Dear Chief Executive,

I refer to the email exchange between my department and [Redacted] your Data Protection Officer (hereinafter “DPO”), as part of the investigation into [Redacted] complaint, which was transferred to us by the supervisory authority of Berlin (Germany), pursuant to Article 56.1 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

[Redacted] had lodged a complaint with this supervisory authority against [Redacted] due to difficulties encountered in exercising his right to object to receiving marketing by email, on the one hand, and concerning the information given on the product order form on the [Redacted] website, on the other hand.

Following the exchanges between the CNIL and [Redacted] DPO, I inform you of the following decision.

This decision was taken in agreement with the supervisory authorities concerned by the marketing processing carried out by [Redacted] in the different European Union countries.

Chiefly, as regards the exercise of the claimant’s right to object, I note that [Redacted] request to unsubscribe was taken into account by your department on his first request dated 2 June 2018 through the unsubscribe link and that he has not received any emails from [Redacted] since 8 June 2018.

In this respect, your DPO specifies that [Redacted] continued to receive emails from 2 to 8 June 2018 due to the 72-hour delay that can occur between a request to object being made and the consideration this latter, this period being indicated in the email of acknowledgment of receipt that [Redacted]. However, in this case, the request had been made on a Saturday and Monday 4 June was a bank holiday in France.
Furthermore, [redacted] states that the claimant sent his written requests to object dated 2, 3 and 5 June 2018 by using the “reply” feature on the marketing emails that he had received. These messages were sent by the address [redacted], which cannot be replied to. In this respect, your DPO specifies that this information will now clearly appear in the body of marketing emails.

Moreover, I note that the company [redacted] has set up a dedicated email address [redacted] to handle requests relating to personal data more efficiently since the entry into force of the GDPR. In particular, this email address appears on your website, including in its German version, in the “personal data” tab.

Lastly, your DPO specifies that “when requests are actually made to [your] client services, these are quickly redirected to the Data Protection Officer, who processes these requests within one month, except for in complex cases”.

Secondly, as regards the product order form on your website, I note that the indication of customers’ date of birth is no longer mandatory when purchasing online, including on the website’s German version. Indeed, the mandatory nature of a response is marked by an asterisk next to the field in question, which is not the case for dates of birth.

Furthermore, according to the checks performed by my department, I also note that the order form includes two boxes which clients must check in order to consent to receiving promotional offers from [redacted], in one case, and from its partners in the other.

These two boxes are also present in the German version of the order form on the website.

All of these elements lead me to close this complaint against your organisation.

The CNIL reserves the right, in the event of any new claim, to use all powers afforded to it by the GDPR and by the Act of 6 January 1978 amended.

Yours faithfully,

Marie-Laure DENIS

Copy: [redacted], Data Protection Officer