



The Privacy Laws & Business European Data Protection Laws Chart

Country	Legislation	Date Enacted	Last Amended	CE Ratified (see note)	Registration/ Notification	Manual Records	Legal Persons	Data Export Licence Required
Austria	Data Protection Act	18 Oct 78	1994	yes	all data	yes	yes	some data
Belgium	Law on the Protection of Private Life Regarding the Processing of Personal Data	8 Dec 92		yes	all data	yes	no	some data
Czech and Slovak Republics	The Protection of Personal Data in Information Systems Law	29 Apr 92		no	some data	no	no	no
Denmark	Private Registers Act	8 Jun 78	1987	yes	some data	yes	yes	some data
Finland	Personal Data Files Act	4 Feb 87	1994	yes	some data	yes	no	some data
France	Act on Data Processing, Data Files and Individual Liberties	6 Jan 78	1994	yes	all data	yes	yes	no
Germany	Federal Data Protection Act	27 Jan 77	1991	yes	some data	yes	no	no
Greece	The Protection of the Individual Against Processing of Personal Data	10 Apr 97		yes	all data	yes	no	
Guernsey	Data Protection (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law	28 May 86		no	all data	no	no	no
Hungary	Protection of Personal Data and Disclosure of Data of Public Interest Act	27 Oct 92		yes	some data	yes	no	no
Iceland	Act Concerning the Registration and Handling of Personal Data	28 Dec 89		yes	all data	yes	yes	all data
Ireland	Data Protection Act	13 Jul 88		no	some data	no	no	no
Isle of Man	Data Protection Act	16 Jul 86		no	all data	no	no	no
Italy (see note)	Law on Protection of Individuals and Other Subjects Regarding the Processing of Personal Data	31 Dec 96		yes	some data	yes	yes	some data
Jersey	Data Protection (Jersey) Law	30 Apr 87	1992	no	all data	no	no	no
Luxembourg	Nominal Data (Automatic Processing) Act	31 Mar 79		yes	all data	no	yes	no



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Monaco	Data Protection Law	23 Dec 93		no	no	yes	yes	no
Netherlands	Data Protection Act	28 Dec 88		yes	some data	yes	no	no
Norway	Personal Data Registers Act	9 Jun 78	1994	yes	some data	yes	yes	some data
Portugal	Protection of Personal Data Act	29 Apr 91	1994	yes	all data	no	no	all data
Russia	Federal Law No. 24-FZ	20 Feb 95		no	all data	yes	no	some data
Slovenia	Law on Protection of Personal Data	7 Mar 90		yes	all data	yes	no	no
Spain	Law on the Regulation of the Automated Processing of Personal Data	29 Oct 92		yes	all data	no	no	some data
Sweden	Data Act	13 May 73	1992	yes	all data	no	no	some data
Switzerland	Federal Law on Data Protection	19 Jun 92		no	some data	yes	yes	no
United Kingdom	Data Protection Act	12 Jul 84	1994	yes	all data	no	no	no

Notes

- * This table is intended to provide a summary of certain aspects of each law. It is not intended to be comprehensive or to render legal or other professional advice. The table is based on information available at 30th April 1997.
- * All European data protection laws, subject to various exceptions, cover automated data in both public and private sectors relating to physical persons, give data subjects a right of access to records on themselves, together with a right of correction and/or deletion. All give powers to a Data Protection Authority to impose orders restricting the export of data in certain circumstances, and all contain provisions for imposing penalties on those who breach the law.
- * Italy - dates of entry into force: 8th May 1997 for automated data; 1st January, 1998 for manual data.
- * "CE" means the Council of Europe *Convention for the Protection of Individuals with Regard to the Automatic Processing of Personal Data* (in force October 1985).

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