entities shall register and renew their Notifications on the DIFCSTAT portal, located on [www.difc.ae](http://www.difc.ae).
3. Consequently, Notifications for DIFC entities which fall prior to a ROC company renewal date shall be given an extension until the ROC renewal date. The applicable fees and charges for the Notifications shall therefore reflect a pro-rated amount accounting for the period of the extension.
4. Similarly, Notifications for DIFC entities which fall after a ROC company renewal date shall be brought forward to the ROC renewal date. The applicable fees and charges for the Notifications shall therefore reflect a pro-rated discount for the period of the contraction.
5. All DIFC entities which are found to be non-compliant with the directions of this Notice shall be subject to fines and penalties as prescribed by the Data Protection Commissioner in accordance with the Law.

This Notice is deemed effective as of 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2009. The Law, Regulations, Fees and Fines can be found on <http://dp.difc.ae>.



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