



PCS 6166 -
INTERNATIONAL DATA
PROTECTION AND
CYBERSECURITY LAW

Weekly updates

A few developments (as of February 9th)

- **February 2, 2022:** European Data Protection Board adopts [first opinion](#) on certification criteria (re: scheme submitted by Luxembourg DPA)
 - For interest, see also Singapore's [Data Protection Trustmark Certification](#)
- **February 2, 2022:** Belgian DPA issues [finding](#) that the “Transparency and Consent Framework (TCF)” – which underpins much of online advertising – violates the GDPR
- **February 3, 2022:** US Senators Wyden, Booker and Clarke re-introduce the [Algorithmic Accountability Act](#)
- **February 4, 2022:** DIFC Office of the Commission of Data Protection issues adequacy rulings for Singapore, South Korea, and the APEC CBPRs ([LinkedIn](#))

A few developments (February 16th)

- **February 7, 2022:** Canada [announces](#) review of the *Competition Act*
 - Includes evaluation of “adapting the law to today’s digital reality to better tackle emerging forms of harmful behaviour in the digital economy”
- **February 9, 2022:** Oman [promulgates](#) Personal Data Protection Law
 - Interesting feature: processing of sensitive data requires permit
- **February 10, 2022:** CNIL (French DPA) [finds](#) that use of Google Analytics violates GDPR
- **February 11, 2022:** UK Competition and Market’s Authority [accepts](#) Google Sandbox competition-related [commitments](#); will work closely with UK ICO to oversee further development

A few developments (February 23rd)

- **February 15, 2022:** Canadian Marketing Association releases “[Privacy Law Pitfalls: Lessons Learned from the European Union](#)”
 - Main consequences:
 - Creating a staggering regulatory burden
 - Hampering the ability of organizations to innovate and contribute to economic growth
 - Disproportionately impacting small and medium-sized enterprises
 - Creating complexity for consumers
 - Triggering other inefficiencies and unintended consequences
 - Suppressing emerging technologies
 - Obstructing cross-border business

A few developments (February 23rd cont'd)

- **February 16, 2022:** California introduces [AB-2273](#): The California Age-Appropriate Design Code Act
- **February 17, 2022:** India [may re-draft](#) its privacy legislation, as recommended changes are too substantial
- **February 17, 2022:** Canada [announces National Cybersecurity Consortium](#) will receive up to \$80M to lead [Cyber Security Innovation Network](#)
- **February 23, 2022:** EU releases draft [Data Act](#)

A few developments (March 2nd)

- **February 24, 2022:** Ontario [announces](#) intention to require Ontario employers to disclose electronic monitoring of employees
- **February 25, 2022:** Spanish Data Protection Authority approves Code of Conduct for processing personal data in the context of a clinical trial and other clinical research. ([Press release](#), Spanish only)
- **March 1, 2022:** US Senate passes [Strengthening American Cybersecurity Act of 2022](#).

A few developments (March 2nd cont'd)

Cybersecurity bulletins:

- **Australian Cyber Security Centre:** “[Australian organisations encouraged to urgently adopt an enhanced cyber security posture](#)” ([Updated](#) February 27, 2022)
- **Canadian Centre for Cyber Security:** “[Cyber centre urges Canadian critical infrastructure operators to raise awareness and take mitigations against known Russian-backed cyber threat activity](#)”
- **NZ National Cyber Security Centre:** “[Understanding and preparing for cyber threats relating to tensions between Russia and Ukraine](#)”
- **UK National Cyber Security Centre:** “[NCSC advises organisations to act following Russia’s further violation of Ukraine’s territorial integrity](#)”
- **US Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency:** “[Implement cybersecurity measures now to protect against potential critical threats](#)”

A few developments (March 9th)

- **March 4, 2022:** Norwegian DPA [recommends](#) that organizations re-consider legal basis for transfers to Ukraine and Russia
- **March 4, 2022:** OIPC-BC issues [guidance](#) on reasonable security measures for personal information disclosures outside of Canada
- **March 4, 2022:** EU [requires](#) search engines, social media to remove all mention of RT, Sputnik. (See [this](#) Twitter thread from TJ McIntyre)
- **March 9, 2022:** Sri Lanka [Personal Data Protection Bill](#) moves to second reading.
- **March 9, 2022:** US [Executive Order](#) on Ensuring Responsible Development of Digital Assets.
- **March 9, 2022:** Italian DPA [issues](#) €20M fine to ClearviewAI.