Decision Regarding Usage of Programs That Enables the Questioning of Personal Data

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The Decision of the Board Regarding Usage of the Programs in Sectors Such As Law Offices, Finance, Consulting, Insurance etc. That Enables the Questioning of Personal Data

In the decision of the Turkish Data Protection Board ("Board") dated 18.10.2019 and numbered 2019/308 published in the Official Gazette dated 21.11.2019; considering that the usage of the software/programs/applications by some persons and organizations in business on sectors such as lawyers/law offices and finance, real estate consulting, insurance etc. that enables the questioning of citizens' personal data such as identity and contact information over data obtained by various means contravenes the article 12 of the Turkish Data Protection Law numbered 6698 that regulates the obligations of the data controllers regarding data security, in order to prevent such infringements the Board has made a unanimous decision on the following matters;

- To inform the relevant Public Prosecutor's offices for the establishment of judicial proceedings concerning those who are confirmed to have used the software/programs/applications in question,
- To establish administrative action by the Board regarding data controllers,
- To inform the public regarding these matters.