

## GDPR Post Brexit Impacts

EU-UK data flows are important for the normal functioning of the modern economy, especially service sectors and technology industries. These data flows are vital for virtually any business with customers, suppliers or operations in the EU. Disruption to EU-UK data flows would be unprecedented and extremely damaging for business and the UK economy.

Bearing in mind the potential Brexit consequences, you might not yet realise the full impact of the UK leaving the EU from a data and GDPR prospective .

At present the UK and EU are working towards a deal. However, as there is currently no formal agreement in place, there is still nothing to mitigate the effect that leaving the EU will have on UK companies. From the data standpoint, without a formal agreement the UK will be considered a third country, which will mean EU-Third Country Data Flows will be unlawful unless companies set up alternative legal arrangements and there will be a heavy legal and compliance toll on businesses.

- Even with an adequacy decision in place, which still has to be made when UK leaves the EU, companies will need to prove that EU citizens' data transferred to the UK cannot then be transferred to a third jurisdiction where it may not be sufficiently protected.
- UK companies that already comply with GDPR and have no contacts or customers in the EEA, do not need to do much more to prepare for data protection compliance after Brexit.
- UK companies that receive personal data from contacts in the EEA, need to take extra steps to ensure that the data can continue to flow after Brexit.
- UK companies with an office, branch or other established presence in the EEA, or if you have customers in the EEA, will need to comply with both UK and EU data protection regulations after Brexit. These companies may need to designate a representative in the EEA.

If you are not sure how to put the correct Information security measures in place to protect your organisation, please seek out expert advice from reputable organisations like Remora for further support and advice.

They will guide you through the risks and can set up a new cyber security structure from the top of your organisation to the bottom, including advising on the new processes and procedures that you need to implement and providing the relevant training for your staff.

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