

# **Universal birth and death registration for securing identity system - From the standpoint of business**

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## ▣ The laws related to residential information system

### <RESIDENT REGISTRATION ACT>

- This Act aims to promote convenience in the livelihoods of residents and to properly process administrative affairs by clearly ascertaining the residential status of residents and the movement of the population through the registration of residents residing in each Si, Gun or Gu (referring to an autonomous Gu).

### < ACT ON THE REGISTRATION, ETC. OF FAMILY RELATIONSHIP >

- This Act aims to prescribe matters concerning the registration of establishment and change of family relations such as the birth, marriage, death, etc. of people and matters concerning certification thereof.

## ▣ Current Resident Information System

- This system is useful for identification, rescue and verifying identity and has merits on efficiency of administer affairs of state
- This has been also criticized as a outdated relics that they could not expect current information age when all the personal information is comprehensively managed by electronic database.

## ▣ Characteristics of 'resident identification number'

- Unity (unified standards across the country), personal nature(only one number granted to a person), uniqueness (never being duplicated), whole life-nature • inalterability(unchanging throughout life), identity • personal information-nature (containing informations of birth date, gender, and place of birth etc.), obligation(obligatorily being used for all citizens), versatility (being used as the primary identifier for all personal information management)

## ▣ UN Recommendations for Resident Information System

-In 2008, UN has recommended to review Resident Information System in order to protect privacy and to strictly restrict usage of 'resident identification number', if there is no case like providing public services.

## ▣ Amendment of 'resident identification number' by MOSPA

- MOSPA(Ministry of Security and Public Administration) has discussed to add unique number on 'resident identification number' with resident identification number sustained or to change the ways giving a new number etc. by altering system.

- Changing the system of 'resident identification number' should be pushed ahead carefully considering effectiveness in several aspects and side effects, because it is a significant issue to affect from basic order of governmental operation to the daily life of the people.

## ▣ Revision of laws relevant to ‘resident identification number’

### ○ **Pre-announcement of legislation of RESIDENT REGISTRATION ACT**

- Minister of MOSPA allows only certain people who could be damaged seriously by leaking ‘resident identification number’ or victims of sexual violence etc. to change it.

### ○ **PERSONAL INFORMATION PROTECTION ACT amended**

- In principle, any personal information manager is prohibited to collect and deal with ‘resident identification number’ (Article 16, Article 24-2)
- Minister of MOSPA could impose penalty surcharge of 500 million won less than, when ‘resident identification number’ which a personal information manager has managed has been lost, stolen, leaked, falsified, and damaged.(Article 34-2)

### ○ **Amendment of ACT ON PROMOTION OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK UTILIZATION AND INFORMATION PROTECTION, ETC.**

- Provider of information and communications services to collect personal information of a person is restricted to the minimum level required (Article 23)
- When provider of information and communications services destroys personal information, he/she should take necessary measures so that nobody can recover and play it. And penalty is strengthened in the case of violating it(Article 29, Paragraph 1, Article 73, subparagraph 1-2 new provision).

## ▣ Responses to the collection of ‘resident identification number’ prohibited in terms of operators

### ○ Automobile Industry

- ‘Resident identification number’ can be collected in order to provide credit information on car sales according to related laws. At this time, a prudential policy is adopted to protect information leakage by encrypting ‘resident identification number’ to be kept and strengthening the system of information security.

### ○ Aviation Industry

- Airlines having many members through the policies like airline mileage etc. also adopt alternative authentication(example: My-PIN) actively instead of ‘resident identification number’.

### ○ Construction Industry

- Housing constructor has tended to eliminate a general practice receiving ‘resident identification number’ from the customers interested in a apartment sales for registration.

### ○ Banking Industry

- Korea Federation of Banks has prepared against prohibiting collecting ‘resident identification number’ by making Task Force. KFB has a policy not to collect ‘resident identification number’ except the part with legal basis such as Real-name Account System and Protection of Credit Information etc..

### ○ Mobile Communication Industry

- Mobile carrier can collect ‘resident identification number’, but it is only limited to identification. They cannot use ‘resident identification number’ to inquiry credit information of fare defaulter or to collect debt etc..

## ▣ Conclusion

- In the information society, personal information has value in terms of individual, society and business. Personal information is important matter in business and forms the foundation of building a credit society.
- The effect which government's strengthened action for personal information protection has at the market is multi-dimensional. Internet operators up to 23 million had to find the alternative means and have faced problems of additional cost, since collecting and using a 'resident registration number' are restricted completely by ACT ON PROMOTION OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK UTILIZATION AND INFORMATION PROTECTION, ETC. amended in February this year,
- For business, the more customer information is the better for marketing management, which cannot be prevented in the free market economy.  
However, anyone who deals with customer information should be guided to manage safely, distribute and encrypt after collecting it.

**Thank you~!**