

Legislative / Regulatory Report: Q4 FY18

This report is a limited list of some recent legislative and regulatory initiatives around the world that relate to data protection, cybersecurity issues and e-privacy/e-evidence that could impact ICANN's mission, operations or issues within ICANN's remit. This is the second such report in a series of reports to be released on a quarterly basis about potential legislative efforts so ICANN is prepared for any possible impact.

Recent and Pending Privacy/Data Protection and Cybersecurity Legislation and Regulation: Overview of Ongoing and Pending Initiatives

Privacy and Data Protection

AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST

| Benin |
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| Code du Numerique: Digital Economy Law |
| The Code du Numerique of Benin addresses various issues pertaining to cybersecurity, security of information systems and the protection of privacy and personal data handling in Benin. Initially enacted in June 2017 the Digital Economy law in January 2018 began its implementation phase. Section 5 covers data protection and privacy. The Ministry in charge of digital economy is in the process of developing the regulations under the law. |

| South Africa |
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| The Protection of Personal information (POPI) Act |
| The Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013 ("POPI") introduces an overarching regulatory framework for the processing of personal information. The Act was signed into law on 19 November 2013. Through POPI, the government intends to promote the protection of personal information processes by public and private entities. POPI also provides for the establishment of an information Regulator. |
| POPI was signed into law in November 2013. Those provisions which deal with the establishment of the Information Regulator came into effect on 11 April 2014. The process for appointing the Information Regulator began in April 2015 with a request from Parliament for the nomination of candidates. Since then the Portfolio Committee responsible for the nominations has held public consultations with relevant stakeholders regarding POPI and its relation to other legislation regarding access to and protection of information. Five candidates were nominated, and Parliament voted for the nominees to run the newly -formed office of the Information Regulator; three in a full-time capacity and two as part-time members. This recommendation has been referred to the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services. |

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| Qatar |
| Law No.13 of 2016 Concerning Personal Data Protection (DPL) |
| In Nov 2016, Qatar enacted this Law No. 13 Concerning Personal Data Protection (DPL). The law was supposed to be implemented around mid-2017 but the government has provided an extension to allow organizations more time for compliance. |
| Bahrain |
| Personal Information Protection Law |
| Recently introduced, the bill addresses the protection of personal and private information and if passed the Personal Information Protection Law would create a new authority to handle cases and crimes related to unlawful disclosure of personal information. |
| Turkey |
| Data Protection Law (DPL) |
| Similar in content to the GDPR the Turkish Data Protection Law (DPL) was enacted in April 2016. The Law was implemented during a two-year transitional period, whereby various provisions entered into force at different times. The DPL originates from the European Union Directive 95/46/EC. The Personal Data Protection Board is the national supervisory authority in Turkey and has published draft versions of the secondary legislation and booklets on implementation. The DPL deals with data processing grounds, purpose limitation, definitions of consent, and cross border transfers of data. |

ASIA PACIFIC

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| India |
| India Proposed Data Protection Framework |
| <p>The Government of India plans to bring legislation which will define individual's right to privacy as per the Constitution of India. The key issues covered in a white paper that the Government of India issued seem to suggest conceptual reliance on the European GDPR process. The Government set up an expert committee in August 2017. In November 2017 the committee published a white paper - detailing all issues related to the subject and in the India context - for public comments. Open house discussions have been organized in several Indian cities. Based on inputs received, a draft law will be proposed. The legislation will need the validation of the Prime Minister's cabinet of ministers and then go to both houses of parliament for ratification. While no deadline has been given for the process, it will likely take most of 2018 to conclude.</p> <p>White paper: http://bit.ly/2n22joJ</p> |
| National Digital Communications Policy 2018 |
| <p>Draft for consultation released May 1, 2018 for public comment – among many other provisions it establishes a Data Protection Regime by harmonizing communication law and insuring data protection and security principles are applied and enforced. This includes assuring security of digital communications</p> |
| China |
| Cybersecurity Law Implementation |
| <p>To implement the Cybersecurity Law referenced below in the Cybersecurity section of this report, two documents have been released, with final versions still to be determined:</p> <p>The Cyberspace Administration of China (CAC) released the first draft of Measures for the Security Assessment of Transborder Transfer of Personal Information and Important Data on 11 April 2017. The draft measures specify the content and criteria of conducting the security assessment. Network operators will undergo governmental assessment if they transfer more than 1000 GB of data or data on more than 500,000 people from China to abroad. For data transfers below that threshold self-assessment will apply.</p> <p>The National Information Security Standardization Technical Committee released a second draft of Guidelines for Transborder Data Transfer Security Assessment on 30 August 2017. It further clarified the definition of cross-border data transfer and the conditions that initiate government security assessment.</p> |

