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TO ALL ASSOCIATES

Subject: Digital Driver's License – Ministry of the Interior Circular of October 22, 2024 – Clarifications

With the referenced circular, the Ministry of the Interior has provided initial guidance to the relevant public authorities regarding the IT Wallet System, the Italian digital wallet, particularly focusing on the so-called Digital Driver's License (attached).

The Ministry informs that, pending the full functionality of the system and in an initial implementation phase, digital versions of three documents will be available upon request through the "Io" app:

the health card, the European Health Insurance Card, and the mobile driver's license.

The so-called mobile driver's license is defined as the digital version of a driver's license issued to a person residing in Italy. It serves as an identification document, equivalent to an identity card, just like its paper version, and can be presented to law enforcement authorities during a check.

On this point, the Ministry emphasizes that the digital version is solely intended to fulfill the legal obligation of drivers to present their license while driving on national territory, as required by Article 180 of the Highway Code.

According to the Ministry, presenting the mobile driver's license does not exempt the controlling authority from verifying the existence and validity of the license. This verification must be conducted through the National Registry of Licensed Drivers (Article 226 of the Highway Code) and the Interforce Database to check for any restrictive measures affecting the validity of the license.

Given this premise, we believe that, as of now, when verifying a driver's eligibility to operate a rental vehicle - a contractually essential condition - the physical (paper) version of the driver's license must still be presented.

We remind you that such verification is also required by the Cargas System regulations, in accordance with the Decree of the Ministry of the Interior of October 29, 2021.

While reserving the right for further analysis, we take this opportunity to extend our best regards.

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