

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 IV* **U.K.**

***Controller and processor***

*Section 1* **U.K.**

***General obligations***

*Article 24* **U.K.**

**Responsibility of the controller**

1 Taking into account the nature, scope, context and purposes of processing as well as the risks of varying likelihood and severity for the rights and freedoms of natural persons, the controller shall implement appropriate technical and organisational measures to ensure and to be able to demonstrate that processing is performed in accordance with this Regulation. Those measures shall be reviewed and updated where necessary.

2 Where proportionate in relation to processing activities, the measures referred to in paragraph 1 shall include the implementation of appropriate data protection policies by the controller.

3 Adherence to approved codes of conduct as referred to in Article 40 or approved certification mechanisms as referred to in Article 42 may be used as an element by which to demonstrate compliance with the obligations of the controller.

*Article 25* **U.K.**

**Data protection by design and by default**

1 Taking into account the state of the art, the cost of implementation and the nature, scope, context and purposes of processing as well as the risks of varying likelihood and severity for rights and freedoms of natural persons posed by the processing, the controller shall, both at the time of the determination of the means for processing and at the time of the processing itself, implement appropriate technical and organisational measures, such as pseudonymisation, which are designed to implement data-protection principles, such as data minimisation, in an effective manner and to integrate the necessary safeguards into the processing in order to meet the requirements of this Regulation and protect the rights of data subjects.

2 The controller shall implement appropriate technical and organisational measures for ensuring that, by default, only personal data which are necessary for each specific purpose of the processing are processed. That obligation applies to the amount of personal data collected, the extent of their processing, the period of their storage and their accessibility. In particular,

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such measures shall ensure that by default personal data are not made accessible without the individual's intervention to an indefinite number of natural persons.

3 An approved certification mechanism pursuant to Article 42 may be used as an element to demonstrate compliance with the requirements set out in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article.

Article 26 U.K.

Joint controllers

1 Where two or more controllers jointly determine the purposes and means of processing, they shall be joint controllers. They shall in a transparent manner determine their respective responsibilities for compliance with the obligations under this Regulation, in particular as regards the exercising of the rights of the data subject and their respective duties to provide the information referred to in Articles 13 and 14, by means of an arrangement between them unless, and in so far as, the respective responsibilities of the controllers are determined by [F1domestic law]. The arrangement may designate a contact point for data subjects.

2 The arrangement referred to in paragraph 1 shall duly reflect the respective roles and relationships of the joint controllers vis-à-vis the data subjects. The essence of the arrangement shall be made available to the data subject.

3 Irrespective of the terms of the arrangement referred to in paragraph 1, the data subject may exercise his or her rights under this Regulation in respect of and against each of the controllers.

Textual Amendments

F1 Words in Art. 26(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. 20 (with reg. 5); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Article 27 U.K.

Representatives of controllers or processors not established in [F2the United Kingdom]

1 Where Article 3(2) applies, the controller or the processor shall designate in writing a representative in [F3the United Kingdom].

- 2 The obligation laid down in paragraph 1 of this Article shall not apply to:
a processing which is occasional, does not include, on a large scale, processing of special categories of data as referred to in Article 9(1) or processing of personal data relating to criminal convictions and offences referred to in Article 10, and is unlikely to result in a risk to the rights and freedoms of natural persons, taking into account the nature, context, scope and purposes of the processing; or
b a public authority or body.

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4 The representative shall be mandated by the controller or processor to be addressed in addition to or instead of the controller or the processor by, in particular, [F5the Commissioner] and data subjects, on all issues related to processing, for the purposes of ensuring compliance with this Regulation.

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5 The designation of a representative by the controller or processor shall be without prejudice to legal actions which could be initiated against the controller or the processor themselves.

