

Global Tables of Data Privacy Laws and Bills (3rd Ed, June 2013)

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The data in the Tables and article are as at 1 June 2013. *Note – Since completion of the Tables, two more countries have enacted data privacy laws, Kazakhstan and South Africa. These are not included in the Table of laws, but are noted in the Postscript to the article (1 September 2013).*

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Global Table of Countries with Data Privacy Laws

(as known at 1 June 2013)

Jurisdiction	Key Act	From ¹	Latest ²	Region ³	Sec ⁴	EU ⁵	CoE ⁶	Other Int. ⁷	DPA ⁸	DPAA ⁹
Albania	Act on the Protection of Personal Data	1999	1999	Europe (O)	Both	[I]	RC; RP		Office for Personal Data Protection	ICDPPC; EDPA; AFAPDP
Andorra	Law on the protection of personal data	2003	2003	Europe (O)	Both	A	RC; RP		Data Protection Agency	ICDPPC; EDPA (O); RedIPD; AFAPDP
Angola	Lei da Protecção de Dados Pessoais	2011	2011	Africa	Both			SADC	None (Agência da Protecção de Dados not yet established)	
Argentina	Personal Data Protection Act	2000	2000	Latin Am	Both	A			National Direction for Personal Data Protection	ICDPPC; RedIPD

¹ **From column:** Year = date original data privacy law enacted, for either private or public sector; might not be date of current law

² **Latest column:** Year = date of last significant amendment known; 'NYIF' = not yet in force; 'NIFU' = not in force until year stated, where bringing into force is delayed over one year.

³ **Region column:** 'Europe (EU)' = current European Union member states; 'Europe (O)' = other European states (including EEA); others are self-explanatory

⁴ **Sector column:** 'Pri' = covers private sector only; 'Pub' = covers public sector only; blank = covers both sectors

⁵ **European Union column:** M = country is an EU member state; AQ = country's protection of personal data has been held 'adequate' by the EU; [A] = Favourable Article 29 Working Party opinion on adequacy, but no final decision announced; EEA = country is a member of the European Economic Area; [I] = Adequacy finding is in practice irrelevant due to country acceding to both Council of Europe Convention 108 and Additional Protocol

⁶ **Council of Europe column:** ('Member' means Member State of the Council of Europe) RC = Member and has ratified the Convention; RC* = United Kingdom has ratified Convention on behalf of sub-jurisdiction; SC = Member and has signed but not ratified Convention; RP = has also ratified the optional protocol; SP = Member and has signed but not ratified Additional Protocol; NS = Member but has not signed Convention; [IA] = not a Member but has been invited to accede to the Convention; AC = not a Member but has acceded to the Convention

⁷ **Other international commitments column:** APEC = 'economy' is a member of APEC (Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation); OECD = country is a member of OECD; ASEAN = county is a member of Association of South East Asian Nations; ECOWAS = country is a member of Economic Community of West African States; EAC = county is a member of the East African Community; SADC = country is a member of the Southern African Development Community; CARICOM = country is a member of the Caribbean Community (add '(Assoc)' for Associate members

⁸ **DPA column:** None = no specialised data protection authority (plus name of authority if enacted but not yet appointed one year after enactment)

⁹ **DPAA column** (inclusion = 'DPA is a member of' the named association of data protection authorities; except O = Observer status only): ICDPPC = International Conference of Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners; [A29WP](#) = EU Article 29 Working Party; GPEN = Global Privacy Enforcement Network; AFAPDP = Association of Francophone Data Protection Authorities; APPA = Asia-Pacific Privacy Authorities; RedIPD = Latin American Network; [CEEDPA](#) = Central and Eastern Europe Data Protection Authorities; NDPA = Nordic Data Protection Authorities; EDPA = European Data Protection Authorities; BIIDPA = British, Irish and Islands Data Protection Authorities; APEC CPEA = APEC Cross-border Privacy Enforcement Arrangement