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| European Union |
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| General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) |
| <p>The EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) replaces the Data Protection Directive 95/46/EC and was designed to harmonize data privacy laws across Europe, to protect and empower all EU citizens data privacy and to reshape the way organizations across the region approach data privacy. It came into force on 25 May 2018.</p> |
| ePrivacy Regulation |
| <p>Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the respect for private life and the protection of personal data in electronic communications and repealing Directive 2002/58/EC (Regulation on Privacy and Electronic Communications). Main elements of the proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal provides updated privacy rules in the light of the revision of the GDPR & tries to ensure consistency between both instruments. • It extends scope to cover Over-The-Top (OTT) media services and protects the confidentiality of the device. • Proposal sets Do Not Track (DNT) as an option in browser settings; websites may still obtain the consent of the user at website level • Achieving greater harmonization among Member States by transforming this Directive into a Regulation applicable uniformly across EU Member states. <p>The proposed Regulation is under negotiation at the EU co-legislators level (the European Parliament and the Council).</p> <p>Proposed text of the Regulation: http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?reference=2017/0003(C OD)&l=en</p> |

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| Regulation on a framework for the free flow of non-personal data in the European Union |
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| Policy objective - using a regulation to restrict data location restrictions imposed by Member States' legislation. The proposed Regulation is under negotiation at the EU co-legislators level. |
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| Background to the proposal and the proposed regulation is at: |
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| https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/free-flow-non-personal-data and https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/news/proposal-regulation-european-parliament-and-council-framework-free-flow-non-personal-data |
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| Russia |
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| "Yarovaya Law" (Anti-terrorism amendments) |
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| Originally signed into law 6 July 2016 the law's had a partial compliance deadline of 1 July 2018 with a full implementation deadline of 1 Oct 2018. The amendments affect telecom operators and Internet providers that are included in the register of information disseminators on the Internet, a Russian registry maintained by Internet watchdog Roskomnadzor. Large foreign service providers not in the register do not currently fall under the law. The register listed service providers are required to store text messages, voice information, images, sounds, video and other electronic messages of users including user correspondence for 6 months and metadata for 3 years. In addition, cellular operators and Internet providers must provide information to law enforcement agencies upon request and without a court order and provide encryption keys to relevant security agencies. |
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LATIN AMERICA - CARIBBEAN

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| Brazil |
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| General Data Protection Regulation (LGPD) |
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| The General Data Protection Regulation (LGPD) requires that any company that gathers, and processes personal data, (such as name, address, email, among others) obtained by electronic or physical means, requires the consent of the owner of such information. The Bill grants the data owner the right to access his collected information and correct it, and also obligates companies to inform data owners immediately if any data leaks occur. The LGPD also provides for the creation of a regulatory body to manage these issues. The draft of the LGPD was approved by the Senate and sent to the President on 10 July 2018. |
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| Chile |
| Personal Data Protection Law No. 19628 |
| The law establishes general provisions regarding personal data processed by third parties including informing data subjects of the purpose for which the data will be stored and securing written consent. The law also designs the new Chilean Personal Data Protection Agency |

To date, Privacy, Data Protection and Data Retention legislations have been passed or are in discussion in Columbia, Mexico, and Peru.

NORTH AMERICA

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| United States |
| Clarifying Lawful Overseas Use of Data Act (CLOUD), Enacted March 23, 2018 |
| <p>The Clarifying Lawful Overseas Use of Data (CLOUD) Act amended the Stored Communications Act (SCA) of 1986 to allow federal law enforcement to compel US-based tech companies via warrant or subpoena to provide requested data stored on servers regardless of the location of the servers (whether or not the data is stored on US or on foreign soil). The CLOUD Act expanded the geographic reach of the SCA but does not change who is subject to the SCA (providers of electronic communications services and remote computing services) or what type of data is subject to law enforcement request (content of electronic communications and cloud stored documents, as well as non-content data relating to electronic communication such as transmission records and user-account information.)</p> <p>The CLOUD Act asserts that U.S. data and communication companies must, when requested by US law enforcement warrant, provide stored data for U.S. citizens on any server the companies own and operate. It also provides mechanisms for the companies or the courts to reject or challenge these requests/warrants on the basis that the request violates the privacy rights applicable within the foreign country in which the data is stored. The CLOUD Act also provides for foreign law enforcement agencies expedited alternative to mutual legal assistance treaties (MLATs) through "executive agreements"; the Executive Branch is given the ability to enter into bi-lateral agreements with foreign countries. Previously to this change, foreign law enforcement agencies were generally directed to submit a request for mutual legal assistance to the US Department of Justice, which then made the data request to the US provider so that the requests were under the law enforcement exemption in the SCA. The CLOUD Act permits foreign law enforcement agencies from countries with an Executive Agreement with the US</p> |