#### Textual Amendments

- F2** Words in Art. 27 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. 21(2)** (with reg. 5); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F3** Words in Art. 27(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. 21(3)** (with reg. 5); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F4** Art. 27(3) 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. 21(4)** (with reg. 5, Sch. 1 para. 80); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F5** Words in Art. 27(4) 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. 21(5)** (with reg. 5); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

### Article 28 U.K.

#### Processor

1 Where processing is to be carried out on behalf of a controller, the controller shall use only processors providing sufficient guarantees to implement appropriate technical and organisational measures in such a manner that processing will meet the requirements of this Regulation and ensure the protection of the rights of the data subject.

2 The processor shall not engage another processor without prior specific or general written authorisation of the controller. In the case of general written authorisation, the processor shall inform the controller of any intended changes concerning the addition or replacement of other processors, thereby giving the controller the opportunity to object to such changes.

3 Processing by a processor shall be governed by a contract or other legal act under [<sup>F6</sup>domestic law], that is binding on the processor with regard to the controller and that sets out the subject-matter and duration of the processing, the nature and purpose of the processing, the type of personal data and categories of data subjects and the obligations and rights of the controller. That contract or other legal act shall stipulate, in particular, that the processor:

- a processes the personal data only on documented instructions from the controller, including with regard to transfers of personal data to a third country or an international organisation, unless required to do so by [<sup>F7</sup>domestic law]; in such a case, the processor shall inform the controller of that legal requirement before processing, unless that law prohibits such information on important grounds of public interest;
- b ensures that persons authorised to process the personal data have committed themselves to confidentiality or are under an appropriate statutory obligation of confidentiality;
- c takes all measures required pursuant to Article 32;
- d respects the conditions referred to in paragraphs 2 and 4 for engaging another processor;
- e taking into account the nature of the processing, assists the controller by appropriate technical and organisational measures, insofar as this is possible, for the fulfilment of the controller's obligation to respond to requests for exercising the data subject's rights laid down in Chapter III;

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- f assists the controller in ensuring compliance with the obligations pursuant to Articles 32 to 36 taking into account the nature of processing and the information available to the processor;
- g at the choice of the controller, deletes or returns all the personal data to the controller after the end of the provision of services relating to processing, and deletes existing copies unless [<sup>F8</sup>domestic law] requires storage of the personal data;
- h makes available to the controller all information necessary to demonstrate compliance with the obligations laid down in this Article and allow for and contribute to audits, including inspections, conducted by the controller or another auditor mandated by the controller.

With regard to point (h) of the first subparagraph, the processor shall immediately inform the controller if, in its opinion, an instruction infringes this Regulation or [<sup>F9</sup>other domestic law relating to data protection].

4 Where a processor engages another processor for carrying out specific processing activities on behalf of the controller, the same data protection obligations as set out in the contract or other legal act between the controller and the processor as referred to in paragraph 3 shall be imposed on that other processor by way of a contract or other legal act under [<sup>F10</sup>domestic law], in particular providing sufficient guarantees to implement appropriate technical and organisational measures in such a manner that the processing will meet the requirements of this Regulation. Where that other processor fails to fulfil its data protection obligations, the initial processor shall remain fully liable to the controller for the performance of that other processor's obligations.

5 Adherence of a processor to an approved code of conduct as referred to in Article 40 or an approved certification mechanism as referred to in Article 42 may be used as an element by which to demonstrate sufficient guarantees as referred to in paragraphs 1 and 4 of this Article.

6 Without prejudice to an individual contract between the controller and the processor, the contract or the other legal act referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 of this Article may be based, in whole or in part, on standard contractual clauses referred to in [<sup>F11</sup>paragraph 8] of this Article, including when they are part of a certification granted to the controller or processor pursuant to Articles 42 and 43.

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8 [<sup>F13</sup>The Commissioner] may adopt standard contractual clauses for the matters referred to in paragraph 3 and 4 of this Article <sup>F14</sup>... .

9 The contract or the other legal act referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 shall be in writing, including in electronic form.

10 Without prejudice to Articles 82, 83 and 84, if a processor infringes this Regulation by determining the purposes and means of processing, the processor shall be considered to be a controller in respect of that processing.