Armenia	Law on Personal Data	2002		Europe (O)	Both	[I]	RC; RP		None	
Australia	Privacy Act 1988	1988	2001	Australasia	Both			APEC; OECD;	Information Commissioner	ICDPPC; APPA; GPEN; APEC CPEA
Austria	Datenschutzgesetz	1978	2009	Europe (EU)	Both	M	RC; RP	OECD	Data Protection Commissioner	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP
Azerbaijan	Law on personal data 2010 (replaces 1998 Act)	1998	2010	Europe (O)	Both		RC		None (Ministry of Communications and Information Technologies administers Register)	
Bahamas	Data Protection (Privacy of Information) Act	2003	2003	Caribbean	Both			CARICOM	Data Protection Commissioner	
Belgium	Law on Privacy Protection in relation to the Processing of Personal Data	1992	2011	Europe (EU)	Both	M	RC; SP	OECD;	Privacy Commission	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP; GPEN; AFAPDP
Benin	Loi Portant Protection des données à Caractère Personnel	2009	2009	Africa	Both			ECOWAS	Commission nationale de l'informatique et des libertés	AFAPDP
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Law on the protection of personal data	2001	2001	Europe (O)	Both	[I]	RC; RP		Personal Data Protection Agency	ICDPPC; EDPA; CEEDPA
Bulgaria	Law for Protection of Personal Data	2002	2007	Europe (EU)	Both	M	RC; RP		Commission for Personal Data Protection	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP; CEEDPA; GPEN
Burkina Faso	Loi Portant Protection des Données à Caractère Personnel	2004	2004	Africa	Both			ECOWAS	Commission for Informatics and Liberties	ICDPPC; AFAPDP
Canada	Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act	1983 (prior Act)	2002	North Am	Both	AQ		APEC; OECD	Privacy Commissioner	ICDPPC; APPA; GPEN; APEC CPEA; AFAPDP
Cape Verde	Regime Jurídico Geral de Protecção de Dados Pessoais a Pessoas Singulares	2001	2001	Africa	Both			ECOWAS	None (Parliamentary Commission for the Monitoring of Personal Data not yet appointed)	
Chile	Privacy Law	1999	1999	Latin Am	Both			APEC; OECD	None	
Colombia	Data Protection Law	2008	2012	Latin Am	Both				Superintendence of Industry and Commerce	ICDPPC; RedIPD; APPA
Costa Rica	Protección de la Persona frente al tratamiento de sus datos personales	2011	2011	Latin Am	Both				Agency for the Protection of Personal Data of Inhabitants	ICDPPC; RedIPD
Croatia	Act on Personal Data Protection	2003	2003	Europe (EU)	Both	M	RC; RP		Data Protection Agency	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP; CEEDPA
Cyprus	The Processing of Personal Data	2001	2003	Europe	Both	M	RC;		Personal Data Protection	ICDPPC; EDPA;

	(Protection of the Individual) Law			(EU)			RP		Commissioner	A29WP; BIIDPA
Czech Republic	Personal Data Protection Act	1992	2000	Europe (EU)	Both	M	RC; RP	OECD; GPEN	Office for Personal Data	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP; CEEDPA; AFAPDP
Denmark	Act on Processing of Personal Data	1978	2000	Europe (EU)	Both	M	RC; SP	OECD	Data Protection Agency	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP, NDPA
Dubai IFC	Data Protection Law ('IFC' = International Financial Centre)	2007		N.Af/M.East	Pri				Commissioner of Data Protection	
Estonia	Data Protection Act	2003	2003	Europe (EU)	Both	M	RC; RP	OECD	Data Protection Inspectorate	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP; GPEN
Faroe Islands	Act on processing of personal data	2010	2010	Europe (O)	Both	A			Data Protection Agency	
Finland	Personal Data Act	1987	2000	Europe (EU)	Both	M	RC; RP	OECD	Data Protection Ombudsman	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP, NDPA
France	Law relating to the protection of individuals against the processing of personal data	1978	2004	Europe (EU)	Both	M	RC; RP	OECD;	National Commission for Informatics and Liberties	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP; GPEN; AFAPDP
Gabon	Law related to personal data	2011	2011	Africa	Both				Commissariat à la protection des données personnelles	AFAPDP
Georgia	Law on Personal Data Protection	2012		Europe (O)	Both		RC; SP		Data Protection Commissioner	
Germany	Federal Data Protection Act	1977	2009	Europe (EU)	Both	M	RC; RP	OECD	Federal Data Protection Commission	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP; GPEN
Ghana	Data Protection Act	2012		Africa	Both			ECOWAS	Commission on Human Rights and Administrative Justice	
Gibraltar	Data Protection Act	2004	2004	Europe (O)	Both				Data Protection Commissioner	BIIDPA
Greece	Law on the Protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data	1997	1997	Europe (EU)	Both	M	RC; SP	OECD	Data Protection Authority	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP; AFAPDP
Greenland	(Danish) Public and Private Registers Acts	1979	1979	Europe (O)	Both				[(Danish) Data Protection Agency (Registertilsynet)]	
Guernsey	Data Protection (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law	1986	2001	Europe (O)	Both	AQ	RC*	GPEN	Data Protection Commissioner	BIIDPA; EDPA
Hong Kong SAR	Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance	1995	1995	Asia	Both			APEC	Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data	ICDPPC; APPA; APEC CPEA
Hungary	Act on Informational Self-Determination and Freedom of Information	1992	1992	Europe (EU)	Both	M	RC; RP	OECD	National Authority for Data Protection and Freedom of Information	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP; CEEDPA
Iceland	Law on the Protection and Processing	1989	2000	Europe (O)	Both	EEA	RC;	OECD	Data Protection Agency	ICDPPC; EDPA

