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Editorial

The security of personal data figures prominently in this edition of PL&B International. We learn of concerns over the vulnerability of encrypted websites in Australia, and how an e-mail security glitch created a diplomatic row between Turkey and the EU (p.3).

An American government security agency advises Internet content providers to review the process of displaying personal details of employees on their websites, in order to frustrate terrorists who might use the information to target their workers (p.7). We examine concerns about the danger to human rights raised by some of the recent anti-terrorism measures introduced in many countries (p.10-13). This newsletter also reviews several data protection and privacy issues relating to employment, among them are Sweden's proposed employee data protection law, and the UK's employee code of practice (p.4-5).

We are pleased to carry an interview with Mr. Raymond Tang, Hong Kong's Commissioner for Privacy in Personal Data (p.14). There have been data protection developments in France, Spain and China, in addition to an update on the EU's Electronic Communications Privacy Directive (p.6).

Government and corporate interests which fail to renew their domain names in time risk losing those valuable names to "cyber vultures" who then use the names to direct web users to other, often pornographic, websites. The results for the original domain name holders are embarrassing at least and possibly damaging to their corporate interests (p.23).

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