**[FROM]**

**[ADDRESS & CONTACT INFO]**

**[TO]**

**[ADDRESS & CONTACT INFO]**

**[DATE]**

Dear [●],

**Re: Audit Permission Letter (APL) for Audit of Financial Programmatic Transactions**

Using this APL, **[NAME OF REQUESTING PARTY/SPONSORING PARTY]** writes to request that **[NAME OF THE PARTY ASKED TO CONTRIBUTE INFORMATION]** (**Disclosing Party**; together with the Sponsoring Party, the Auditor and, if applicable, the Agency (as defined in the chart below), a **Party** or the **Parties**) provide (to the extent available) the data from within the Data Fields List outlined on Schedule “A” to the Auditor, subject to the terms and conditions outlined below. The purpose of this request is to allow for an independent, third party audit (**Audit**, as further described in the Principles document available online at <https://www.isba.org.uk/knowledge/financial-audit-toolkit-programmatic-advertising>) of certain financial programmatic advertising transactions related to the Sponsoring Party.

|  | **DEFINED TERM** | **DEFINITION OF DEFINED TERM** | **TERMS & CONDITIONS** |
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|  | **Auditor** | Means an independent, third party entity mutually agreed to by the Parties, entitled to access Audit Information for the Purpose, and qualified to perform the Audit outlined in this APL. | **Name of Auditor**: |
|  | **Sponsoring Party** | Means the advertiser or publisher engaging the Auditor to perform the Audit. | **Name of Sponsoring Party**: |
|  | **Agency** | If the Sponsoring Party is an advertiser, the advertising agency engaged by that advertiser to act on its behalf in the programmatic ecosystem and which is a principal to a contract with the Disclosing Party. | **Name of Agency:** |
|  | **Audit Information** | Means certain parts of the Sponsoring Party’s log level, transactional and impression data within the parameters of the Data Fields List as set out in Schedule A, that the Auditor requires to perform the Audit. | Please see fields attached on Schedule “A” for the time period from [●] to [●].  The parties acknowledge and agree that no Personal Data or Personal Information (as these terms are defined by applicable laws) is included in the Audit Information.  The Auditor will not share Audit Information with any entity other than the Sponsoring Party (and, if an advertiser, its Agency).  The Parties agree that the Disclosing Party’s provision of the Audit Information is without prejudice and subject to any contractual terms and conditions between any of the Parties hereto. |
|  | **Purpose** | Means the purpose or goal for which the Sponsoring Party commissioned the Auditor to conduct the Audit in the Jurisdiction. | The Sponsoring Party commissioned the Auditor to perform the Audit for the Purpose of examining costs and fees charged and paid in the individual programmatic supply chain of the Sponsoring Party relating to transactions carried out under a contractual arrangement with a vendor, to which the Sponsoring Party (or where the Sponsoring Party is an advertiser, its Agency) is a principal.  Neither the Auditor nor the Sponsoring Party will use the Audit Information in any way other than for the Purpose. |
|  | **Contributing Parties** | Means the parties asked to contribute Audit Information. | The following [parties/groups or stakeholders] will be asked to contribute Audit Information: [●] |
|  | **Deadline** | Means the deadline to provide information for Audit. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ |
|  | **Jurisdiction** | Means the jurisdiction in which the Audit will be conducted. | **Jurisdiction**: [i.e. England and Wales, United Kingdom, United States of America, Canada, Australia, European Union, etc.] |
|  | **Use(s) of Audit Information** | Means the ways in which the Auditor will use the Audit Information. | The Audit Information must be used only in the following way(s):   1. To conduct the Audit for the Purpose; and 2. To create the Report described in clause 10 below.  |  | | --- | | The parties acknowledge and agree that the Audit Information and Audit Product(s) shall not be used for any other project or purpose, nor be included in "pools" or "benchmarks". | |
|  | **Audit Product(s)** | Means the product(s) and result(s) of the Audit that the Auditor will create and share with the Recipients of the Audit Product(s). | Using the Audit Information, the Auditor will produce a report (**Report**) which will be shared with the Recipients of the Audit Product(s) as described in clause 11 below. |
|  | **Recipients of the Audit Product(s)** | Means the parties authorized to receive the Audit Product(s). | The Auditor will share the Report with the Sponsoring Party (and, if an advertiser, with its Agency).  The Sponsoring Party and the Auditor acknowledge and agree that relevant sections of the Report to which Disclosing Party contributed will be shared with Disclosing Party together with any broad, contextually useful conclusions from the Audit provided they do not contain any Confidential Information (as defined below) of any third party or directly reference third parties other than the Sponsoring Party, the Auditor and the Disclosing Party. |
|  | **Transfer of Audit Information** | Means the way in which the Disclosing Party will provide the Audit Information to the Auditor. | The Parties agree that the Audit Information will be provided through a secure method to be mutually agreed to by the Parties. To restrict access to only the relevant parties, all solutions require either user logins with ideally two factor authentication, or in the case of cloud based solutions, authentication keys. |
|  | **Audit Information Retention** | Means the amount of time for which the Auditor and the Sponsoring Party may retain the Audit Information. | The Auditor and the Sponsoring Party (and, if an advertiser, its Agency) may retain the Audit Information only so long as the Audit Information is required for the performance of the Audit described in this APL unless other, superseding, legal or regulatory requirements mandate a longer retention timeline. For clarity, all Audit Information shared pursuant to this APL must be deleted by Parties other than the Disclosing Party after the conclusion of the Audit unless the exclusions from the preceding sentence apply. However, Auditor may retain a copy of the Confidential Information for its internal compliance purposes as necessary for the Purpose. |