	of Personal Data						SP			
India	Rules under s43A (2008 Amendt), Information Technology Act 2000	2011	2011	Asia	Pri					None
Ireland	Data Protection Act	1988	2003	Europe (EU)	Both	M	RC; RP	OECD	Data Protection Commissioner	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP; GPEN; BIIDPA
Isle of Man	Data Protection Act	1986	2002	Europe (O)	Both	AQ	RC*		Data Protection Registrar	BIIDPA; EDPA
Israel	Privacy Protection Act 1981	1981	1981	N.Af/M.East	Both	AQ		OECD;	Law, Information and Technology Authority	ICDPPC; GPEN
Italy	Consolidation Act regarding the Protection of Personal Data	1996	2003	Europe (EU)	Both	M	RC; SP	OECD;	Data Protection Authority	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP; GPEN
Japan	Act on the Protection of Personal Information	2003	2003	Asia	Both			APEC; OECD		None
Jersey	Data Protection (Jersey) Law	1987	2005	Europe (O)	Both	AQ	RC*		Data Protection Registrar	ICDPPC; EDPA; BIIDPA
Kosovo	Law on the Protection of Personal Data	2010	2010	Europe (O)	Both				National Agency for the Protection of Personal Data	EDPA (O)
Kyrgyz Republic	Law on Personal Data	2008	2008	Central Asia	Both					None
Latvia	Law on Protection of Personal Data of Natural Persons	2000	2002	Europe (EU)	Both	M	RC; RP		State Data Protection Inspectorate	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP; CEEDPA; GPEN
Liechtenstein	Gesetz über die Abänderung des Datenschutzgesetzes (2002)	2002	2008	Europe (O)	Both	EEA	RC; RP		Data Protection Commissioner	ICDPPC; EDPA
Lithuania	Law on Legal Protection of Personal Data	1996	2003	Europe (EU)	Both	M	RC; RP		State Data Protection Inspectorate	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP
Luxembourg	Data Protection Law	1979	2002	Europe (EU)	Both	M	RC; RP	OECD	National Data Protection Commission	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP; AFAPDP
Macao SAR	Personal Data Protection Act	2006	2006	Asia	Both				Office for Personal Data Protection	APPA; GPEN
Macedonia (FYROM)	Law on Personal Data Protection	2005	2005	Europe (O)	Both	[I]	RC; RP		Directorate of Personal Data Protection	ICDPPC; EDPA; ; CEEDPA
Malaysia	Personal Data Protection Act	2010	NIFU 2013	Asia	Pri			APEC; ASEAN	None (Personal Data Protection Commissioner in Act not appointed)	
Malta	Data Protection Act	2001	2001	Europe (EU)	Both	M	RC		Data Protection Commissioner	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP; BIIDPA
Mauritius	Data Protection Act	2004	2004	Africa	Both			SADC	Commissariat à la protection des données personnelles	AFAPDP
Mexico	Federal Law on the Protection of Personal Data Held by Private Parties	2010	2010	Latin Am	Both			APEC; OECD;	Federal Institute for Access to Information and Data Protection	ICDPPC; APPA; GPEN; APEC CPEA; RedIPD

