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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2022 No. 1213**

**DATA PROTECTION**

**The Data Protection (Adequacy)  
(Republic of Korea) Regulations 2022**

*Made* - - - - *21st November 2022*  
*Laid before Parliament* *23rd November 2022*  
*Coming into force* - - *19th December 2022*

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 17A(1), (3), (5) and (6) of the Data Protection Act 2018 (“the 2018 Act”)(**1**).

In accordance with section 17A(1) and (3) of the 2018 Act, the Secretary of State considers that the Republic of Korea ensures an adequate level of protection of personal data for certain transfers.

In accordance with section 182(2) of the 2018 Act, the Secretary of State has consulted the Commissioner(**2**) and such other persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.

**Citation, commencement and extent**

**1.**—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Data Protection (Adequacy) (Republic of Korea) Regulations 2022.

(2) These Regulations come into force on 19th December 2022.

(3) These Regulations extend to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

**Adequate level of protection**

**2.**—(1) For the purposes of Part 2 of the Data Protection Act 2018(**3**) and the UK GDPR(**4**), the Secretary of State specifies the Republic of Korea as ensuring an adequate level of protection of personal data(**5**) for a transfer described in subsection (2).

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(1) [2018 c. 12](#); section 17A was inserted by [S.I. 2019/419](#), Schedule 2, paragraphs 1 and 23.

(2) “The Commissioner” is defined in section 3(8) of the Data Protection Act 2018.

(3) [2018 c. 12](#).

(4) The “UK GDPR” is defined in section 3(10) of the Data Protection Act 2018 (“the 2018 Act”).

(5) “Personal data” is defined in Article 4(1) of the UK GDPR and has the same meaning in Part 2 of the 2018 Act by virtue of section 5 of that Act.

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(2) A transfer described by this subsection is a transfer of personal data to a person in the Republic of Korea who is subject to the Personal Information Protection Act as that Act forms part of the law of the Republic of Korea and has effect from time to time(6).

### **Independent supervisory authorities**

3. The independent supervisory authorities(7) in the Republic of Korea are—
- (a) the Personal Information Protection Commission established by Article 7 of the Personal Information Protection Act as it forms part of the law of the Republic of Korea; and
  - (b) the Financial Services Commission established by Article 3 of the Act on the Establishment of Financial Services Commission as it forms part of the law of the Republic of Korea(8).

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(6) Electronic copies of this legislation can be obtained from [www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-data-adequacy-for-the-republic-of-korea-supporting-documents](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-data-adequacy-for-the-republic-of-korea-supporting-documents) in English or Korean. Hard copies can also be inspected during office hours and free of charge at the offices of the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, 100 Parliament Street, London SW1A 2BQ.

(7) Referred to in Article 45(2)(b) of the UK GDPR.

(8) Electronic copies of this legislation can be obtained from [www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-data-adequacy-for-the-republic-of-korea-supporting-documents](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-data-adequacy-for-the-republic-of-korea-supporting-documents) in English or Korean. Hard copies can also be inspected during office hours and free of charge at the offices of the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, 100 Parliament Street, London SW1A 2BQ.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations specify the Republic of Korea as a country which provides an adequate level of protection of personal data for the purposes of Part 2 of the Data Protection Act 2018 (“the 2018 Act”) and the UK GDPR (defined in section 3 of the 2018 Act). This means that personal data can be transferred to natural or legal persons in the Republic of Korea who are subject to Korean data protection legislation (specifically the Personal Information Protection Act) without the need for any specific authorisation. “Personal data” is defined in Article 4(1) of the UK GDPR and has the same meaning in Part 2 of the 2018 Act by virtue of section 5 of that Act.

A full impact assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of business, the voluntary sector and the public sector is published with the explanatory memorandum alongside this instrument on [www.legislation.gov.uk](http://www.legislation.gov.uk). Hard copies can be obtained from the offices of the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, 100 Parliament Street, London SW1A 2BQ.