International data protection and information law

Issues you may be facing

A number of laws currently govern how personal information can be used. Breaches of these laws can have highly damaging consequences both financially and in terms of brand damage. Fines for such breaches can be as high as £500,000 in the UK and even higher in other EU countries. Issues include:

- How to develop innovative new products and services that use personal data without contravening the law.
- How to structure and implement group data protection governance, audits, remediation operating and reporting models.
- How best to legally collect, process and use personal data.
- Prompt and appropriate responses to any information requests.
- Solutions to legitimise the transfers of personal data outside the European Economic Area and other data transfer prohibitions.
- If you have suffered a data security breach, identifying the steps you need to take to remediate, where required to report to regulators or individuals, minimise liability and manage your reputation.

How we can help

Our International Data Protection and Information Law group provides clear, concise advice that cuts through the complex framework of data protection and wider information laws that impact your operations.

We have extensive experience advising on data and information handling practices. Our group also includes specialists in information technology, outsourcing, human resources, disputes, brand management and regulated sectors.

We focus on offering ‘real world’ risk management solutions to client problems in combination with practical insights into the mind and motivations of the regulators. The multidisciplinary nature of our group means we provide a single point of support on data protection advice across the firm’s full service offerings.

As a leading international law firm, we deliver expert pan-European data protection and global information law services.
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The core team

The core team of experts has strength and depth representing our international offering.

The team also includes Sally Annereau, a data protection analyst with over 20 years’ experience of providing advice on data protection and wider regulatory issues governing the way in which businesses use information. Previously, Sally worked for six years at the Information Commissioner’s Office, which enforces both Data Protection and Freedom of Information law.

Helping you stay ahead

New proposals have been published seeking to overhaul the current European data protection landscape. This will introduce new concepts, more stringent obligations and tougher penalties for violation of the proposed new laws. Many countries around the world are introducing new data laws or overhauling their current laws and guidelines. The pace of change will continue to reshape the global landscape for data laws and their influence on commerce.

We provide regular e-alerts, briefings and have a monthly data protection webinar programme to keep you abreast of key developments and thought leadership.

For more information on these and how to register, please contact either Vinod Bange or your usual Taylor Wessing data protection contact.

In November 2012, we launched the Global Data Hub which is a one-stop shop for your data protection needs. The Global Data Hub draws on Taylor Wessing’s international expertise to provide you with insight and practical guidance on the data protection issues most likely to affect your organisation.