Privacy Trends Around the World and the Implications for a Global Organization

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Learning Objectives

• Update on legal developments in privacy laws around the world
• Understand what trends/themes we see from these new laws
• Take away practical examples of what your entity can do right now to address these new developments and anticipate the next new law
The Basics: What is Privacy?

- Respect for individuals
- Protection of Personal Data
  - **Personal Data = any information that identifies a specific individual**
    - Includes business contact information in many jurisdictions
- Extra protection for personal data that can be used to cause harm

Compliance, Privacy, and Security

- **Compliance:** a systematic approach to governance designed to ensure that an organization meets its obligations under applicable laws, regulations, best practices, contracts, and internal policies.
- **Data Privacy:** is generally focused on the use and governance of PII. Organizations must implement policies to ensure that personal information is being collected, shared, and used in appropriate ways.
- **Data Security:** focuses on protecting data (PII, confidential information, etc.) from impermissible access, including intentional malicious attacks. Organizations maintain the privacy of their data by having security protocols in place to prevent against external threats and data breaches.
European Union

- General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) went into effect May 25, 2018
- Applies to entities collecting personal data from residents of the EEA who are residing in the EEA even if the entity does not have a presence in the EEA
- Enforcement actions to date – mostly large social media entities and those that had to report breaches
- Adequacy decisions underway
- ePrivacy (Regulation for Privacy and Electronic Communications) proposed January 2017 to replace ePrivacy Directive – effective?
- NIS Directive – effective May 2018
- Privacy Shield – July 2016, annual review in Fall
- Brexit – UK Data Protection Act May 2018

Asia Pacific

- Australia (1988), New Zealand (1993), Hong Kong (1995) and Japan (2003) all have had comprehensive laws for many years
- Australia did major revision in 2016 and breach notification took effect February 2018
- Japan amendments effective in 2017 – biometrics, DPI, restrictions on cross-border
- Asia Pacific Economies Cooperation (APEC) Privacy Framework 2005
- Recent APAC countries adopting laws similar to EU – broad and comprehensive and most restrict export in some way
  - South Korea 2011; Taiwan 2012; Philippines 2012 (implemented in 2016); Malaysia 2013; Singapore 2014
- BUT – there are differences - these are diverse countries without shared history like EU
- China Cyber Security Law – 2017 – affects data collection and processing in certain situations
- India Data Protection Bill – published August 2018

Latin America

- Recent amendments make some existing laws more like EU GDPR
  - Costa Rica, amended 2016
  - Brazil August 2018 – effective February 2020
  - Peru 2017
  - Chile constitutional amendment June 2018 right to personal data protection, awaiting approval of amendment to Data Protection Act
- No specific law in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras
  - Draft pending in Honduras
United States and Canada

- Data Breach Notification – As of July 1, 2018 all US states have them (AL and SD were the final two)
- CA Consumer Privacy Act – June 2018, amended August 2018
  - Effective January 2020
  - Individual access rights, including erasure
  - Extra-territorial
- Canada PIPEDA (amended June 2015)
  - Canada’s Anti-Spam Law (CASL) – in force July 2017
  - Breach notification effective November 1, 2018

What trends do we see?

Individual Rights - more transparency and control for individuals over the collection and use of their data

Breach Notification – expanded requirements for prompt reporting to authorities and individuals

More trends

- Limitations on transfer of personal data across borders
- AI and Machine Learning – Concern about automated decision making
Defensible programs can mitigate fines and reputational damage

What does a defensible privacy program look like?

The Top 10 “Implemented” Measures

1. Maintain a data privacy policy 93.62%
2. Use contracts as a data transfer mechanism (e.g., standard contractual clauses) 78.48%
3. Maintain a data privacy notice that details the organization’s personal data handling practices 76.08%
4. Maintain procedures to respond to requests and/or provide a mechanism for individuals to update or correct their personal data 74.08%
5. Maintain a log to track data privacy incidents/breaches 73.85%
6. Conduct privacy training 73.82%
7. Maintain procedures to respond to requests for access to personal data 72.39%
8. Identify ongoing privacy compliance requirements, e.g., law, case law, codes, etc. 72.36%
9. Maintain procedures to respond to requests to opt-out or restrict or object to processing 65.82%
10. Maintain a data privacy incident/breach response plan 69.23%

* Except for 2017 Nymity GDPR Compliance Benchmarking: Measuring Accountability – survey of 190 worldwide companies and 46 EU companies across industries and of varying sizes

Where to begin?

Program Considerations

- Resources
- Industry
- Jurisdictions
- Company Risk Tolerance
- Company Organization
- Enforcement History
- Current Status and Privacy Program Goals
### Prioritize

- Focus efforts on compliance with common principles across privacy laws:
  - Notice
  - Legal Basis/Consent
  - Data minimization/Retention
  - Use limitation
  - Security
  - Access & correction rights
  - Cross-border restrictions
  - Accountability & Vendor Supervision

- Prioritize:
  - High risk jurisdictions
  - High risk areas of law

### Think about the Data Lifecycle

- Do You Know Where Your Data Is?

### Handy Resources (Many are free!)

- IAPP: https://www.iapp.org/ (very good free resources, paid members get more)
- Nymity: https://www.nymity.com/data-privacy-resources.aspx (very good free resources, paid subscribers get more)