In addition to the terms set out in the Chart above, by their signature, the Parties agree to the following additional terms:

1. **Confidentiality.** This confidentiality provision applies to this APL without prejudice to applicable confidentiality terms in pre-existing agreements between any of the Auditor, Sponsoring Party, Disclosing Party and, if applicable, the Agency, in which case those provisions govern over this Section (i). The Parties agree to keep: (a) this APL and its terms and conditions; (b) the Audit Information provided in connection with this APL; and (c) the Audit Product(s) confidential (the “**Confidential Information**”) unless the Confidential Information: (I) becomes known to the general public without fault or breach by a Party; (II) is information that a Party can show was in its possession, free of obligations of confidentiality, prior to disclosure as part of the Audit, or subsequently came into its possession free of such obligations; (III) is independently developed by or for a Party without any access to or use of the Audit Information; or (IV) is required to be disclosed by applicable law, court order or a competent authority, provided that, as legally permitted, the Party provides the other Parties with reasonable notice and the opportunity to seek confidential treatment, a protective order or similar remedies or relief prior to the required disclosure, where practical and to the extent allowed by the applicable laws and regulations. Sponsoring Party and/or Auditor may reveal Confidential Information to any of its employees, affiliates and/or subcontractors (collectively, **Representatives**) on a ‘need to know’ basis to fulfil obligations or exercise rights under this APL, provided that those Representatives agree to treat such Confidential Information in accordance with the terms of this APL. Any failure by any such Representative to treat the Audit Information in accordance with the terms of this APL will be deemed the responsibility of the Sponsoring Party.
2. **Data Principles**. This APL is subject to the Data Principles Document v1.2 issued by the Cross-Industry Programmatic Supply Chain Taskforce in August 2024 available online at this link: <https://www.isba.org.uk/knowledge/financial-audit-toolkit-programmatic-advertising> (the “Data Principles”). In the event of any conflict between this APL and the Data Principles, this APL will govern.
4. **Liability.** 
   1. The Disclosing Party will make reasonable efforts to ensure the completeness and accuracy of the data provided to the Auditor; PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the Disclosing Party is not liable for any errors in the Audit Information provided.
   2. The Auditor is liable to the Disclosing Party if the Disclosing Party’s Audit Information is lost or used other than for the Purpose.

[***Signature page follows***.]

Many thanks for your kind assistance with this Audit.

