



## **SPEAK-UP LINE - PRIVACY NOTICE IN RELATION TO WHISTLEBLOWING**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

Whistleblowing matters can be reported via the web-based reporting system ("Speak-Up Line"), via the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) telephone service integrated in the Speak-Up Line, or by e-mail or telephone directly to a Speak-Up Line Officer (together "the internal reporting channels"). When reporting is made by e-mail or telephone directly to a Speak-Up Line Officer, the Speak-Up Line Officer manually registers the information in the Speak-Up Line. Whistleblowing matters made through, or otherwise related to, the internal reporting channels will entail personal data processing. Billerud AB or one of its subsidiary companies ("Billerud") is the data controller in respect of the processing of such personal data. This privacy notice applies to all reporting regardless of which internal reporting channel is used.

The Speak-Up Line (the web-based reporting channel) contains a Group channel as well as separate, local channels for Billerud North America, Billerud Sweden AB, Billerud Europe AB and Billerud Skog & Industri AB. Furthermore, there are specific local processes for Billerud Finland and Billerud Latvia. The Interactive Voice Response (IVR) telephone service contains codes for the local entities.

Personal data is any information that can be linked directly, or indirectly when combined with other data, to a living person. This means that widely differing data constitute personal data, e.g. name and contact details, as well as details and information about the suspected wrongdoing reported through the internal reporting channels.

It is important to Billerud that your personal data are processed responsibly and securely and in accordance with applicable laws, especially the General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR"). This privacy notice describes how we process your personal data in connection with whistleblowing and what rights you have in connection with it.

We may process personal data about you if you:

- submit a report, i.e., if you are the "whistleblower", and if you choose to not be anonymous;
- are the subject of a report, i.e. the person suspected of the alleged wrongdoing;
- are a potential witness of the alleged wrongdoing; and
- in other ways are affected by or connected to the alleged wrongdoing or relevant to the investigation of such wrongdoing.

### **2. WHAT PERSONAL DATA DO WE PROCESS ABOUT YOU?**

The personal data that may be processed in connection with a whistleblowing matter may potentially include:

- information on who has submitted the report (if the person reporting chooses to provide such information), the individual suspected of the alleged wrongdoing, possible witnesses or individuals in other ways affected by or connected to the alleged wrongdoing or relevant to the investigation of such wrongdoing;
- contact information to the individuals listed above (e.g., name, position, e-mail and phone number);
- details on the alleged wrongdoing; and

- information relating to the follow up of the alleged wrongdoing.
- voice messages collected via phone reporting (Interactive Voice Response, IVR).

We do not make automated decisions by processing your personal data (e.g., profiling you).

### **3. FOR WHAT PURPOSES DO WE PROCESS YOUR PERSONAL DATA?**

We process the personal data listed above for the purposes listed below.

- The personal data collected through all internal reporting channels, or other information relating to the alleged wrongdoing is processed to administrate and investigate the allegations submitted to handle wrongdoings in accordance with what is set out in the Group Directive on whistleblowing.
- The information discovered in connection with reports submitted through all internal reporting channels may also give rise to certain HR-related implications, such as e.g., disciplinary actions. In such case, the personal data is processed for the purpose of carrying out such HR-related implications.

### **4. WITH WHAT LEGAL BASIS DO WE PROCESS YOUR PERSONAL DATA?**

#### **4.1 Legal basis for processing in connection with a whistleblowing matter**

The legal basis for the processing of personal data is that the processing is necessary for compliance with applicable legal obligations with regards to whistleblowing.

Special categories of personal data, such as data about health, or data relating to criminal convictions and offences, may be processed in connection with a whistleblowing matter. Billerud's legal basis for such processing is that that the processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation.

For the processing of personal data related to matters concerning Billerud Rockhammar AB, Billerud Germany GmbH, Billerud France S.A.S, Billerud Spain S.L., Billerud Italy S.r.l., Billerud Lithuania UAB, Billerud Estonia OU (legal entities within the EU with less than 50 employees), Billerud has a legitimate interest in having a group-wide structure for handling whistleblowing matters. This means that these entities are covered by the same internal reporting channels and processes as other group companies, which ensures a uniform and effective handling of reported wrongdoings within the entire group .

Billerud also has a legitimate interest of identifying and duly dealing with irregularities or wrongdoings, to establish a safe and comfortable work environment and to report suspected offences to law enforcement authorities.

#### **4.2 Legal basis for processing of personal data in connection with potential HR-related implications**

The legal basis for the processing of personal data relating to potential HR-related implications is based on the legitimate interest of identifying and duly dealing with irregularities as well as that it is necessary for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims.

## **5. HOW DO WE GAIN ACCESS TO YOUR PERSONAL DATA?**

When you have not given us your personal data yourself, we could have received the personal data from another person e.g., the person who have submitted a report through any of the internal reporting channels or in other ways given the personal data in connection with the investigation or follow-up of an alleged wrongdoing.

