

DATA PROTECTION LAWS OF THE WORLD

Azerbaijan



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LAW

Law on Personal Information dated 11 May 2010.

DEFINITIONS

Definition of Personal Data

Any information allowing to identify a person, directly or indirectly, is considered personal data.

Definition of Sensitive Personal Data

Personal data of special category includes information relating to race or nationality of an individual, his/her family life, religion and belief, health or conviction.

NATIONAL DATA PROTECTION AUTHORITY

The major regulator/enforcement authority (DPA) is the Ministry of Digital Development and Transport.

In addition, the other designated state authorities which are vested in powers to enforce applicable data protection/privacy laws, within the scope of their competences, include the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Ministry of Justice, the State Security Service, and the Special State Protection Service.

REGISTRATION

Information systems of personal data must be registered with the DPA. There are also certain exemptions from such registration requirement.

DATA PROTECTION OFFICERS

The DPA, through its officers, may demand elimination of violations of statutory requirements by legal entities and individuals, also take necessary actions for holding accountable persons who breached the statutory requirements regarding collection, processing and protection of personal data.

COLLECTION & PROCESSING

Collection and processing of personal data can be implemented either with obtaining a prior consent of a data subject or when the data is of open category (i.e. non-confidential).

TRANSFER

Transfer of personal data can be performed with a prior written consent of a data subject, unless the data is of open category.

SECURITY

Adequate level of protection of personal data should be provided by owners of operators of personal data.

BREACH NOTIFICATION

There is no specific requirement as to notification of the DPA by the owner or operator of personal data about breach.

ENFORCEMENT

If the rights of a data subject are breached as a result of the illegal collection and processing of personal data, inadequate protection of such data, or non-compliance with the statutory requirements, the data subject may claim for compensation of material and moral damages sustained by him/her through the local court.

ELECTRONIC MARKETING

No consent of a recipient is required for e-mail marketing, provided only that service providers must establish a registration system for persons who wish to opt out from receiving marketing materials, and comply with such system.

ONLINE PRIVACY

There are no rules directly regulating use of cookies in Azerbaijani legislation. However, if cookies contain any personal data, the Azerbaijani data protection rules will apply as to the use of such cookies.

If a data subject cannot be identified just based on location data, it would unlikely be deemed as personal data, falling outside the scope of personal data protection related requirements.

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DATA PRIVACY TOOL

You may also be interested in our [Data Privacy Scorebox](#) to assess your organization's level of data protection maturity.

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