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KEYS TO MANAGING PRIVACY AND SECURITY RISK IN B2B/VENDOR CONTRACTS

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INTRODUCTION

- Many factors affect privacy and security negotiations with vendors:
 - Sophistication of counterparty
 - Sensitivity of the vendor's service
 - Relative bargaining power
- These considerations are relevant whenever vendors have access to:
 - Confidential, proprietary, or otherwise sensitive business information
 - Regulated information (PII, PCI, PHI, GDPR)



CASE STUDY – TARGET

- Bottom line: data security depends on the weakest link in the chain
- Vendor (refrigeration, heating, and air conditioning subcontractor) suffered its own breach; thieves stole VPN credentials the vendor used to connect to Target's network
- Consequences: 40M cards compromised, PII of up to 110M people exposed, ~\$250M in expenses (or ~\$160M after insurance)



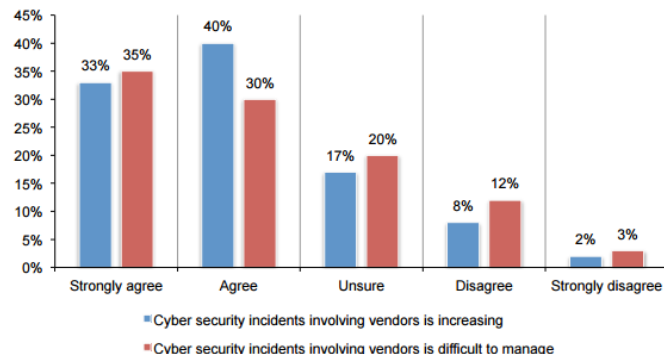
SPECIFIC RISKS

➤ Breaches

- Breach at vendor
- Breach at vendor's subcontractor or agent
- Breach at your company caused by your vendor or its agent

➤ Reputational Risk / Customer Trust

Figure 3. Cybersecurity incidents are increasing and difficult to manage



SPECIFIC RISKS

➤ Regulatory Exposure

- Privacy Shield
 - Contract must limit processing to the term of the data subject's consent and hold third parties to the same standards promised by the certified organization
- GDPR (effective May 2018)
 - 72 hour breach notification requirement to DPAs
- U.S. Federal Trade Commission
 - Section 5 Unfairness/Deception Authority
- U.S. state laws and regulations
 - E.g., Massachusetts data security regulations

COSTS

- **Breaches / Cyber Attacks**
 - Notification expenses
 - Outside legal, forensics, and PR
 - Investigations and litigation costs
 - Loss of reputation and trust

- **Regulatory Exposure**
 - GDPR / Privacy Shield liability
 - FTC / State AG settlements
 - PCI DSS



WHAT CAN BE DONE?

YOUR OWN DUE DILIGENCE

Goal: develop a nuanced understanding of vendor-specific risks to address via the contract

- NDAs
- Sources: Google / Twitter / LinkedIn / State reports
 - Breaches? Suspected security incidents? Fraud?
 - FTC or other regulatory enforcement?
- Wikipedia / Investor Sites
 - Company age? History? Capitalization? Sophistication?



DUE DILIGENCE QUESTIONS

- **Location, Location, Location**
 - Where... is PII processed? are servers located?
 - What EU data transfer mechanisms do you use?
- **Regulatory and Certifications**
 - What sectoral / country-specific laws apply? How do you comply?
 - Which orgs do you self-certify to? Any certifications?
- **Insurance**
 - What cyber coverage do you have?
 - Is your data covered / excluded?

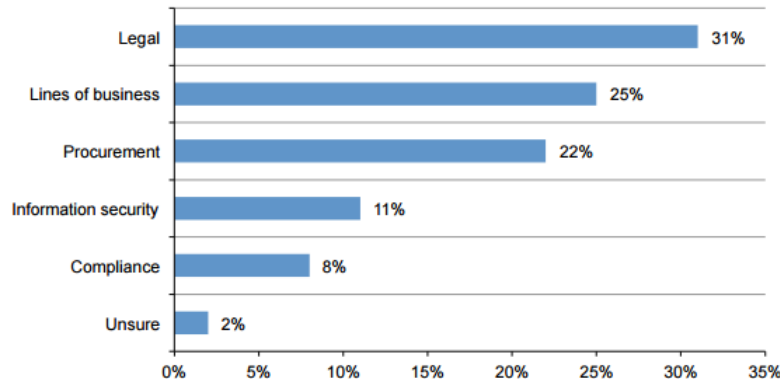


DUE DILIGENCE QUESTIONS

➤ Security Diligence Tips

- Use questionnaires
- Ask questions relevant to your company
- Involve your InfoSec folks

Figure 7. Which department or function is responsible for ensuring that appropriate privacy and security language is included in all vendor contracts?



