



# The Privacy Desk

Data Protection and Privacy Newsletter

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# News Updates



## Double trouble for Google

Just within the past few days, two lawsuits were filed against the search giant in United States. In Arizona, the Attorney General filed a lawsuit alleging that Google violated privacy of android phone users by collecting information about their location in a deceptive and unfair manner. Recently, a class action lawsuit has been filed in California against the search giant for violating federal and state privacy laws of its web browser users by tracking internet activity even in incognito/ private mode.



## Data breach notification law updated

The legislatures of Washington D.C. and Vermont have recently updated their data breach notification laws to address the security and privacy concerns of individuals. The key amendment includes expanding the definition of personal information, requirements for notification of breach amongst others.

With increasing awareness amongst individuals and regulatory enforcements on privacy, the businesses should comply with privacy laws.

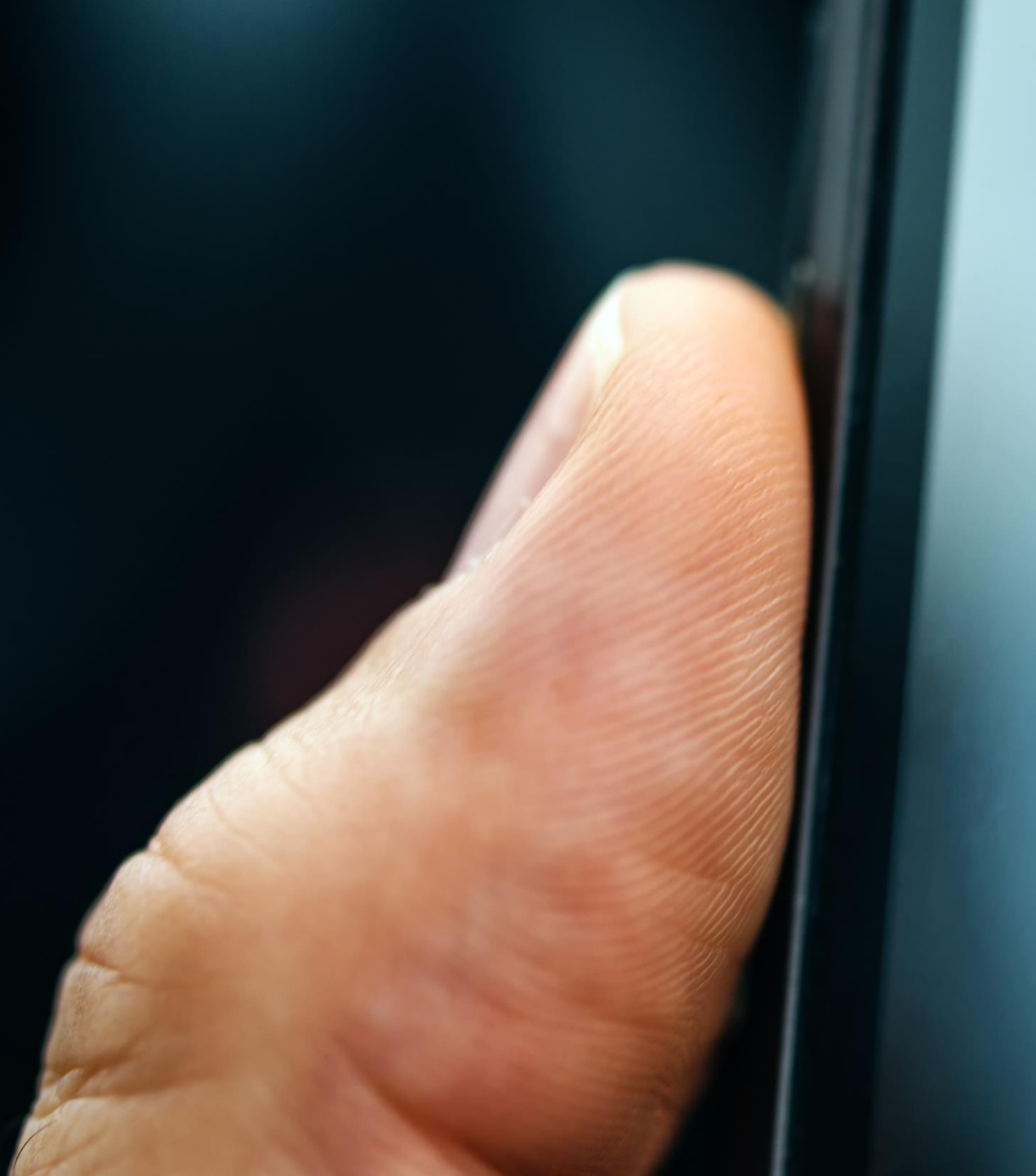


## Judgment on cookie consent

Recently in the case filled by Vzبز, a non-governmental organization against a competition organizer, the German Federal Court of Justice held that companies that use cookies on their website to track consumers' behavior need prior informed consent of concerned and that pre-checkboxes are not valid.

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# Enforcement updates



## Dutch watchdog highest fine

Autoriteit Persoonsgegevens, the Dutch Data Protection Authority (DPA) has issued a highest ever fine of EUR 725,000 on an unnamed company for processing fingerprints of employees. The DPA concluded that the company cannot rely on an exception ground laid out in the GDPR for the processing of special category of personal data.



## Telefonica fined by Spanish watchdog

Telefonica, S.A., a multinational telecommunications company was fined EUR 30,000 by Agencia Espanola Proteccion Datos (AEPD), the Spanish data protection authority for GDPR violation.

The company had failed to comply with AEPD's order for providing the claimant a certificate of acceptance or denial of right of access/erasure request.



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