

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 V

*Transfers of personal data to third countries or international organisations*

Article 50

**International cooperation for the protection of personal data**

In relation to third countries and international organisations, [<sup>F1</sup>the Commissioner] shall take appropriate steps to:

- (a) develop international cooperation mechanisms to facilitate the effective enforcement of legislation for the protection of personal data;
- (b) provide international mutual assistance in the enforcement of legislation for the protection of personal data, including through notification, complaint referral, investigative assistance and information exchange, subject to appropriate safeguards for the protection of personal data and <sup>F2</sup>... fundamental rights and freedoms;
- (c) engage relevant stakeholders in discussion and activities aimed at furthering international cooperation in the enforcement of legislation for the protection of personal data;
- (d) promote the exchange and documentation of personal data protection legislation and practice, including on jurisdictional conflicts with third countries.

**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Words in Art. 50 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. 43](#) (with reg. 5); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F2** Word in Art. 50(b) omitted (31.12.2023 immediately before the end of 2023) by virtue of [The Data Protection \(Fundamental Rights and Freedoms\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/1417\)](#), regs. 1(2), [2\(6\)](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council, Article 50 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 29 June 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.

[View outstanding changes](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole legislation item and associated provisions**

- Art. 17(1)(g) inserted by [2024 c. 21 s. 31\(2\)](#)
- Art. 17(4)(5) inserted by [2024 c. 21 s. 31\(3\)](#)