

Privacy policy

1. Introduction

- 1.1 We are committed to safeguarding the privacy of our website visitors.
- 1.2 This policy applies where we are acting as a data controller with respect to the personal data of such persons; in other words, where we determine the purposes and means of the processing of that personal data.
- 1.3 We use no cookies on our website.
- 1.4 In this policy, "we", "us" and "our" refer to Paul Clarke and Charlotte Couchman, Lodestar Translations.

2. The personal data that we collect

- 2.1 In this Section 2 we have set out the general categories of personal data that we process.
- 2.2 We may process data enabling us to get in touch with you ("**contact data**"). The contact data may include your name, email address, telephone number and postal address.
- 2.3 We may process information contained in or relating to any communication that you send to us or that we send to you ("**communication data**"). The communication data may include the communication content and metadata associated with the communication.

3. Purposes of processing and legal bases

- 3.1 In this Section 3, we have set out the purposes for which we may process personal data and the legal bases of the processing.
- 3.2 **Operations** - We may process your personal data for the purposes of operating our website, the processing and fulfilment of orders, providing our services, generating invoices, bills and other payment-related documentation, and credit control. The legal basis for this processing is our legitimate interests, namely the proper administration of our website, services and business.
- 3.3 **Relationships and communications** - We may process contact data and/or communication data for the purposes of managing our relationships, communicating with you (excluding communicating for the purposes of direct marketing) by email, SMS, post, fax and/or telephone, providing support services and complaint handling. The legal basis for this processing is our legitimate interests, namely communications with our website visitors, service users, individual customers and customer personnel, the maintenance of relationships, and the proper administration of our website, services and business.
- 3.4 **Direct marketing** - We may process contact data for the purposes of creating, targeting and sending direct marketing communications by email and making contact by telephone for marketing-related purposes. The legal basis for this processing is our legitimate interests, namely promoting our business and communicating marketing messages to our service users.
- 3.5 **Record keeping** - We may process your personal data for the purposes of creating and maintaining our databases, back-up copies of our databases and our business records generally. The legal basis for this processing is our legitimate interests, namely ensuring that we have access to all the information we need to properly and efficiently run our business in accordance with this policy.
- 3.6 **Security** - We may process your personal data for the purposes of security and the prevention of fraud and other criminal activity. The legal basis of this processing is our legitimate interests, namely the protection of our website, services and business, and the protection of others.
- 3.7 **Insurance and risk management** - We may process your personal data where necessary for the purposes of obtaining or maintaining insurance coverage, managing risks and/or obtaining professional advice. The legal basis for this processing is our legitimate interests, namely the proper protection of our business against risks.
- 3.8 **Legal claims** - We may process your personal data where necessary for the establishment, exercise or defence of legal claims, whether in court proceedings or in an administrative or out-of-court procedure. The legal basis for this processing is our legitimate interests, namely the protection and assertion of our legal rights, your legal rights and the legal rights of others.

3.9 **Legal compliance and vital interests** - We may also process your personal data where such processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which we are subject or in order to protect your vital interests or the vital interests of another natural person.

4. Providing your personal data to others

4.1 We may disclose your personal data to our insurers and/or professional advisers insofar as reasonably necessary for the purposes of obtaining or maintaining insurance coverage, managing risks, obtaining professional advice.

4.2 In addition to the specific disclosures of personal data set out in this Section 4, we may disclose your personal data where such disclosure is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which we are subject, or in order to protect your vital interests or the vital interests of another natural person. We may also disclose your personal data where such disclosure is necessary for the establishment, exercise, or defence of legal claims, whether in court proceedings or in an administrative or out-of-court procedure.

5. International transfers of your personal data

5.1 In this Section 5, we provide information about the circumstances in which your personal data may be transferred to countries outside the United Kingdom and the European Economic Area (EEA).

5.2 The hosting facilities for our website are situated in the United Kingdom.

6. Retaining and deleting personal data

6.1 This Section 6 sets out our data retention policies and procedures, which are designed to help ensure that we comply with our legal obligations in relation to the retention and deletion of personal data.

