



**National Authority for Data Protection and Freedom of Information**

Case number: NAIH-2607-4/2012/V.

**Publicity of the Act CXCVI of 2011 on National Assets and of data of companies  
maintained by local municipalities**

A client had lodged a petition to the National Authority for Data Protection and Freedom of Information (hereinafter referred to as NAIH).

In his repeated petition the client requested the NAIH to issue an official statement on whether the Balaton Shipping Company Ltd. has been obliged to grant access to the required data based on the new Act CXCVI of 2011 on National Assets (hereinafter referred to as National Assets' Act) entered into force the 1st of Januar 2012 or it should have acted this way as well if the new Act had not entered into force at the beginning of 2012.

In his opinion (ABI-735-2/2011/P.) the former Data Protection Parliamentary Commissioner asserted that the Balaton Shipping Company Ltd. does not perform public duties but it carries out business activity irrespective of its ownership (namely the Company is owned by local municipalities).

Pursuant to the relating former regulations (Act LXIII of 1992 on the Protection of Personal Data and Access to Data of Public Interest) the company was not obliged to provide access to data on either the sale contract or the real estate itself. Although, in accordance with the new regulation, the Company is obliged to provide access to the data in question in accordance with the new Privacy Act Act CXII of 2011 on Informational Self-determination and Freedom of Information.

B u d a p e s t, 8th of May 2012.

President