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Subject: The release of TCF v.2.3 - Mandatory 'Disclosed Vendors' Section + Update Contact Info Reminder

Dear TCF Participants,

IAB Europe in partnership with IAB Tech Lab continues to advance and enhance the Transparency and Consent Framework (TCF) to address the evolving expectations of users, regulators, and registered Framework participants. **We would like to announce the release of the TCF v2.3.** The technical specifications update and TCF JS library update will be released on July 3rd, 2025.

Following this, the TCF Steering Group has approved an amendment to the TCF Technical Specifications **that makes the disclosed Vendors segment mandatory.** This update will provide greater clarity for certain vendors on whether they have been disclosed to users in the scenario where this information isn't clear from existing signals.

- **Mandatory 'Disclosed Vendors' Section**

Details of the issue resolved by the update

Vendors may face uncertainty in specific scenarios where it's unclear whether they were disclosed to the user. This distinction is especially important when a vendor intends to process data for Special Purposes under Legitimate Interest (LI). This update introduces an important change: the **'Disclosed Vendors' section is now mandatory** in the TC string. This enhancement resolves previous ambiguity around the representation of LI in the TC string. The Disclosed Vendors segment will be required in all TC Strings, where it must appear after the Core segment. The string may also include an optional Publisher Purposes Transparency and Consent segment.

Full implementation details are available in the [Consent String and Vendor List Formats v2 Specification](#).

Next steps for the TCF Participants

With the release of the updated specification and the JavaScript reference implementation, **CMPs should begin including the 'Disclosed Vendors' section** in all TC strings.

Vendors are expected to start recognizing and acting on the 'Disclosed Vendors' section as soon as they begin receiving TC strings that include it.

Timeline

All participants are required to fully support the writing, reading, and processing of the 'Disclosed Vendors' section by **February 28, 2026**.

After this date, any TC string **without** the 'Disclosed Vendors' section will be considered **non-compliant** with the TCF.

- **Reminder about keeping the contact details up to date**

We would like to kindly ask to check and make sure that your **contact details remain current and accurate** at the TCF [Registration Portal](#). This is important so we can send relevant communications, notifications, reminders, and other important updates to the right individuals.

As stated in the [TCF Terms & Conditions](#), which you have explicitly agreed to when registered for the TCF: *"You represent and warrant that all data and information that you provide during the registration process on the Portal is up to date, complete, accurate and true. You undertake to communicate to us any changes of your data and information in a timely manner."*

Keeping your information up to date helps ensure smooth communication and prevents missed critical updates or notifications **(in particular the TCF compliance ones)**.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact framework@iabeurope.eu.

Best regards,
IAB Europe Team