

Privacy Laws Around the World

Europe

EU law

1. The General Data Protection Regulation (in all EU official languages) – will enter into force on 25 May 2018.
2. The Data Protection Directive for the law enforcement area (in all EU languages)
3. Directive 95/46 for the protection of persons with regard to personal data
4. Council framework decision 2008/977 for data protection in the law enforcement area
5. ePrivacy Directive 2002/58
6. Regulation 45/2001 for the protection of personal data by EU institutions and bodies
7. EU-US Privacy Shield – adequacy decision and Annexes in all EU official languages

National law

1. UK – Data Protection Act (EN)
2. Spain – Ley Organica 15/1999 (ES)
3. Germany – Bundesdatenschutzgesetz (DE)
4. France – Loi n° 78-17 du 6 janvier 1978 relative à l'informatique, aux fichiers et aux libertés (FR)
5. Romania – Legea 677/2001 (RO)
6. Belgium – Loi relative à la protection de la vie privée à l'égard des traitements de données à caractère personnel (FR)
7. Bulgaria – Data Protection Law (in EN, provided by the website of the Bulgarian DPA)
8. Poland – The act of 29 August 1997 on the protection of personal data (in EN, provided by the Polish DPA)
9. Italy – Personal Data Protection Code (in EN, provided by the Italian DPA)
10. Greece – Law 2742/1997 and Law 3471/2006 (in EN)

United States

Federal laws

1. Driver's Privacy Protection Act of 1994 – 18 U.S. Code 2721 and following
2. Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) – 20 U.S. Code section 1232g
3. Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) – 15 U.S. Code sections 1681-1681u
4. Fair Debt Collection Practices Act – 15 U.S. Code sections 1692-1692p
5. Federal Privacy Act of 1974 – 5 U.S. Code section 552a
6. Financial Services Modernization Act of 1999, Gramm-Leach-Bliley (GLB), Privacy Rule – 15 U.S. Code sections 6801-6809
7. Video Privacy Protection Act of 1988 – 18 U.S. Code section 2710
8. HIPAA Privacy Rule (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act)
9. ECPA (Electronic Communications Privacy Act 1986); U.S. Code sections 2510-2522, 2701-2711, 3121, 1367

State laws

1. California – Several laws
2. Michigan – Internet Privacy Protection Act

Canada

Federal laws

1. Privacy Act (R.S.C., 1985, c. P-21) (personal data processing by federal government and agencies)
2. Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act(PIPEDA- federal private-sector privacy law)

Province laws

1. Alberta: *Personal Information Protection Act*
2. British Columbia: *Personal Information Protection Act*
3. Québec: An Act Respecting the Protection of Personal Information in the Private Sector
4. Ontario – *Personal Health Information Protection Act*
5. New Brunswick – *Personal Health Information Privacy and Access Act*
6. Newfoundland and Labrador’s – *Personal Health Information Act*

South America

1. Argentina – Ley 25.326. Proteccion de los Datos Personales

Asia

1. Japan – Amended Act of the Protection of Personal Data (EN – unofficial translation)

Australia

1. Commonwealth Privacy Act 1988 including:
2. Privacy Amendment (Private Sector) Act 2000 and the
3. National Privacy Principles (NPPs) & associated Guidelines

Africa

1. Morocco – Loi n° 09-08 relative à la protection des personnes physiques à l’égard du traitement des données à caractère personnel