

**MEMO# 10950** 

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## ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS RELEASED ON PROPOSED SAFE HARBOR FROM EU DATA PROTECTION DIRECTIVE

1 See Memorandum to International Committee No. 35-98, dated November 20, 1998. 2 http://www.ita.doc.gov/ecom/menu.htm. The FAQ on "Access" was included with the materials attached to Memorandum to Electronic Commerce Advisory Committee No. 4-99, International Committee No. 18-99 and Technology Task Force, dated April 27, 1999. The FAQs on "Self Certification", "Sensitive Data", "Verification (of Adherence to Safe Harbor)", "Risk Management", and "Human Resources Data" are attached. The FAQs on "Journalistic Exceptions", "Secondary Liability (ISP's)", and "Head Hunters, Investment Bankers & Audits" are not attached, but are available on the Department of Commerce web site. [10950] May 3, 1999 TO: ELECTRONIC COMMERCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE No. 5-99 INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE No. 20-99 TECHNOLOGY TASK FORCE RE: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS RELEASED ON PROPOSED SAFE HARBOR FROM EU DATA PROTECTION DIRECTIVE

The Department of Commerce has made several more sets of "frequently asked questions" or "FAQs" available for comment. These documents relate to the proposed safe harbor that would protect US businesses from enforcement actions under the EU Data Protection Directive.1 The FAQs, certain of which are attached, are available on the Department of Commerce web site.2 The comment period for all documents relating to the safe harbor has been extended to May 15, 1999. The Institute expects to comment on this proposal. If you have comments that you would like the Institute to make, please forward them to me no later than the close of business on May 9, 1999. I can be reached in the following ways: Phone: (202) 371-5430 Fax: (202) 326-5841 E-mail: rcg@ici.org Robert C. Grohowski Assistant Counsel Attachments

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