

UK

Permission Granted for Judicial Review of DRIPA

The High Court has granted permission for a judicial review of the Data Retention and Investigatory Powers Act (DRIPA), which was ratified by Parliament in just three days and came into force in July. MPs Tom Watson and David Davis (represented by Liberty), and the Open Rights Group and Privacy International sought the judicial review. The parties are seeking a declaration from the High Court that DRIPA is not compatible with the European Convention on Human Rights and the European Charter of Fundamental Rights.

[Open Rights Group Press Release](#)

Government Taskforce Publishes Recommendations on Nuisance Calls

The Government's Nuisance Calls Taskforce has published its recommendations in relation to nuisance call and texts. The Task Force has focused its attention on how organisations use consumer consent to carry out direct marketing activity and to buy and sell potential customer leads. The recommendations aim to help reduce the incidence of unwanted calls and texts received by consumers by improving the ways in which marketing organisations, regulators and government treat consumer consent to receive direct marketing by telephone and text.

[Nuisance Calls and Texts Task Force Recommendations](#)

Plans to Increase Access to Government Data

The Cabinet Office Minister, Francis Maude, has outlined plans to give the public increased access to government data. This will include routinely releasing data sets to improve government transparency. Francis Maude also outlined a commitment to a "right to data" and a need to find ways to integrate and adapt vitally important information to people in the most effective way.

[Francis Maude speech](#)

EU

Vera Jourova Gives Speech to the Fifth Annual Data Protection and Privacy Conference

Vera Jourova, the EU's Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality gave a speech at the Fifth Annual Data Protection and Privacy Conference stating that her key priorities as Commissioner will be creating a European Area of Justice and Fundamental Rights based on mutual trust and creating a Digital Single Market, providing a single set of data protection rules in the EU. Vera Jourova also stated that she is determined to continue Vivian Redding's work and move the EU data protection reforms forward.

[Vera Jourova Speech](#)

European Court of Justice Judgment on the Domestic Purpose Exemption

The European Court of Justice (ECJ) has published its judgement on the domestic purpose exemption of the Data Protection Directive 95/46. The ECJ held that, the operation of a camera system, as a result of which a video recording of people is stored on a continuous recording device such as a hard disk drive, installed by an individual on his family home for the purposes of protecting the property, health and life of the home owners, but which also monitors a public space, does not amount to the processing of data in the course of a purely personal or household activity.

[European Court of Justice Judgment](#)

US

National Institute of Standards and Technology Releases Update to its "Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity"

On December 5, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), part of the US Department of Commerce, released an update to its "Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity" (Framework). Released in February 2014, the Framework is intended to provide guidance for reducing cybersecurity risks to organizations in critical infrastructure sectors (energy, transportation, and communications, among others). The recent update provides a summary of public comments received by NIST regarding the Framework as well as the results of a recent government-private sector workshop. Specific topics addressed in the update include sector-specific tools, guides, products, standards and services by various organizations in their cybersecurity risk management activities.

[NIST Framework Update](#)

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