

**TO:****Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), Data Protection Officer (DPO), General Counsel****FROM:****Ilya Sibiryakov, Founder & Chief Architect (BrandMeWeb / ZTDS.ai)****SUBJECT:****Statutory Legal Basis for Exemption from Third-Party Data Processing Agreements (DPA) under GDPR Article 28****EXECUTIVE LEGAL FINDING (BLUF)**

Software conforming to the Zero-Trust Data Sanitization standard (ZTDS RFC v1.0)—including the **@privacyscrubber/sdk** developer engine—operates strictly as a **100% client-side computational utility** executing exclusively in volatile host process RAM. Because **exactly 0.00 bytes of cleartext sensitive data** are transmitted to or processed by vendor servers, the software provider does NOT act as a Data Processor. **Conforming deployments are legally exempt from Data Processing Agreement (DPA) requirements under GDPR Article 28 and BAA requirements under HIPAA.**

CRYPTOGRAPHIC EGRESS PERIMETER PROOF (RFC V1.0 INVARIANTS) LATENCY: < 1.8 MS · EGRESS: 0.00 BYTES**1. HOST INGEST****Raw Cleartext**
Client Memory**2. ZTDS TOKENIZER****In-RAM Masking**
 Δ Egress $\equiv$ 0.00 B**3. UPSTREAM LLM****Synthetic Tokens**
Public/Private Cloud**4. RE-HYDRATION****In-RAM Swap**
Cleartext to App**1. EU GDPR Article 28 Exemption****EDPB Guidelines**
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Article 28 mandates a DPA solely when an external vendor processes data on behalf of a controller. Under EDPB doctrine, pure endpoint software utilities that never touch, receive, or host personal data do not qualify as "processors." No DPA or Standard Contractual Clauses (SCCs) are legally required.

2. GDPR Article 17 (Vector Immunization)**Right to Erasure**

Embedding cleartext PII into vector databases makes surgical erasure mathematically impossible without re-indexing the entire index. ZTDS tokenizes PII into synthetic surrogate tokens before vectorization, completely preventing vector database poisoning and ensuring continuous compliance.

3. US HIPAA Safe Harbor (45 CFR § 164.514)**BAA Exemption**

Under the Safe Harbor method, clinical records stripped of the 18 designated identifiers cease to be Protected Health Information (PHI). Because de-identification occurs locally inside customer memory prior to network serialization, the cloud LLM receives only de-identified text; no BAA is required.

4. ISO/IEC 27001:2022 & FRE Rule 502 **Control A.8.11**

Directly satisfies ISO 27001 Control A.8.11 (Data Masking) via deterministic in-memory pseudonymization. Protects confidential legal M&A due diligence notes under Federal Rule of Evidence 502, preventing waiver of Attorney-Client Work-Product Privilege.

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