Government to make requests directly to the US service providers as long as the data request: identifies a specific person, account, address, or personal device; is limited in time and scope; is for the purpose of obtaining information related to a serious crime, including terrorism; is supported by articulatable and credible facts; and remains subject to review by a court. A provider may still move to modify or quash a data request if it reasonably believes the customer or subscriber is not a US person and does not reside in the US, and that the disclosure would create a material risk the provider would violate the laws of the foreign government.

Cybersecurity

AFRICA

African Union

The Africa Union Convention on Cybersecurity and Personal Data

The Africa Union Convention on Cybersecurity and Personal Data was proposed in 2014; it is yet to be ratified by the required minimum of 15 members states.

<https://au.int/en/treaties/african-union-convention-cyber-security-and-personal-data-protection>

ASIA PACIFIC

China

Cybersecurity Law

The Cybersecurity Law states the requirements for the collection, use and protection of personal information, presents a definition of network operators and security requirements, and places greater demands on the protection of "critical information infrastructure." It requires that personal information/important data collected or generated in China to be stored domestically, and if data is transferred abroad it needs to go through a security assessment. It is worth noting that the law is general; enforcement of the law will depend on the publication of the relevant measures and guidelines.

Registration data must be stored within China;
Combined with Cyberspace Administration of China's (CAC) Measures for the Security Assessment of Transborder Transfer of Personal Information and Important Data, companies must undergo governmental assessment if they transfer more than 1000 GB data or data on more than 500,000 people from China to abroad. Otherwise, self-assessment will be conducted.

The Law was passed in November 2016 and came into effect on 1 June 2017. See Privacy and Data Protection section above for companion legislation.

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| European Union |
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| EU Cybersecurity Agency (ENISA) and information and communication technology cybersecurity certification (Cybersecurity Act) |
| <p>Main elements of the proposal: Voluntary European Cybersecurity certification framework to enable creation of individual EU certification schemes for ICT products and services. The proposed legislation is under negotiation by the co-legislators (European Parliament and Council).</p> <p>Text of the proposal: http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?reference=2017/0225(COD)&l=en</p> |
| EU Directive on Security of Network and Information Systems (NIS) |
| <p>Part of the EU cybersecurity strategy led by 3 EU Commission Directorate-Generals (CONNECT, JUST and HOME - and European External Action Service (EEAS). First published in July 2016, the directive has been adopted at the level of the EU Council and the Parliament. The deadline for national transposition by the EU member states was 9 May 2018. The aims of the directive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving cyber security capabilities at the national level. • Increasing cooperation on cyber security among EU member states. • Introducing security measures and incident reporting obligations for operators of essential services (OESs) in critical national infrastructure (CNI) and digital service providers (DSPs). <p>Member States are responsible for determining which entities meet the criteria of the definition of OESs, including whether IXPs, DNS Service Providers; TLD name registries are OESs. The list of identified operators should be reviewed regularly by Member States and updated when necessary.</p> <p>http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L:2016:194:FULL&from=FR</p> |

e-Evidence

The e-Evidence proposal was published on 17 April 2018. It includes the electronic evidence Regulation which aims at facilitating securing and gathering of electronic evidence in the framework of criminal proceedings stored or held by service providers in another jurisdiction, by introducing European Production and Preservation Orders. The Regulation is complemented by a Directive laying down rules on the legal representation in the Union of certain service providers for the purposes of gathering evidence in the framework of criminal proceedings.

Providers of Internet infrastructure such as IP address and domain name registries, domain name registrars and associated privacy and proxy services are within the scope of the proposed legislation.

Press release and the proposed legislation are here:

http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-18-3343_en.htm

[Electronic evidence regulation](#)

[Legal representatives directive](#)