

Republic of Singapore

<p>Existence of Systems for Protection of Personal Information</p>	<p>The following acts exists as a comprehensive law:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Personal Data Protection Act (No.26 of 2012) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- URL: <a href="https://sso.agc.gov.sg/Act/PDPA2012">https://sso.agc.gov.sg/Act/PDPA2012</a></li> <li>- Enacted: January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013</li> <li>- Relevant Institutions: Private sector</li> <li>- Relevant Information: Relevant data or relevant data that, when used in cohesion with other information that the organization can access, can be used to identify an individual, regardless of whether or not it is a true</li> </ul> </li> <li>■ Public Sector (Governance) Act (No.5 of 2018) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- URL: <a href="https://sso.agc.gov.sg/Acts-Supp/5-2018/Published/20180305?DocDate=20180305">https://sso.agc.gov.sg/Acts-Supp/5-2018/Published/20180305?DocDate=20180305</a></li> <li>- Enacted: April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018</li> <li>- Relevant Institutions: public sector</li> <li>- Relevant Information: Facts, statistics, instructions, concepts, or other data in a form that can be communicated, analyzed, or processed (regardless of whether this is performed by an individual, computer, or other automated method)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Information that may be an Indicator of Personal Information Protection Systems</p>	<p>EU Adequacy Decision<sup>1</sup>: None</p>

<sup>1</sup> This committee designates the EU (EU member countries and Iceland, Norway, and Lichtenstein which comprise part of the European Economic Area) as a foreign country with personal information protection standards deemed at the same protection level as Japan's. The European Committee has concluded that countries and regions which have acquired an EU Adequacy Decision have adequate data protection standards based on the EU's GDPR, i.e., the personal information protection system and the GDPR's predecessor, the Data Protection Directive. Accordingly, those countries can generally be expected to have personal information protection on a par with Japan's. In this sense, a country or region which has acquired an EU Adequacy Decision can be considered as "information that may be an indicator of personal information protection systems."

	APEC CBPR System <sup>2</sup> : Participated in February 2018																	
Businesses' Obligations and Individual Rights Compatible with OECD Privacy Guidelines' 8 Principles <sup>3</sup>	<p>If an economy is a member of APEC's CBPR, then the ability of an individual to predict the risks associated with the provision of their personal data to an overseas private sector third party is considered to be somewhat guaranteed, and therefore the provision of information related to this item is not necessarily required.</p> <p>Public sector agency obligations and individual rights compatible with the OECD Privacy Guidelines' 8 Principles are as follows:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>1) Collection Limitation Principle</td> <td>No corresponding regulations found.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2) Data Quality Principle</td> <td>No corresponding regulations found.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3) Purpose Specification Principle</td> <td>No corresponding regulations found.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4) Use Limitation Principle</td> <td>No corresponding regulations found.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5) Security Principle</td> <td>No corresponding regulations found.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6) Openness Principle</td> <td>No corresponding regulations found.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7) Individual Participation Principle</td> <td>No corresponding regulations found.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8) Accountability Principle</td> <td>No corresponding regulations found.</td> </tr> </table>		1) Collection Limitation Principle	No corresponding regulations found.	2) Data Quality Principle	No corresponding regulations found.	3) Purpose Specification Principle	No corresponding regulations found.	4) Use Limitation Principle	No corresponding regulations found.	5) Security Principle	No corresponding regulations found.	6) Openness Principle	No corresponding regulations found.	7) Individual Participation Principle	No corresponding regulations found.	8) Accountability Principle	No corresponding regulations found.
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Other Systems Which May Significantly Affect Individual Rights and Interests	<p>■ Systems which relate to the obligation to store personal information in-region and which may significantly affect individual rights and interests</p> <p>—</p>																	

<sup>2</sup> The prerequisites for participation in APEC's CBPR system are that the economy has laws that conform to the APEC Privacy Framework and stipulate that the enforcement institution has the authority to investigate and rectify complaints and problems that cannot be resolved by the CBPR-certified business or accountability agent. Therefore, participating economies of the APEC's CBPR system, like Japan, are assumed to have laws compliant with the APEC's Privacy Framework and an enforcement body that enforces such laws. Hence, they can generally be expected to have personal information protection on a par with Japan's. In this sense, an economy's participation in APEC's CBPR system can be considered as "information that may be an indicator of personal information protection systems." Note that APEC's CBPR system applies to the private sector.

<sup>3</sup> OECD Privacy Guidelines' 8 Principles are the basic principles followed by OECD participating countries and are referenced for international efforts to protect personal information. The principles are used as the de facto global standard by countries when implementing personal information protection systems.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Systems which require businesses to cooperate with government information gathering and which may significantly affect individual rights and interests</li> </ul> <p>1) <u>Criminal Procedure Code</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Police officers of a certain position and above are deemed necessary in enforcing procedures involving investigations, interrogations, trials, or those based on the criminal procedure code, a written order can be issued to demand that information be submitted or for access to relevant information.</li> <li>- Regarding access to personal information possessed by business operators based on the same code, regulations do not exist relating to the following points. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Approval from independent bodies regarding the implementation of access</li> <li>▪ Restrictions and safety management of the handling of obtained information</li> <li>▪ Ensuring transparency regarding the implementation of access</li> <li>▪ A structure of supervision, surveying, and screening to ensure legal compliance with the implementation of access</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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Things to Keep in Mind:

- The aim of the Act on the Protection of Personal Information (Act 57 of 2003), Article 28, Paragraph 2, includes such points as increasing a person's ability to predict the risks associated with the provision of personal data to overseas third parties, as well as facilitating increased awareness among businesses that provide such personal data concerning their overseas third parties' business environment. Furthermore, the specific information which a business should provide to the individual based on the said paragraph may differ depending on the individual circumstances. Therefore, confirmation of overseas protection of personal information systems should be the responsibility

of businesses that provide personal data to overseas third parties. The above reference information provided by this committee should be viewed simply as supplementary information.

- The above reference information provided by this committee is based on the results of the “Survey of Overseas Protection of Personal Information Systems” conducted and is solely based on information as of October 2021, when the survey was conducted by the committee. If overseas protection of personal information systems has been amended since that time, then the information which should be provided to the individual by businesses that provide personal data to overseas third parties may have changed.
- As the above reference information provided by this committee is based on the results of the “Survey of Overseas Protection of Personal Information Systems” conducted by the committee, the survey was limited in the laws it investigated from the below perspectives, and therefore it is not comprehensive. If a business that provides personal data to overseas third parties possesses related information other than the above reference information, then based on the Act on the Protection of Personal Information, Article 28, Paragraph 2, and the Enforcement Regulations for the Act on the Protection of Personal Information (Personal Information Protection Committee Regulations 3 of 2016), Article 17, Paragraph 2, the relevant information must be provided to the individual.
  - The contractors and subcontractors related to the above survey proffered the below laws as representative targets for the survey:
    - Laws related to the protection of personal information as applied in individual fields, in countries that do not have comprehensive laws for the protection of personal information
    - Laws related to systems requiring personal information to be stored in-region
    - Laws related to systems requiring businesses to cooperate with government information gathering
  - Laws related to systems requiring businesses to cooperate with government information gathering are systems which allow overseas governments to access personal information held by a business for the purpose of either enforcing the criminal code or protecting national security, or both. Relevant laws which obligate businesses to provide personal information to overseas governments were targeted for the survey.

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