

Compliance Brief — Middle East & Africa

Regional regulatory posture, data-residency guarantees, and applicable certifications for workloads served from Middle East & Africa.

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Executive Summary

Aether Compute Group operates a three-tier distributed inference fabric comprising a 470 MW core IDC footprint, sovereign edge regions, and a hotel-based micro-edge network across 40+ countries. This document formalizes the platform's technical architecture and the regional compliance controls applicable to workloads served from the Middle East & Africa jurisdiction.

1. Regulatory Frameworks in Scope

The following frameworks are actively maintained for this region: UAE PDPL · KSA PDPL · SAMA CSF · POPIA.

2. Data Residency & Sovereignty

MEA operations are anchored in Dubai (DIC), Riyadh, Doha, and Johannesburg. UAE workloads comply with Federal Decree-Law 45 of 2021 (PDPL) and, where applicable, the DIFC Data Protection Law No. 5 of 2020.

Saudi workloads are processed within KSA borders per SDAIA guidance, with financial-sector deployments aligned to SAMA CSF Level-3 controls. South African workloads comply with POPIA including operator notification within 72 hours.

All MEA regions support Arabic-language content-safety filters and Hijri calendar audit exports.

3. Certifications & Attestations

Third-party audit reports (SOC 2, ISO 27001, ISO 27017, ISO 27018, ISO 42001) and regional certification letters are available under NDA via the customer trust portal.

A subprocessor register, current penetration-test summary, and incident-response runbook excerpt accompany every compliance kit.

4. Customer Responsibilities

Customers retain controllership of user data and are responsible for lawful basis, notice, and downstream subject-rights fulfillment. Aether Compute processes data solely under documented instructions and does not use customer prompts or completions for model training.

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