6.2 Personal data that we process for any purpose or purposes shall not be kept for longer than is necessary for that purpose or those purposes.

6.3 We will retain your personal data as follows:

- (a) contact data will be retained for a minimum period of one year following the date of the most recent contact between you and us, and for a maximum period of ten years following that date;
- (b) communication data will be retained for a minimum period of one year following the date of the communication in question, and for a maximum period of ten years following that date;

6.4 Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Section 6, we may retain your personal data where such retention is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which we are subject, or in order to protect your vital interests or the vital interests of another natural person.

7. Your rights

7.1 In this Section 7, we have listed the rights that you have under data protection law.

7.2 Your principal rights under data protection law are:

- (a) **the right to access** - you can ask for copies of your personal data;
- (b) **the right to rectification** - you can ask us to rectify inaccurate personal data and to complete incomplete personal data;
- (c) **the right to erasure** - you can ask us to erase your personal data;
- (d) **the right to restrict processing** - you can ask us to restrict the processing of your personal data;
- (e) **the right to object to processing** - you can object to the processing of your personal data;
- (f) **the right to data portability** - you can ask that we transfer your personal data to another organisation or to you;
- (g) **the right to complain to a supervisory authority** - you can complain about our processing of your personal data; and
- (h) **the right to withdraw consent** - to the extent that the legal basis of our processing of your personal data is consent, you can withdraw that consent.

7.3 These rights are subject to certain limitations and exceptions. You can learn more about the rights of data subjects by visiting <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-data-protection/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr/individual-rights/>.

7.4 You may exercise any of your rights in relation to your personal data by written notice to us, using the contact details set out below.

8. About cookies

8.1 A cookie is a file containing an identifier (a string of letters and numbers) that is sent by a web server to a web browser and is stored by the browser. The identifier is then sent back to the server each time the browser requests a page from the server.

8.2 Cookies may be either "persistent" cookies or "session" cookies: a persistent cookie will be stored by a web browser and will remain valid until its set expiry date, unless deleted by the user before the expiry date; a session cookie, on the other hand, will expire at the end of the user session, when the web browser is closed.

8.3 Cookies may not contain any information that personally identifies a user, but personal data that we store about you may be linked to the information stored in and obtained from cookies.

9. Managing cookies

9.1 Most browsers allow you to refuse to accept cookies and to delete cookies. The methods for doing so vary from browser to browser, and from version to version. You can however obtain up-to-date information about blocking and deleting cookies via these links:

- (a) <https://support.google.com/chrome/answer/95647> (Chrome);
- (b) <https://support.mozilla.org/en-US/kb/enable-and-disable-cookies-website-preferences> (Firefox);
- (c) <https://help.opera.com/en/latest/security-and-privacy/> (Opera);
- (d) <https://support.microsoft.com/en-gb/help/17442/windows-internet-explorer-delete-manage-cookies> (Internet Explorer);
- (e) <https://support.apple.com/en-gb/guide/safari/manage-cookies-and-website-data-sfri11471/mac> (Safari); and
- (f) <https://privacy.microsoft.com/en-us/windows-10-microsoft-edge-and-privacy> (Edge).

9.2 Blocking all cookies will have a negative impact upon the usability of many websites.

10. Amendments

10.1 We may update this policy from time to time by publishing a new version on our website.

10.2 You should check this page occasionally to ensure you are happy with any changes to this policy.

10.3 We may notify you of significant changes to this policy by email.

11. Our details

11.1 This website is owned and operated by Paul Clarke and Charlotte Couchman, trading as Lodestar Translations.

11.2 We are a partnership (VAT number GB 829 4790 84) and our office is at 21 Robinson Drive, Harrogate, HG2 9DJ.

11.3 Our principal place of business is at 21 Robinson Drive, Harrogate, HG2 9DJ.

11.4 You can contact us:

- (a) by post, to the postal address given above;
- (b) using our website contact form;
- (c) by telephone, on the contact number published on our website; or
- (d) by email, using the email address published on our website.

12. Data protection officer

12.1 Our data protection officer's contact details are: Paul Clarke, paul@lodestartranslations.com, tel. 01423 529984.