

Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council
of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the
processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data (United
Kingdom General Data Protection Regulation)(Text with EEA relevance)

CHAPTER VI

[^{F1}The Commissioner]

Section 1

Independent status

Article 51

[^{F1}Monitoring the application of this Regulation]

1 [^{F2}The Commissioner is] responsible for monitoring the application of this Regulation, in order to protect the fundamental rights and freedoms of natural persons in relation to processing and to facilitate the free flow of personal data ^{F3}...

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Art. 51 heading substituted (31.12.2020) by The Data Protection, Privacy and Electronic Communications (Amendments etc) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/419), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 45(2)** (with reg. 5); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F2** Words in Art. 51(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Data Protection, Privacy and Electronic Communications (Amendments etc) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/419), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 45(3)(a)** (with reg. 5); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F3** Words in Art. 51(1) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Data Protection, Privacy and Electronic Communications (Amendments etc) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/419), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 45(3)(b)** (with reg. 5, Sch. 1 para. 80); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F4** Art. 51(2)(3)(4) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Data Protection, Privacy and Electronic Communications (Amendments etc) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/419), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 45(4)** (with reg. 5, Sch. 1 para. 80); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Article 52

Independence

1 [^{F5}The Commissioner] shall act with complete independence in performing ^{F6}... tasks and exercising ^{F6}... powers in accordance with this Regulation.

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2 [F7The Commissioner] shall, in the performance of F8... tasks and exercise of F8... powers in accordance with this Regulation, remain free from external influence, whether direct or indirect, and shall neither seek nor take instructions from anybody.

3 [F9The Commissioner] shall refrain from any action incompatible with [F10the Commissioner's duties] and shall not, [F11while holding office], engage in any incompatible occupation, whether gainful or not.

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Textual Amendments

- F5 Words in Art. 52(1) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Data Protection, Privacy and Electronic Communications (Amendments etc) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/419), reg. 1(2), Sch. 1 para. 46(2)(a) (with reg. 5); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
F6 Word in Art. 52(1) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Data Protection, Privacy and Electronic Communications (Amendments etc) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/419), reg. 1(2), Sch. 1 para. 46(2)(b) (with reg. 5, Sch. 1 para. 80); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
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F13 Article 53

General conditions for the members of the supervisory authority

Textual Amendments

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^{F14} Article 54

Rules on the establishment of the supervisory authority

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