

Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council
of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the
processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data (United
Kingdom General Data Protection Regulation)(Text with EEA relevance)

CHAPTER IV

Controller and processor

Section 4

Data protection officer

Article 39

Tasks of the data protection officer

- 1 The data protection officer shall have at least the following tasks:
 - a to inform and advise the controller or the processor and the employees who carry out processing of their obligations pursuant to this Regulation and to [F1 other domestic law relating to data protection];
 - b to monitor compliance with this Regulation, with [F2 other domestic law relating to data protection] and with the policies of the controller or processor in relation to the protection of personal data, including the assignment of responsibilities, awareness-raising and training of staff involved in processing operations, and the related audits;
 - c to provide advice where requested as regards the data protection impact assessment and monitor its performance pursuant to Article 35;
 - d to cooperate with [F3 the Commissioner];
 - e to act as the contact point for [F4 the Commissioner] on issues relating to processing, including the prior consultation referred to in Article 36, and to consult, where appropriate, with regard to any other matter.
- 2 The data protection officer shall in the performance of his or her tasks have due regard to the risk associated with processing operations, taking into account the nature, scope, context and purposes of processing.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in Art. 39(1)(a) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Data Protection, Privacy and Electronic Communications (Amendments etc) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/419), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 33(2)** (with reg. 5); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F2** Words in Art. 39(1)(b) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Data Protection, Privacy and Electronic Communications (Amendments etc) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/419), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 33(2)** (with reg. 5); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F3** Words in Art. 39(1)(d) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Data Protection, Privacy and Electronic Communications (Amendments etc) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/419), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 33(3)** (with reg. 5); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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F4 Words in Art. 39(1)(e) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Data Protection, Privacy and Electronic Communications \(Amendments etc\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/419\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 33(3)** (with reg. 5); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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- Art. 17(1)(g) inserted by [2024 c. 21 s. 31\(2\)](#)
- Art. 17(4)(5) inserted by [2024 c. 21 s. 31\(3\)](#)