Moldova	Law on Personal Data Protection	2007	2007	Europe (O)	Both	[I]	RC; RP		National Center for Personal Data Protection	ICDPPC; EDPA; AFAPDP; CEEDPA
Monaco	Act controlling personal data processing	1993	2001	Europe (O)	Both	[I]	RC; RP		Supervisory Commission for Personal Information	AFAPDP
Montenegro	Law on Personal Data Protection	2008	2008	Europe (O)	Both	[I]	RC; RP		Agencija za zaštitu ličnih podataka i slobodan pristup informacija	EDPA; CEEDPA
Morocco	Loi relative à la protection des personnes physiques à l'égard du traitement des données à caractère personnel	2009	2009	N.Af/M.East	Both		(IA)		National Commission for the Control and the Protection of Personal Data	AFAPDP
Nepal	Right to Information Act	2007	2007	Asia	Pub				National Information Commission	
Netherlands	Personal Data Protection Act	1988	2000	Europe (EU)	Both	M	RC; RP	OECD	Data Protection Authority	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP; GPEN
New Zealand	Privacy Act 1993	1993	2010	Australasia	Both	AQ		APEC; OECD	Privacy Commissioner	ICDPPC; GPEN; APPA; APEC CPEA
Nicaragua	Law on Protection of Personal Data	2012		Latin Am.					Directorate for the Protection of Personal Information	RedIPD
Norway	Personal Data Act	1978	2000	Europe (O)	Both	EEA	RC; SP	OECD;	Data Inspectorate	ICDPPC; EDPA; GPEN, NPDA
Paraguay	Law 1682 on Information of a Private Nature	2002		Latin Am	Both				None	RedIPD (o)
Peru	Law on Protection of Personal Data	2011	2011	Latin Am	Both			APEC; US FTA	National Authority for Data Protection	ICDPPC; RedIPD; APPA
Philippines	Data Privacy Act	2012		Asia				APEC; ASEAN	National Privacy Commission	
Poland	Act on the Protection of Personal Data	1997	2004	Europe (EU)	Both	M	RC; RP	OECD	Inspector General for Personal Data Protection	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP; CEEDPA; GPEN;
Portugal	Lei da proteção de dados pessoais	1991	1998	Europe (EU)	Both	M	RC; RP	OECD	National Data Protection Commission	ICDPPC; A29WP; EDPA; RedIPD
Qatar FC	Data Protection Regulations ('FC' = Financial Centre)	2005	2005	N.Af/M.East	Pri				QFC Authority	
Romania	Law on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data etc	2001	2005	Europe (EU)	Both	M	RC; RP		National Supervisory Authority for Personal Data Protection	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP; CEEDPA
Russia	Federal Law Regarding Personal Data	2006	NIFU 2011	Europe (O)	Both	[I]	RC; SP	APEC	Federal Service for Supervision of Communications, Information Technologies and Mass Media	CEEDPA

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San Marino	Law regulating the Computerized Collection of Personal Data	1983	1995	Europe (O)	Both		NS		Guarantor for the Protection of Confidential and Personal Data	
Senegal	Loi sur la Protection des données à Caractère Personnel	2008	2008	Africa	Both			ECOWAS	Commission des données personnelles	AFAPDP
Serbia	Law on Personal Data Protection	2008	2008	Europe (O)	Both	[I]	RC; RP		Commissioner for Information of Public Importance and Personal Data Protection	ICDPPC; EDPA; CEEDPA
Seychelles	Data Protection Act	2003 NYIF	2003	Africa	Both			SADC	None (DPA in Act not established)	
Singapore	Personal Data Protection Act	2012		Asia				APEC; ASEAN	Personal Data Protection Commission	
Slovakia	Act on the Protection of Personal Data	1992	2013	Europe (EU)	Both	M	RC; RP	OECD	Inspection Unit for the Protection of Personal Data	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP; CEEDPA
Slovenia	Personal Data Protection Act	1990	2004	Europe (EU)	Both	M	RC	OECD;	Information Commissioner	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP; GPEN;
South Korea	Data Protection Act	1994	2011	Asia	Both			APEC; OECD;	Personal Information Protection Commission & Korea Information Security Agency	ICDPPC; APPA; GPEN; APEC CPEA
Spain	Ley Orgánica de Protección de Datos de Carácter Personal	1992	1999	Europe (EU)	Both	M	RC; RP	OECD	Data Protection Commissioner	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP; GPEN; RedIPD
St Lucia	Data Protection Act 2011	2011	NYIF	Caribbean	Both			CARICOM	Data Protection Commissioner	
St Vincent & Grenadines	Privacy Act	2003	NYIF	Caribbean	Pub			CARICOM	None	
Sweden	Personal Data Act	1973	1998	Europe (EU)	Both	M	RC; RP	OECD	Data Inspection Board	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP, NDPA
Switzerland	Data Protection Act	1992	2006	Europe (O)	Both	AQ	RC; RP	OECD	Federal Data Protection Commission	ICDPPC; EDPA; GPEN; AFAPDP
Taiwan	Personal Data Protection Act	1995	2010	Asia	Both			APEC	None	
Thailand	Official Information Act 1997	1997	1997	Asia	Pub			APEC ASEAN	Official Information Commission	
Trinidad & Tobago	Data Protection Act	2011	2011	Caribbean	Both			CARICOM	Data Protection Commissioner	
Tunisia	Loi portant sur la protection des données à caractère personnel.	2004	2004	N.Af/M.East	Both				National Authority for the Protection of Personal Data	AFAPDP
Ukraine	Law on Personal Data Protection	2011	2012	Europe (O)	Both	[I]	RC; RP		The State Service on Personal Data Protection	CEEDPA; GPEN