#### Textual Amendments

- F6** Words in Art. 28(3) 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. 22(2)(a)** (with reg. 5); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F7** Words in Art. 28(3)(a) 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. 22(2)(b)** (with reg. 5); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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- F8** Words in Art. 28(3)(g) 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. 22(2)(c)** (with reg. 5); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F9** Words in Art. 28(3) 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. 22(2)(d)** (with reg. 5); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F10** Words in Art. 28(4) 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. 22(3)** (with reg. 5); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F11** Words in Art. 28(6) 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. 22(4)** (with reg. 5); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F12** Art. 28(7) 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. 22(5)** (with reg. 5, Sch. 1 para. 80); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F13** Words in Art. 28(8) 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. 22(6)(a)** (with reg. 5); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F14** Words in Art. 28(8) 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. 22(6)(b)** (with reg. 5, Sch. 1 para. 80); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

## Article 29 **U.K.**

### Processing under the authority of the controller or processor

The processor and any person acting under the authority of the controller or of the processor, who has access to personal data, shall not process those data except on instructions from the controller, unless required to do so by [<sup>F15</sup>domestic law].

#### Textual Amendments

- F15** Words in Art. 29 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. 23** (with reg. 5); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

## Article 30 **U.K.**

### Records of processing activities

1 Each controller and, where applicable, the controller's representative, shall maintain a record of processing activities under its responsibility. That record shall contain all of the following information:

- a the name and contact details of the controller and, where applicable, the joint controller, the controller's representative and the data protection officer;
- b the purposes of the processing;
- c a description of the categories of data subjects and of the categories of personal data;
- d the categories of recipients to whom the personal data have been or will be disclosed including recipients in third countries or international organisations;

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- e where applicable, transfers of personal data to a third country or an international organisation, including the identification of that third country or international organisation and, in the case of transfers referred to in the second subparagraph of Article 49(1), the documentation of suitable safeguards;
  - f where possible, the envisaged time limits for erasure of the different categories of data;
  - g where possible, a general description of the technical and organisational security measures referred to in Article 32(1) [<sup>F16</sup>or, as appropriate, the security measures referred to in section 28(3) of the 2018 Act].
- 2 Each processor and, where applicable, the processor's representative shall maintain a record of all categories of processing activities carried out on behalf of a controller, containing:
- a the name and contact details of the processor or processors and of each controller on behalf of which the processor is acting, and, where applicable, of the controller's or the processor's representative, and the data protection officer;
  - b the categories of processing carried out on behalf of each controller;
  - c where applicable, transfers of personal data to a third country or an international organisation, including the identification of that third country or international organisation and, in the case of transfers referred to in the second subparagraph of Article 49(1), the documentation of suitable safeguards;
  - d where possible, a general description of the technical and organisational security measures referred to in Article 32(1) [<sup>F17</sup>or, as appropriate, the security measures referred to in section 28(3) of the 2018 Act].
- 3 The records referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall be in writing, including in electronic form.
- 4 The controller or the processor and, where applicable, the controller's or the processor's representative, shall make the record available to [<sup>F18</sup>the Commissioner] on request.
- 5 The obligations referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall not apply to an enterprise or an organisation employing fewer than 250 persons unless the processing it carries out is likely to result in a risk to the rights and freedoms of data subjects, the processing is not occasional, or the processing includes special categories of data as referred to in Article 9(1) or personal data relating to criminal convictions and offences referred to in Article 10.

#### Textual Amendments

- F16** Words in Art. 30(1)(g) inserted (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. 24(2)** (with reg. 5); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F17** Words in Art. 30(2)(d) inserted (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. 24(3)** (with reg. 5); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F18** Words in Art. 30(4) 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. 24(4)** (with reg. 5); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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Article 31 **U.K.**

**Cooperation with [<sup>F19</sup>the Commissioner]**

The controller and the processor and, where applicable, their representatives, shall cooperate, on request, with [<sup>F20</sup>the Commissioner in the performance of the Commissioner's tasks].

**Textual Amendments**

- F19** Words in Art. 31 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. 25(2)** (with reg. 5); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F20** Words in Art. 31 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. 25(3)** (with reg. 5); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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**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\(3\)](#)