



**National Authority for Data Protection and Freedom of Information**

Case number: NAIH-2607-2/2012/V.

***Publicity of sale contract of land concluded by the Balaton Shipping Company Ltd.***  
(shortened summary of the opinion)

A client had lodged a petition to the National Authority for Data Protection and Freedom of Information (hereinafter referred to as NAIH).

In his petition the client requested the NAIH to issue an official statement on the publicity of a sale contract of land concluded by the Balaton Shipping Company Ltd.

In its opinion the NAIH called up the relevant regulations, including that of the Fundamental Law, the Privacy Act as well as the Act on National Asset.

Since the Balaton Shipping Company Ltd. is owned at 100% by local municipalities around the lake Balaton, therefore it shall be deemed to be a „quasi” state-owned company, as a consequence any data referring to its assets shall be regarded as data of public interest and shall be disclosed.

There are some exceptions, however, where the above requirements do not apply and where publicity may be restricted or excluded. These cases include e.g. business secrets, classified data, documents composed in the course of a decision-making process as well as documents that are subject to intellectual property rights.

To sum up the aforementioned thoughts the sale contract shall be considered as data of public interest with the exception of personal data irrelevant to the supervision of the company.

Should the company refuse the access to the contract details the client may refer the case to court. By doing so the NAIH can support his/her petition as an intervening party.

B u d a p e s t, 6th of April 2012.

President