United Kingdom	Data Protection Act 1998	1984	2000	Europe (EU)	Both	M	RC; SP	OECD	Information Commissioner	ICDPPC; EDPA; A29WP; GPEN; BIIDPA
United States	Privacy Act of 1974	1974		North Am	Pub			OECD; APEC	Federal Trade Commission	ICDPPC; GPEN; APPA; APEC CPEA
Uruguay	Law on the Protection of Personal Data	2008	2008	Latin Am	Both	AQ	AC; RC; RP		Regulatory and Control Unit of Personal Data	ICDPPC; RedIPD
Vietnam	Law on Protection of Consumers' Rights	2010	2010	Asia	Pri			APEC; ASEAN	None	
Yemen	Law of the Right of Access to Information	2012		N.Af/M.East	Pub				Commissioner-General of the Information	
Zimbabwe	Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act	2002	2002	Africa	Pub			SADC	Media and Information Commission	

Global Table of Official Data Privacy Bills

Table of Bills (and official draft Bills) for new Acts (as known at 1 June 2013)

Jurisdiction	Title of Bill/Draft	From ¹⁰	Current?	Region	Sec	CoE	Other Int.
Antigua & Barbuda	Data Protection Act	2013	Announced to be introduced to Parliament January 2013	Caribbean			CARICOM
Barbados	Data Protection Bill	2005	Draft law; No current progress known	Caribbean	Both		CARICOM
Brazil	Protection of Personal Data Bill	2011	Bill under review by the Ministry of Justice	Latin Am.	Both		
Cayman Island	Data Protection Bill	2012	Data Protection Working Group started official two month consultation 02/09/2012	Caribbean	Both		CARICOM (Assoc)
Dominica	Privacy and Data Protection Bill	2007	Draft law; No current progress known	Caribbean	Both		CARICOM
Dominican Republic	Law on Protection of Personal Data	2013	Approved by Senate 29/04/13; awaits House approval	Caribbean	Both		CARICOM
Falkland Islands	Data Protection Ordinance	2012	Legislative Assembly resolved 2012 that new law was needed (to replace Data Protection Ordinance 1995 never brought into force); government agreed.	Latin Am			
Grenada	Privacy and Data Protection Bill	2012	Government statement of intent to legislate 2012, as part of ICT reforms	Caribbean	Both		CARICOM (Assoc)
Ivory Coast			No current progress known	Africa	Both		ECOWAS
Jamaica	Data Protection Bill	2012	Government announcement of intent August 2012	Caribbean	Both		CARICOM
Kenya	Data Protection Bill	2012	Commission for Implementation of the Constitution (CIC) seeking submissions, January 2012; draft Bill forwarded to Attorney General for publication	Africa	Both		EAC
Madagascar	Data Protection Bill	2008	Draft under current review led by Justice Ministry	Africa	Both		SADC
Mali	Data Protection Bill	2011	Draft; No current progress known	Africa	Both		ECOWAS
Niger	Law to establish a DPA (to complement ECOWAS treaty on data protection)	2013	Draft law development led by Telecom Ministry	Africa	Both		ECOWAS
Nigeria	Data Protection Bill	2010	Bill tabled in Parliament 2010; no recent progress	Africa	Both		ECOWAS
Qatar	Personal Information Privacy Protection Law	2012	Supreme Council of ICT (ICT Qatar) was reviewing its draft law January 2012	ME/N.Af			
Saint Kitts and Nevis	Privacy and Data Protection Bill	2012	Government draft Bill under review by stakeholders, April 2013	Caribbean	Both		CARICOM
South Africa	Protection of Personal Information Bill	2009	Bill passed by National Assembly; National Council of Provinces hearing Select	Africa	Both		SADC

¹⁰ 'From': Date of latest known Bill before legislature or official draft Bill or announced government plans to draft Bill

			Committee in 06/13				
Tanzania	Data Protection Bill	2013	Draft law; undergoing internal review and stakeholder consultations, May 2013.	Africa			EAC; SADC
Thailand	Personal Data Protection Bill	2011	Bill before Cabinet mid-2012; new private sector law to add to existing public sector law	Asia	Pri		APEC; ASEAN
Turkey	Law on the Protection of Personal Data	2003	Draft law; No current progress known	Europe (O)	Both	SC	OECD