Dear Sir / Madam,

We present to you the fifty-first edition of our Software Licensing Bulletin, which highlights details on Named User Metric and transfer restrictions for SAP® Package Licences.

**Named User Metric and transfer restrictions for SAP Package Licenses:**

SAP Named User is the most used metric. However at times this tends to be a complicated, licence metric across the globe. It is to be noted that ‘Named User’ metric is different from ‘User’ metric, wherein the Named User is based on the username defined in the SAP system rather than the actual user’s name. To simplify, if a single user has multiple usernames configured in a single SAP system, the licence consumption would be based on the number of such usernames regardless of the user being a Single user.

Some of the commonly used Named users in SAP are Professional user, Limited Professional user, Worker user etc. Each of these users have different rights associated with them which is defined in the organisation’s SAP Software Agreement (SAP Contract). The definition of Named User as per SAP is as given below:

“Named User” shall mean any individual authorised by the Licensee to use (in accordance with the terms of the Software Agreement) a Package, including without limitation employees of its affiliates or its business partners.

**Named User | Transfer restrictions**

SAP offers the capability to transfer a Named User licence to another user provided some conditions are met. This could be useful where the currently licensed Named User is on vacation, is on sick leave, is no longer employed with the organisation and does not require the SAP system access due to job function switch. It is however important to review the Software Agreement for mention of any special conditions applicable to the organisation.

**SAP Usage rights and indirect access**

SAP defines “Use” as invoking the processing capability of the SAP software, either directly or indirectly through intermediary system. Given below is the caveat of the SAP’s definition of Use.

“Use” means to activate the processing capabilities of the software, load, execute, access, employ the software, or display information resulting from such capabilities. Use may occur by way of an interface delivered with or as a part of the software, a licensee, third-party interface, or another intermediary system.

We hope the bulletin was informative. We would be happy to arrange for any additional information that you may require on the subject. Please write to us at in-fmkpmgccsbulletin@kpmg.com, for any queries or feedback.

Regards,

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