



# Data Protection Act 2018

## 2018 CHAPTER 12

### PART 3

#### LAW ENFORCEMENT PROCESSING

### CHAPTER 5

#### TRANSFERS OF PERSONAL DATA TO THIRD COUNTRIES ETC

##### *Overview and interpretation*

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- (1) This Chapter deals with the transfer of personal data to third countries or international organisations, as follows—
  - (a) sections 73 to 76 set out the general conditions that apply;
  - (b) section 77 sets out the special conditions that apply where the intended recipient of personal data is not a relevant authority in a third country or an international organisation;
  - (c) section 78 makes special provision about subsequent transfers of personal data.
- (2) In this Chapter, “relevant authority”, in relation to a third country, means any person based in a third country that has (in that country) functions comparable to those of a competent authority.

**Changes to legislation:**

Data Protection Act 2018, Cross Heading: Overview and interpretation is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 25 May 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.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 204(1)(l) inserted by [S.I. 2024/374 Sch. 5 para. 7](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 8(1)(y) added by [2022 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 78\(3\)](#)