

France

Simplified Registration Procedure for Data Processing Relating to Employee Monitoring

The French Data Protection Authority (CNIL) has adopted new registration procedures in relation to the processing of personal data for monitoring and recording employee telephone calls in the workplace. Businesses that comply with the requirements set out in CNIL's new "Simplified Norm" can register with the CNIL by filing a simplified self-declaration of compliance. This simplified registration procedure means that those compliant businesses will not need to provide the same level of detailed information about their processing activities as requested in the standard registration form.

[CNIL decision – Simplified Norm NS 47](#)

Russia

Effective Date of Data Localisation Provisions Brought Forward to 1 September 2015

On 31 December, the Russian President signed a new law, the Federal Law 526-FZ, to bring forward the date when companies must comply with Federal Law no. 152-FZ ("Data Localisation Provisions"), which prohibit the storage of personal data relating to Russian citizens outside the Russian Federation. Originally the provisions were set to come into force in September 2016 but this has now been brought forward by one year.

[Federal Law 526-FZ](#)

United Kingdom

Proposed New Powers to Monitor Communications

Prime Minister David Cameron has announced that, if his party wins the next election, he will introduce new powers which will allow UK law enforcement agencies to monitor and access communications. Prime Minister Cameron said that the underlying principle of the new legislation would be that there should not be a method of communication that can be used to avoid surveillance by UK intelligence and security agencies. This was reiterated by the Home Secretary, Theresa May, who also stated that there is, however, no cross-party consensus on this issue and therefore no Parliamentary majority to pass the legislation to give the police and security services powers to intercept certain communications data.

[Oral statement to Parliament](#)

New Cabinet Funded Open Address Database

A new open address list, that will be available for everyone to use without restriction, has been launched by Open Address UK. The address list, which has been wholly funded by the Cabinet Office, aims to create a single national resource for address data and currently holds around one million addresses. Open Address UK is inviting individuals and organisations to collaborate in developing and maintaining the address list by submitting data. The Open Address UK website allows users to submit single or multiple datasets as well as download address data.

[Open Data Institute press release](#)

US

New Privacy and Cybersecurity Proposals Announced

President Barack Obama has announced a host of new privacy and cybersecurity proposals. These include introducing new legislation to provide a single national standard with the aim of clarifying and strengthening the obligations companies have to notify customers when their personal information has been exposed. Additionally, President Obama said he is introducing a "Consumer Privacy Bill of Rights," which will set out principles that look at the context in which data is collected and used. In relation to cybersecurity, new legislation will encourage the private sector to share appropriate cyber threat information with government, by providing targeted liability protection for companies that share information with certain government entities, and will modernise tools to investigate, disrupt and prosecute cybercrime.

[White House press releases](#)

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