Regards,

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| **[SPONSORING PARTY]** | |  | **If applicable [AGENCY]** | |
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|  | Title: |  |  | Title: |
|  | Date: |  |  | Date: |
| I have the authority to bind the corporation. | |  | I have the authority to bind the corporation. | |

**ACKNOWLEDGED AND AGREED TO BY:**

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| **[DISCLOSING PARTY]** | |  | **[AUDITOR]** | |
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|  | Title: |  |  | Title: |
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**Schedule “A”**

**AUDIT INFORMATION [DATA FIELDS TO BE SELECTED FROM THE BELOW]**

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| **Suggested Required Fields** | | | |
| **Origin of field: DSP/SSP** | **Field** | **Definition** | **Reason it is essential for matching impressions** |
| Both | Time stamp (as granular as possible) | The time at which impression was served | It must be verified that the timestamp is the same at all points in the supply chain to ensure it is the same impression (with understanding there could be lag) |
| Both | Country | The country in which the impression was served | Allows the universe of data to be defined consistently across all sources |
| Both | Advertiser ID/Advertiser name | The advertiser name or ID that maps to the specific advertiser who have purchased the impression - this may differ by tech provider which will require a mapping to be done | Ensures data can be correctly mapped to the advertiser |
| Both | Seat ID | The ID that maps to the buyer/seller account | Ensures data can be correctly mapped to the advertiser using a unique ID |
| Both | Advertiser domain | The URL of the advertiser which is communicated in the bid response from the DSP to the SSP/publisher during bidding | Supports data to be correctly mapped to the advertiser (in conjunction with other IDs) |
| DSP/SSP | Campaign ID | A unique identifier for the campaign that the impression is a part of | This category can be used to further verify if an impression is matched (optional but useful). |
| DSP/SSP | Deal ID | A unique identifier for the deal that the impression is a part of | This category can be used to further verify if an impression is matched (optional but useful). This field also can be used to verify that an impression was sold through a private rather than open marketplace. |
| Both | Domain/URL ending fields’ | As a minimum the Domain, e.g. www.kentonline.co.uk, and URL ending (i.e. page related) where possible. Domains should reference directly the website where the impression was served and should not be listed as the parent company for an aggregated grouping of different websites under the same company ownership. This can be exemplified by: *'The value passed in the domain parameter of the OpenRTB Site or App Object'* | It must be verified that the URL is the same at all points in the supply chain to ensure it is the same impression being served |
| Both | Publisher ID/Publisher name | The publisher name or ID that maps to the specific publisher that is serving the impressions - this may differ by tech provider which will require a mapping to be done | Ensures data can be correctly mapped to the publisher |
| Both | Device Type | The type of device that the impression was served on, e.g. a smart phone, desktop, tablet or smart TV - this may differ by tech provider which will require a mapping to be done | It must be verified that the device type is the same at all points in the supply chain to ensure it is the same impression |
| Both | FX rate if applicable | If the currency the data is provided in is different to the reporting currency for the audit/what the advertiser is billed in, the rate at which the data currency could be converted into the reporting currency at the time that the impression was served. | Accurate exchange rates are needed to ensure values can be accurately compared across the supply chain |
| SSP | Buyer ID/Buyer Network/Buyer name | The buyer network, or ID that maps to the specific buyer network, that the impression was served through on the DSP - this may differ by tech provider which will require a mapping to be done | Ensures data can be correctly mapped to the Buyer network which is required to accurately identify an impression from the buy side. |
| SSP | DSP | The DSP, or ID that maps to the specific DSP, that the impression was served through - - this may differ by tech provider which will require a mapping to be done | Ensures data can be correctly mapped to the DSP |
| SSP | Gross revenue | Gross revenue to the publisher for the impression - the revenue that the publisher earns from the impression including SSP fees | This is a figure that must be taken into account in the supply chain matching to compare impression price on the buy and sell side. |
| SSP | Publisher revenue/net revenue | Net revenue to the SSP for the impression - the revenue that the publisher earns from the impression, not including SSP fees | This is a figure that must be taken into account in the supply chain matching to compare impression price on the buy and sell side. |
