

Amsterdam, 16 August 2017

To: Pinterest Headquarters
808 Brannan St.
San Francisco, CA 94103
United States

Subject: Companies using Pinterest data from Pinterest users for their own databases, which they make available to law enforcement agencies in The Netherlands for information gathering.

Dear Madame/Sir,

On 26 July 2017 and 8 August 2017 I have send you this letter by e-mail, till now I did not receive any answer.

At the moment we are investigating several Dutch companies that are providing social media data to Dutch law enforcement agencies. In regard to this matter, including their use of Pinterest data for these purposes, we have several questions for you.

1. Is Pinterest aware of the fact that companies are downloading (crawling) Pinterest data for their own purposes?
2. Does Pinterest allow companies to collect data from Dutch citizens – and probably other nationalities – in order for the companies to store the data in their own databases? If so, under which regulations or laws are the agreements between Pinterest and these companies made?
3. Is Pinterest aware that these companies make these databases available to their customers, who pay for this access/data?
4. These companies also make their databases available to law enforcement agencies for social and online media monitoring/surveillance purposes. Is Pinterest aware of that? What kind of agreements between Pinterest and data collection companies regulate the companies' making that data available to law enforcement agencies?
5. Are users in the Netherlands – and other countries - informed by Pinterest about the fact that their data might be collected by Dutch companies for other purposes than the initial intention of the Pinterest users? How are privacy, copyright and general surveillance issues dealt with between Pinterest and these companies concerning the data from Pinterest users?
6. Do these companies that collect Pinterest data have a contract with Pinterest? At the moment we are investigating several companies among which Coosto/Wiseguys Internet, Buzzcapture and Obi4wan/Sitedata. Are these companies known to Pinterest? Does Pinterest publish a full list of Dutch companies which have Pinterest's permission to collect data from its users?

Yours sincerely

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