## **6. TO WHOM DO WE DISCLOSE YOUR PERSONAL DATA?**

We may disclose personal data to law enforcement authorities, independent auditors or external advisors for the purposes required to duly handle any reported wrongdoings, such as conducting investigations or seeking legal advice. If you are a whistleblower, we will inform you prior to sharing any information that may reveal your identity, unless informing you would jeopardize the follow up on the report and the subsequent investigations.

Our IT suppliers and other partners who manage personal data on our behalf, so-called data processors, may also gain access to your personal data. Data processors must always sign an agreement with us so that we can ensure a high level of protection of your personal data with them as well. Specific safeguards are implemented with regard to partners outside the EU/EEA, such as entering into agreements that include the standard model clauses for data transfer adopted by the EU Commission and which are available on the EU Commission's website.

Examples of data processors that may need to access your personal data and are external partners that perform tasks on our behalf, include those who provide the web-based reporting system Speak-Up Line. The web-based software used by Billerud is provided by WhistleB (part of Navex). WhistleB provides the technical infrastructure on which your personal data is stored, but it does not gain any access to your personal data.

Within Billerud, only Speak-Up Line Officers (specific roles within Legal & Compliance, HR and Internal Audit), EVP General Counsel and EVP HR & Communications have access to reports in the internal reporting channels. Where necessary, other persons with relevant expertise may be included in investigations, with strict confidentiality undertakings and limited access to only necessary information. If we share your personal data with a recipient who is an independent data controller for their processing of your personal data, the recipient is responsible for ensuring that the processing in question is lawful.

The following recipients/categories of recipients who are independent data controllers for their processing of your personal data may receive your personal data:

- The following recipients/categories of recipients (independent data controllers) may receive your personal data: Public authorities that need to be involved in investigations;
- Law firms and external consultants that need to be involved in investigations.

## **7. SECURITY FOR THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA**

We safeguard your personal data with a high level of security and to this end we have implemented appropriate technical and organisational security measures to protect your personal data from unauthorised access, change, dissemination or destruction.

For instance, the handling of the personal data is restricted to competent persons who handle reports and investigate suspected wrongdoing. All information in reports made through the internal reporting

channels or other information relating to the matter will be treated as confidential and with great care in accordance with applicable data protection laws.

The identity of the individual that submitted the report is protected by confidentiality (if the person has requested it), meaning that no information provided by such individual may under any circumstances be disclosed. Where it is necessary for the follow up on the report and the subsequent investigations, information that may reveal the identity of the whistleblower and other individuals involved in the matter may be shared only with those who strictly need the information for such follow up and investigation.

## 8. WHEN IS YOUR PERSONAL DATA ERASED?

Personal data that is obviously irrelevant to the processing of a particular whistleblowing report will not be processed by us. If such personal data have been collected by mistake, it will be deleted without undue delay.

The personal data that is processed in connection with a whistleblowing matter will be erased without undue delay when the personal data is no longer necessary in relation to the purpose, e.g., when it has been finally concluded that a reported person is no longer a suspect for any wrongdoing. When an investigation has been concluded, the case is archived in the Speak-Up Line portal with personal data removed.

If it is concluded that a sanctionable behaviour of the reported person is given and appropriate measures have been taken against such person, the personal data of the whistleblower and any witnesses will be anonymized. The personal data of the reported person may, however, be stored in his/her personnel file.

Should applicable legal obligations require longer storage periods, we will store the personal data of all people involved according to these legal obligations.

If we have disclosed personal data to law enforcement authorities or other third parties processing the personal data in capacity of controller, such third parties may process the personal data also after our erasure.

## 9. YOUR RIGHTS

You have certain rights in relation to us. These are set out in general below.

- **Right of access** (register transcript) – a right to information about our processing of your personal data and access to it.

When the personal data have been collected, the person or persons concerned by a report in the whistleblowing system will also receive specific information thereon according to the Speak-Up Line Directive, provided that the reporting person has reported in good faith, i.e. had reasonable grounds to believe that the reported information was true, as long as it would not jeopardize the investigation of the matter.

Information must also be provided to anyone who makes a request for information as to whether there is personal data registered about him/her. Information, or the reason for not disclosing requested information, shall as a main rule be provided without undue delay and within one month after the date on which the request was made. However, the information must not disclose the identity of the person who submitted the report.



- **Right to rectification** – a right to have erroneous data rectified and add such personal data that is missing.
- **Right to object** – a right to object to our personal data processing about you if it takes place based on a legitimate interest.
- **Right to erasure** – a right to have your personal data erased under certain circumstances unless the data is necessary for a particular purpose or there is another legal ground for the processing.
- **Right to limitation of processing** – a right to request that personal data processing is restricted, e.g., if you contest the accuracy of the data. Our access to the data is restricted while the accuracy of the data is investigated.
- **Right to data portability** – a right to request that personal data are transferred from one data controller to another. This right is restricted to personal data that you have supplied to us yourself.

If you would like to exercise any of these rights, please contact our DPM, preferably by sending an email to [privacy@billerud.com](mailto:privacy@billerud.com). You also always have the right to file a complaint to the Swedish Authority for Privacy Protection (IMY) ([www.imy.se](http://www.imy.se)) if you believe that our processing does not comply with applicable data protection legislation.

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