| **Origin of field: DSP/SSP** | **Field** | **Definition** | **Reason it is essential for matching impressions** |
| SSP | SSP fee (can be calculated as diff between gross and net if not available separately) | The fee charged by the SSP on the impression | This is a figure that must be taken into account in the supply chain matching to compare impression price on the buy and sell side. |
| DSP | SSP | The SSP, or ID that maps to the specific SSP, that the impression was served through - this may differ by tech provider which will require a mapping to be done | Ensures data can be correctly mapped to the SSP |
| DSP | Media cost | The amount paid for the impression by the advertiser | This is a figure that must be taken into account in the supply chain matching to compare impression price on the buy and sell side. |
| DSP | Data cost | The cost of any data that was used to target the impression | This is a figure that must be taken into account in the supply chain matching to compare impression price on the buy and sell side. |
| DSP | DSP fee | The fee charged by the DSP on the impression | This is a figure that must be taken into account in the supply chain matching to compare impression price on the buy and sell side. |
| DSP | DSP other fees (tech or data) | Any additional fees applied by the DSP on the impression | This is a figure that must be taken into account in the supply chain matching to compare impression price on the buy and sell side. |
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| **Non essential fields** | | | |
| **Origin of field: DSP/SSP** | **Field** | **Definition** | **Reason it is useful for matching impressions** |
| DSP/SSP | Creative Type | Whether an impression is video or display | This category can be used to further verify if an impression is matched (optional but useful). |
| SSP | 2nd bid price | The second bid price for an impression; only relevant for audit if a 2nd price auction took place. | Used to confirm that the winning bid price and the gross revenue figures align in the supply chain for the impression based on the auction type. |
| SSP | Auction type (1st/2nd) | Whether the impression auction was first price or second price | Used to confirm that the winning bid price and the gross revenue figures align in the supply chain for the impression based on the auction type. |
| SSP | Exchange or integration type (i.e. EB, Index wrapper etc.) | Description of the exchange or integration type for an auction, i.e. Exchange Bidding, Index wrapper etc. | This category can be used to further verify if an impression is matched (optional but useful). This category is also necessary to evaluate if any fees were being correctly attributed based on the integration type. |
| SSP | Auction/Transaction type (Open, PMP, PG etc.) | Where auction took place; referring to open market, private market place, private guaranteed etc. | This category can be used to further verify if an impression is matched (optional but useful). |
| SSP | Winning bid price | Price for the winning bid in the auction | Used to confirm that the winning bid price and the gross revenue figures align in the supply chain for the impression based on the auction type. |
| DSP/SSP | IAB category | Category of impression from IAB Tech Lab Content Taxonomy | This was put forward in one of the original working group sessions as a field possibly useful for an audit to verify the target category of an impression. More relevant to ad fraud analysis rather than audit of transactional data to understand any value loss in supply chain. |
| Both | URL | [The URL on which impression was served - domain name is required for example www. bbc.co.uk and the full URL is ideal for example https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-55232790](http://bbc.co.uk/) | It must be verified that the URL is the same at all points in the supply chain to ensure it is the same impression being served |
| DSP | Any verification tool IDs | A unique identifier for any verification tools that were used for that impression | This would be useful if the audit was linking into verification data sets to confirm costs or to verify if the impression being evaluated was served. |
| SSP | Sellers.json: Seller ID | The seller ID of the unique publisher account that maps to the seller\_id in sellers.json file. | A published and accessible sellers.json file can be used to identify the final seller of a bid request. It also allows the identities of all nodes (entities that participated in the bid request) in the SupplyChain object to also be discovered. |
| DSP | Buyers.json: Buyer ID | The buyer ID of the unique advertiser account that maps to the buyer id in buyers.json file. | A published and accessible buyers.json file can be used to identify the advertiser of a bid request. It also allows identifying the buyer across multiple demand sources. |
| Both | Creative size | The size of the creative displayed. | This category can be used to further verify if an impression is matched (optional but useful). |

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