

UNITED KINGDOM

ICO to Launch Review of Children's Websites and Apps

The ICO has announced that it will review websites and apps used by children as part of an international project examining privacy issues concerning children's data. The ICO will review 50 websites and apps and will focus upon what information the websites and apps collect from the children, the explanation provided for this collection and also what parental permissions, if any, are sought. A further 28 privacy enforcement authorities globally are also undertaking the process, with a view to publishing a combined report in autumn 2015.

<https://ico.org.uk/about-the-ico/news-and-events/news-and-blogs/2015/05/ico-launches-review-of-childrens-websites-and-apps/>

ICO Confirms That Consent is Not Always Required for Processing Big Data

The ICO has confirmed that businesses do not always require consumers' consent to process personal data contained in big data sets. The business must have a "legitimate reason" for doing so and this must not disregard the "rights and freedoms of individuals."

The comments were contained in the ICO's paper "Summary of feedback on Big data and data protection and the ICO response".

<https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1043723/summary-of-feedback-on-big-data-and-data-protection-and-ico-response.pdf>

GERMANY

Dashcam Recordings May Be Admissible as Evidence in Criminal Procedure

Dashboard camera (dashcam) recordings may be admissible as evidence in a criminal procedure. The District Court of Nienburg ruled that its admissibility will depend on length and applicability to the case in question. However, the court emphasized that the use of dashcam will be decided on a case-by-case basis.

This represents a slight shift in German law. The first trial which dealt with this question in the administrative court of Ansbach held that the privacy interests of secretly filmed persons outweigh the interests of a car driver trying to secure evidence in the event of an accident.

<http://www.datenschutz.eu/urteile/Verwertbarkeit-von-Dashcam-Aufnahmen-in-einem-Strafverfahren-Amtsgericht-Nienburg-20150120/>

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