

EU

Members of the European Parliament Call for Clarity on Data Transfers

Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) have debated the impact of the Court of Justice of the European Union's (CJEU) ruling that the Commission's Safe Harbor decision is invalid. MEPs have called for the European Commission to clarify the legal situation and have called for quick action to ensure effective data protection for EU citizens' data transfers.

[European Parliament press release of 15 October 2015](#)

[European Parliament press release of 13 October 2015](#)

European Data Protection Supervisor Comments on Schrems Safe Harbor Ruling

Giovanni Buttarelli, the European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) has given an interview regarding the CJEU's ruling on Safe Harbor. The EDPS notes that the ball is now in the court of the data protection authorities in the Member States, as they will be the ones to enforce the law, so it is important that there is a unified approach. The EDPS also stated that while the alternative approaches such as model clauses and consents are not directly affected by the ruling, these legal instruments need to be analysed. The EDPS did not rule out that such model clauses could be amended. The issue is currently with the Article 29 Working Party whose exceptional meeting will be particularly important.

[EDPS interview](#)

LIBE Committee Study Compares US and EU Data Protection Regimes Regarding Law Enforcement

A study for the LIBE Committee, "A Comparison between US and EU Data Protection Legislation for Law Enforcement" has been released this week.

[Policy department study](#) (PDF)

Germany

Schleswig-Holstein Regulator Issues Opinion on EU Approved Model Clauses and Consents

The Unabhängige Landeszentrum für Datenschutz (ULD) has released an opinion disagreeing with the European Commission's stance that, with the removal of Safe Harbor, alternative justifications such as contractual provisions and binding corporate rules may be used instead. The ULD's opinion suggests that the contractual obligations set out in Commission Decision 2010/87/EU whereby the data importer makes commitments to the EU data exporter are insufficient. The ULD has also considered the issue of consent for data transfers, noting that consents must have been given without any doubt.

[ULD positionspapier](#) (PDF) (in German)

UK

Call for Evidence for Independent Commission on Freedom of Information

In connection with the Independent Commission on Freedom of Information's review of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Commission has announced a call for evidence. As part of this review, the Commission will consider the public interest balance between transparency, accountability and the protection of sensitive information.

[Open consultation call for evidence](#)

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