

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, and repealing  
Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation)(Text with EEA relevance)

*CHAPTER I*

**General provisions**

*Article 2*

**Material scope**

- 1 This Regulation applies to the processing of personal data wholly or partly by automated means and to the processing other than by automated means of personal data which form part of a filing system or are intended to form part of a filing system.
- 2 This Regulation does not apply to the processing of personal data:
  - a in the course of an activity which falls outside the scope of Union law;
  - b by the Member States when carrying out activities which fall within the scope of Chapter 2 of Title V of the TEU;
  - c by a natural person in the course of a purely personal or household activity;
  - d by competent authorities for the purposes of the prevention, investigation, detection or prosecution of criminal offences or the execution of criminal penalties, including the safeguarding against and the prevention of threats to public security.
- 3 For the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies, Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 applies. Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and other Union legal acts applicable to such processing of personal data shall be adapted to the principles and rules of this Regulation in accordance with Article 98.
- 4 This Regulation shall be without prejudice to the application of Directive 2000/31/EC, in particular of the liability rules of intermediary service providers in Articles 12 to 15 of that Directive.

**Status:**

Point in time view as at 27/04/2016. This version of this provision has been superseded.

**Changes to legislation:**

Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Article 2 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 09 August 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.