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Data Protection and Privacy Newsletter

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News Updates



Draft new e-commerce policy

As per news reports, DPIIT will soon release new draft e-commerce policy which will impose stricter rules on e-commerce companies for data, competition and consumer protection.

As far as data privacy is concerned the e-commerce companies will have to ensure protection of personal data acquired, if any non-personal data is acquired will have to notify the reasons for such collection and storage at the time of collection, stricter cross border data flows and penalties for violation.



Bulk Data Sharing Policy scrapped

Amid privacy concerns, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India has decided to scrap its data sharing policy (Bulk Data Sharing Policy & Procedure) wherein the organizations and researchers could buy bulk data pertaining to vehicle registrations.



Chinese apps banned

With increasing support from citizens to take actions to protect the sovereignty and the privacy of Indians, the Ministry of Information Technology, Government of India through its press release banned around 60 applications based out of China invoking its power under Information Technology Act, 2000. The apps are said to have engaged in illegal data harvesting activities.

To address such cross border privacy concerns in future the Government of India needs to bring in the Personal Data Protection law.

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Regulatory update around the Globe





South Africa's The Protection of Personal Information Act commences on July 1, 2020



**Dubai International Financial Centre implements the new
Data Protection Law No.05 of 2020 from 1st July, 2020.**



Vermont's new Student Privacy Law effective from July 1, 2020

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Enforcement updates



Washington AG fines tech for COPPA violation

The Washington State Attorney General (AG) announced a fine of USD 100,000 against Super Basic, a tech company and its parent company, Maple Media, for violation of U.S. Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA). A suspended penalty of USD 400,000 is also announced and will be applied in the event of noncompliance with the AG's order.

AG's investigation revealed that the companies' social media platform, allowed third-party advertisers to collect data from them, all without legally required parental consent.

GDPR

general data protection regulation



Hospital fined by Norwegian watchdog

Datatilsynet, the Norwegian data protection authority imposed a fine of €112,000 on Østfold HF Hospital for violation of the General Data Protection Regulation.

It was found that Østfold HF Hospital had stored patient data, including sensitive data during the period 2013-2019 without controlling access to the folders where the data was stored therefore in breach of the GDPR and the Patient Records Act.

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