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States and Territories

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New South Wales

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Queensland

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South Australia

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Northern Territory

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Tasmania

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Victoria

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Western Australia

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Austria

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Azerbaijan

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Bahamas

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Belarus

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Belgium

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[Consolidated text of the Belgian law of December 8, 1992 on Privacy Protection in relation to the Processing of Personal Data as modified by the law of December 11, 1998 implementing Directive 95/46/EC](#)

[Law on Security Classification and Authorisations \(French\)](#)

[Law on the right of access to administrative documents held by federal public authorities \(French\)](#)

Bermuda

[Electronic Transactions Act](#)

Belize

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Bosnia and Herzegovina

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Brazil

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Bulgaria

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China

[People's Republic of China Ordinance on Openness of Government Information](#)

Colombia

[Constitution of Colombia \(See Articles 15 and 74\)](#)

[Law Ordering the Publicity of Official Acts and Documents \(Spanish\)](#)

Croatia

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Cyprus

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Czech Republic

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Dominican Republic

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Ecuador

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[Organic Law on Transparency and Access to Public Information \(Spanish\)](#)

Eritrea

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Estonia

[Constitution of Estonia \(See Article 44\)](#)

[Public Information Act](#)

[Personal Data Protection Act](#)

[State Secrets Act](#)

[Environmental Register Act](#)

[The Archives Act](#)

European Union

[Regulation 1049/2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents OJ 2001 L 145/43](#)

[Directive 2003/98/EC on the Re-use of Public Sector Information](#)

[Directive 95/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 1995 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data](#)

Finland

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[Archives Act](#)

[Decree on the Openness of Government Activities and on Good Practice in Information Management](#)

France

[Act no.78-17 of 6 January 1978 on Data Processing, Data Files and Individual Liberties](#)

[Act on various measures for improved relations between the Civil Service and the public and on various arrangements of administrative, social and fiscal nature \(French\)](#)

Georgia

[Constitution on the Republic of Georgia \(See Article 37\(5\)\)](#)

[General Administrative Code of Georgia](#)

[Law on State Secrets](#)

Germany

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Greece

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[Code of Administrative Procedure](#)

[Law on the Protection of Individuals with regard to the Processing of Personal Data](#)

Guernsey

[The Data Protection \(Bailiwick of Guernsey\) Law, 2001](#)

Hong Kong

[Code on Access to Information](#)

[Personal Data \(Privacy\) Ordinance, December 1996](#)

Hungary

[Constitution of the Republic of Hungary \(See Article 61\)](#)

[Act LXIII on the Protection of Personal Data and the Publicity of Personal Data of Public Interest \(privacy\)](#)

[Act XC on the Freedom of Information by Electronic Means](#)

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[Act XXIV on the amendment to certain acts on the use of public moneys and on disclosure, transparency and increased control in regard to the use of public property](#)

[Act IV on the Criminal Code Title II \(Criminal sanctions for violations of information rights\)](#)

Iceland

[Information Act](#)

[National Archives Act](#)

[Act no. 77/2000 on The Protection of Privacy as regards the Processing of Personal Data](#)

India

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Ireland

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Isle of Man

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Israel

[The Freedom of Information Law](#)

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Italy

[Personal Data Protection Code](#)
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Jamaica

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Japan

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Jersey

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Kosovo

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Kyrgyzstan

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Latvia

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[Law on Environmental Protection](#)

Liechtenstein

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Lithuania

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[Law on Archives](#)
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Macedonia

[Constitution of Macedonia \(See Article 16\)](#)

[Law on Free Access to Information of Public Character](#)

[Law on Classified Information](#)

[Law on the Personal Data Protection](#)

[Law on the Environment](#)

Malta

[Data Protection Act](#)

Mexico

[Constitution of Mexico \(See Article 6\) \(Spanish\)](#)

[Federal Transparency and Access to Public Government Information Law](#)

Moldova

[Constitution of the Republic of Moldova \(See Articles 34 and 37\)](#)

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Monaco

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[Act 13.327 of 12 February 1998 on Specifications to the Data Protection Act \(French\)](#)

Montenegro

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Netherlands

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[Act containing Regulations governing Public Access to Government Information](#)

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New Zealand

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Norway

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[Act relating to Public Access to Documents in the Public Administration](#)

[Security Act](#)

[Act of 14 April 2000 no. 31 relating to the processing of personal data](#)

Pakistan

[Freedom of Information Ordinance](#)

Panama

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[The Law on Transparency in Public Administration \(Spanish\)](#)

Paraguay

[Law No. 1682 That Regulates Privacy Information](#)

Peru

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[Law on Transparency and Access to Public Information](#)

Philippines

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[Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees](#)

Poland

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[Act on Access to Public Information](#)

[Act of 29 August 1997 on the Protection of Personal Data](#)

[Classified Information Protection Act](#)

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[Environmental Impact Assessments](#)

Portugal

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Romania

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[Law Regarding the Free Access to the Information of Public Interest](#)

[Law on the access to the Personal File and the Disclosure of the Securitate as a Political Police](#)

[Law on Certain Steps for Assuring Transparency in Performing High Official Positions, Public and Business Positions for Prevention and Sanctioning the Corruption](#)

[Law for the Protection of Persons concerning the Processing of Personal Data and Free Circulation of Such Data](#)

Russia

[Constitution of Russia \(See Article 24, 29\)](#)

[Federal Law of 27 July 2006 N 152-FZ on Personal Data](#)

[Federal Law on Information, Informatization, and the Protection](#)

Scotland

[Freedom of Information \(Scotland\) Act](#)

Serbia

[Constitution of Serbia \(See Article 10\)](#)

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[Law on Protection of Personal Data](#)

Slovakia

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[Nation's Memory Act](#)

[Freedom of Information Act](#)

[Act No. 428/2002 of 3 July 2002 on Personal Data Protection](#)

Slovenia

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[Access to Information of Public Character \(ZDIJZ\)](#)

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[Personal Data Protection Act](#)

[Archives and Archival Institutions Act](#)

South Africa

[Promotion of Access to Information Act](#)

[Promotion of Access to Information Amendment Act](#)

[The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa \(See Section 32\)](#)

[National Archives of South Africa Act](#)

South Korea

[Act on Disclosure of Information by Public Agencies](#)

Spain

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[Law on Rules for Public Administration \(Spanish\)](#)

[Organic Law 15/1999 of 13 December on the Protection of Personal Data](#)

Sweden

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[Personal Data Act](#)

[Secrets Act \(Swedish\)](#)

[Secrecy Ordinance \(Swedish\)](#)

Switzerland

[Federal Law on the Principle of Administrative Transparency \(French\)](#)

[Federal Act on Data Protection of 19 June 1992](#)

Taiwan

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Tajikistan

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Thailand

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Trinidad and Tobago

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Tunisia

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Turkey

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Uganda

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Ukraine

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United Arab Emirates

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United Kingdom

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[Public Records Act](#)

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United States of America

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[Federal Advisory Committee Act](#)

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[The Privacy Act of 1974](#)

Uruguay

[Law 17838 \(Habeas Data\) \(Spanish\)](#)

[Law 17243 \(Servicios públicos y privados, seguridad publica y condiciones en las que se desarrollan las actividades productivas\) \(Spanish\)](#)

Uzbekistan

[Constitution of Uzbekistan \(See Article 30\)](#)

[Law on the Principles and Guarantees of Freedom of Information](#)

[Law on the Mass Media](#)

Zimbabwe

[Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act \(AIPPA\)](#)