



Bern, January 12, 2017

Dear Madam Secretary,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 9 January 2017 and would like to thank you for the included package of Swiss-U.S. Privacy Shield materials, replacing as of today the Exchange of Letters of 1 and 9 December 2008 between Switzerland and the United States of America concerning the Establishment of a Safe Harbor Framework regarding the Protection of Personal Data Transferred to the United States of America.

I am pleased to inform you that the United States has been added to the Swiss Federal Data Protection and Information Commissioner's list of countries deemed, under certain conditions, to guarantee an adequate level of data protection in terms of Art. 6 of the Data Protection Act.

I am sure that the establishment of a Swiss-U.S. Privacy Shield will contribute to further strengthening our bilateral economic relations. Let me also express my gratitude for the excellent cooperation with your Department.

Sincerely,

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