Source: Ponemon Institute Research Report, "Data Risk in the Third-Party Ecosystem" (Apr. 2016)



DUE DILIGENCE QUESTIONS

➤ Security Questions

- Privacy and security measures in place
- Confirm formal policies
- Disaster recovery and business continuity
- Compliance monitoring and reporting
- Incident reporting (any prior breaches?)
- Security measures for data in transit / at rest
- Role-based access controls



CONTRACT PROVISIONS – DEFINITIONS

- “Security Incident”
 - Actual or suspected disclosure, loss, or unauthorized access of confidential data, including personal data caused by vendor or agents and their employees

- “Personnel” – screen & train personnel to be hired

- “Subcontractors”
 - Must abide by same data security provisions
 - Vendor liable for third party breach

CONTRACT PROVISIONS – REPS & WARRANTIES

➤ No Defects

- Products / software free from viruses, defects, malware, etc. that may affect performance of any product

➤ Compliance With Laws

- Vendor has obtained appropriate notices, consents, & privacy policy complies with applicable laws
- Each party agrees to comply with international data transfer regulations
- Vendor guarantees that data is collected, accessed, used, stored, processed, disposed of, and disclosed in compliance with applicable laws, self regulatory schemes and contract

CONTRACT PROVISIONS – REPS & WARRANTIES

➤ Security Safeguards

- Administrative, physical and technical safeguards; at least industry standard

➤ Material Change Notices

- Notification if material change to architecture, privacy, or security measures

➤ Training

- Stringent hiring and training requirements (background checks)

➤ Prohibition on Commingling Data

- Separate your company's data from other companies' data



CONTRACT PROVISIONS – REPS & WARRANTIES

- **Physical Security**
 - Deploy physical security systems
- **Use Limitations**
 - Restrictions on onward data transfers
- **Duty of Care**
 - Confidentiality; use for purposes of agreement (restrictions on use, sale, renting, transferring, analyzing, distributing, disclosing); no disclosure, even to affiliates, without written consent
- **Government Requests**
 - Best efforts to notify; responsible and liable

CONTRACT PROVISIONS – OTHER KEY TERMS

➤ Use of Data

- Vendors agree to use data for agreed upon purpose
- Limit access to those who need it
- Can't sell, rent, or lease data

➤ Audit Rights

- Company may audit vendor with reasonable notice
- Vendor is obligated to remediate within a given timeframe

➤ Certificates

- Vendor delivers copies of relevant certifications or audits

CONTRACT PROVISIONS – OTHER KEY TERMS

➤ Confidentiality

- Vendor will not disclose confidential data
- Obligation to train employees & agents on limited access and appropriate security
- Transfer data in encrypted format

➤ Termination

- Who keeps the data after contract term?
- Vendor will destroy / return data following termination of contract or upon request in a reasonable period of time

➤ Insurance

- Mandatory cyber coverage - beware exclusions!

CONTRACT PROVISIONS – OTHER KEY TERMS

➤ Security Incidents

- Notification of known or suspected incident in specified time (~24 hours), even if not required by law
- Clear chain of command after discovery of breach
- Cooperation in the event of a breach
- Right to control response, defense, settlement
- Evidence preservation
- Vendor to pay all legally required fines, penalties, costs, including costs of notification, credit monitoring, lawsuits, regulatory investigations, etc.
- Vendor will indemnify for third party claims
- Vendor report (specify contents)

CONTRACT PROVISIONS – OTHER KEY TERMS

➤ Damages and Limitations of Liability

- Unlimited liability for data breach and related costs (described in detail)
- Unlimited liability for privacy failures, including class actions, state AG actions, regulatory fines, etc.

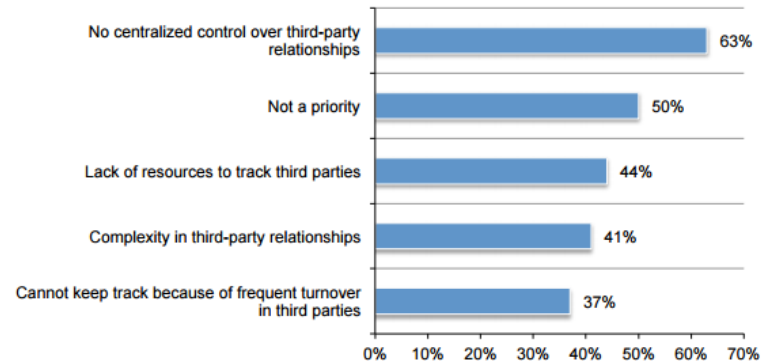
➤ Indemnification

- Indemnification for privacy and security failures
- Defense for not only lawsuits arising from privacy or security failures, but government / regulatory investigations as well

EXISTING VENDORS

- Not just for new vendors!
- Map your data
- Helps you prioritize key contracts and uncover risk

Figure 10. Reasons companies do not have a comprehensive inventory of all third parties
More than one response permitted



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