

## International Privacy Laws

The following list contains a number of international privacy related laws by country and region. Wherever possible, these hyperlinks reference an English translation of the law. See also our list of [U.S. Privacy Laws](#) and other [information security policy resources](#).

- **Argentina:** [Personal Data Protection Act of 2000 \(aka Habeas Data\)](#)
- **Austria:** [Data Protection Act 2000, Austrian Federal Law Gazette part I No. 165/1999](#)  
  
(Datenschutzgesetz 2000 or DSG 2000).
- **Australia:** [Privacy Act of 1988](#)
- **Belgium:** [Belgium Data Protection Law](#) and [Belgian Data Privacy Commission Privacy Blog](#)
- **Brazil:** [Privacy currently governed by Article 5 of the 1988 Constitution.](#)
- **Bulgaria:** [The Bulgarian Personal Data Protection Act](#), was adopted on December 21, 2001 and entered into force on January 1, 2002. More information at the [Bugarian Data Protection Authority](#)
- **Canada:** [The Privacy Act - July 1983](#)  
[Personal Information Protection and Electronic Data Act \(PIPEDA\) of 2000 \(Bill C-6\)](#)
- **Chile:** [Act on the Protection of Personal Data, August 1998](#)
- **Colombia:** [Two laws affecting data privacy - Law 1266 of 2008: \(in Spanish\) and Law 1273 of 2009 \(in Spanish\)](#) Also, the constitution provides any person the right to update their personal information
- **Czech Republic:** [Act on Protection of Personal Data \(April 2000\) No. 101](#)
- **Denmark:** [Act on Processing of Personal Data, Act No. 429, May 2000.](#)
- **Estonia:** [Personal Data Protection Act of 2003. June 1996, Consolidated July 2002.](#)
- **European Union:** [European Union Data Protection Directive of 1998](#)
- [EU Internet Privacy Law of 2002 \(DIRECTIVE 2002/58/EC\) With a discussion here.](#)
- **Finland:** [Act on the Amendment of the Personal Data Act \(986\) 2000.](#)
- **France:** [Data Protection Act of 1978 \(revised in 2004\)](#)
- **Germany:** [Federal Data Protection Act of 2001](#)
- **Greece:** [Law No.2472 on the Protection of Individuals with Regard to the Processing of Personal Data, April 1997.](#)
- **Guernsey:** [Data Protection \(Bailiwick of Guernsey\) Law of 2001](#)
- **Hong Kong:** [Personal Data Ordinance \(The "Ordinance"\)](#)
- **Hungary:** [Act LXIII of 1992 on the Protection of Personal Data and the Publicity of Data of Public Interests \(excerpts in English\).](#)
- **Iceland:** [Act of Protection of Individual; Processing Personal Data \(Jan 2000\)](#)
- **Ireland:** [Data Protection \(Amendment\) Act, Number 6 of 2003](#)
- **India:** [Information Technology Act of 2000](#)
- **Italy:** [Data Protection Code of 2003](#)  
**Italy:** [Processing of Personal Data Act, January 1997](#)
- **Japan:** [Personal Information Protection Law \(Act\) \(Official English Translation\)](#)  
[Law Summary from Jonesday Publishing](#)
- **Japan:** [Law for the Protection of Computer Processed Data Held by Administrative Organs, December 1988.](#)
- **Korea** - [Act on Personal Information Protection of Public Agencies Act on Information and Communication Network Usage](#)
- **Latvia:** [Personal Data Protection Law, March 23, 2000.](#)
- **Lithuania:** [Law on Legal Protection of Personal Data \(June 1996\)](#)
- **Luxembourg:** [Law of 2 August 2002 on the Protection of Persons with Regard to the Processing of Personal Data.](#)

- **Malaysia** - Common Law principle of confidentiality [Personal data Protection Bill](#) (Not finalized) Banking and Financial Institutions Act of 1989 privacy provisions.
- **Malta**: [Data Protection Act \(Act XXVI of 2001\)](#), Amended March 22, 2002, November 15, 2002 and July 15, 2003
- **Mexico**: [Federal Law for the Protection of Personal Data Possessed by Private Persons \(Spanish\)](#) - The regulations deal with data subjects' rights, security and breach notification provisions, cloud computing, consent and notice requirements, and data transfers. Good summary of the law in English at the [IT Law Group](#)
- **Morocco**: [Data Protection Act](#)
- **Netherlands**: [Dutch Personal Data Protection Act 2000](#) as amended by Acts dated 5 April 2001, Bulletin of Acts, Orders and Decrees 180, 6 December 2001
- **New Zealand**: [Privacy Act, May 1993](#); [Privacy Amendment Act, 1993](#); [Privacy Amendment Act, 1994](#)
- **Norway**: [Personal Data Act \(April 2000\)](#) - Act of 14 April 2000 No. 31 Relating to the Processing of Personal Data (Personal Data Act)
- **Philippines**: [DATA PRIVACY ACT OF 2011](#) There is also a recognized right of privacy in civil law and a [model data protection code](#).
- **Romania**: [Law No. 677/2001 for the Protection of Persons concerning the Processing of Personal Data and the Free Circulation of Such Data](#)
- **Poland**: [Act of the Protection of Personal Data \(August 1997\)](#)
- **Portugal**: [Act on the Protection of Personal Data \(Law 67/98 of 26 October\)](#)
- **Singapore** - The E-commerce Code for the Protection of Personal Information and Communications of Consumers of Internet Commerce. Other related [Singapore Laws and E-commerce Laws](#) .
- **Slovak Republic**: [Act No. 428 of 3 July 2002 on Personal Data Protection](#).
- **Slovenia**: [Personal Data Protection Act , RS No. 55/99](#).
- **South Africa**: [Electronic Communications and Transactions Act, 2002](#)
- **South Korea**: [The Act on Promotion of Information and Communications Network Utilization and Data Protection of 2000](#)

[http://www.internet.org.za/ect\\_act.html](http://www.internet.org.za/ect_act.html)

- **Spain**: [ORGANIC LAW 15/1999 of 13 December on the Protection of Personal Data](#)
- **Switzerland**: [The Federal Law on Data Protection of 1992](#)
- **Sweden**: [Personal Data Protection Act \(1998:204\)](#), October 24, 1998
- **Taiwan**: [Computer Processed Personal data Protection Law](#) - applies only to public institutions. (English Translation)
- **Thailand**: [Official Information Act, B.E. 2540 \(1997\)](#) for state agencies. ( Personal data Protection bill under consideration.)
- **United Kingdom**: [UK Data Protection Act 1998](#)  
[Privacy and Electronic Communications \(EC Directive\) Regulations 2003](#) official text, and a consumer oriented site at the [Information Commissioner's Office](#).
- **Vietnam**: [The Law on Electronic Transactions 2008](#)