

Receiving Personal Data from the E.U. after Brexit

Overview

What do we know?

Before the end of 2020 there was much debate and speculation as to what would happen to the transfer of personally identifiable data from the European Economic Area (EEA). The worst-case scenario was that from January 1st 2021 data being received from the EEA would grind to a halt until businesses had adopted to the restrictions and new measures imposed by the European Union (EU).

What has changed?

Fortunately, we have entered into a bridging period, until at least the end of April 2021, if not June whilst the UK government and EU parliament agree whether the UK's own Data Protection Act is sufficient enough, providing adequate and relative safeguards as the EU's General Data Protection act. does.



What does this mean?

We've summarised the current position in this factsheet to help you understand whether you need to take any action.

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Key Points

Delay Transfer Restrictions

The EU has agreed to delay transfer restrictions for at least four months, which can be extended to six months (known as the bridge). This means that until the end of April 2021 the receiving of personal data from the EEA remains, as it did under the EU GDPR.

After April 2021

The UK Government are seeking a decision from the EU as to whether restrictions or additional measures will be needed after April 2021 to receive personal data from EU countries. If a decision cannot be reached by April, the 'bridge' of a further 2 months will be given.

Adequacy Decision

If an adequacy decision is granted by the EU, most businesses will be unaffected in the way personal data is received from the EEA. Should an adequacy decision not be agreed, changes to the way in which you receive personal data from the EEA will be introduced. Those changes are yet unknown and depends on whether the UK amend any of the UK Data Protection Law, which is currently adopted from the EU's GDPR.

Contracts with EU clients

Should your business not have any contracts with businesses or customers in the EEA, then these changes and transfer restrictions do not apply to you. If you're compliant with GDPR, then you have nothing to worry about!

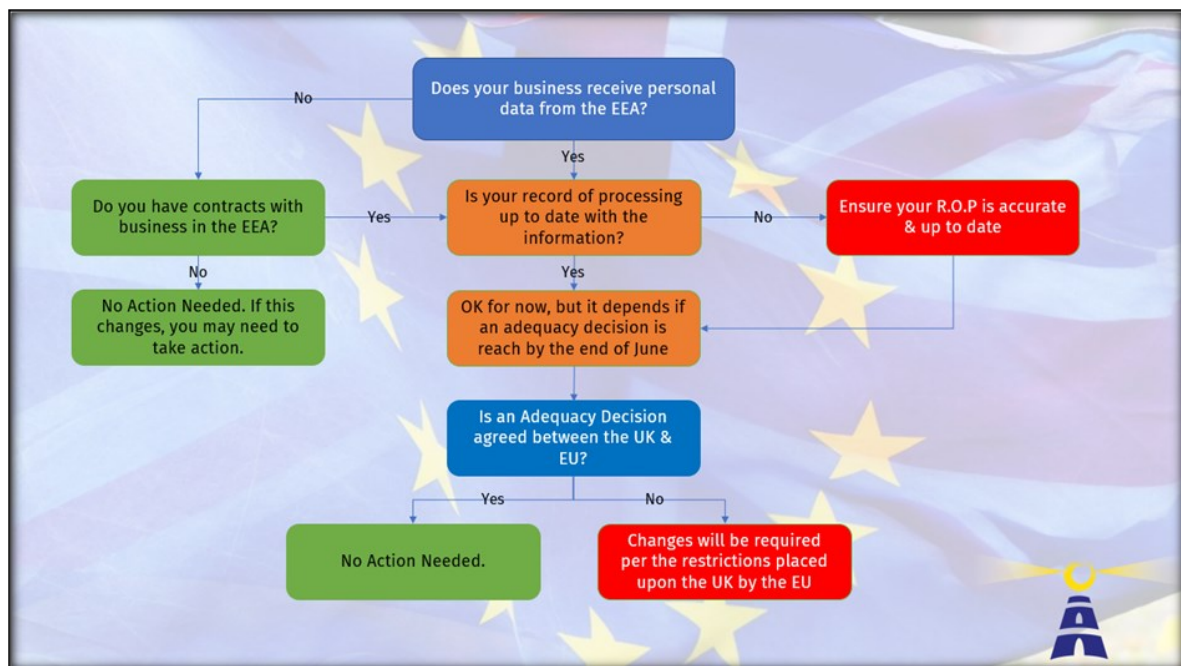
EU customers

If you are a business registered in the UK and process personal data of citizens who live in an EEA country then you may need to appoint an EU representative, unless you have offices or a physical presence in those EEA countries. **This is regardless of the pending adequacy decision and the receiving of data from the EEA.**

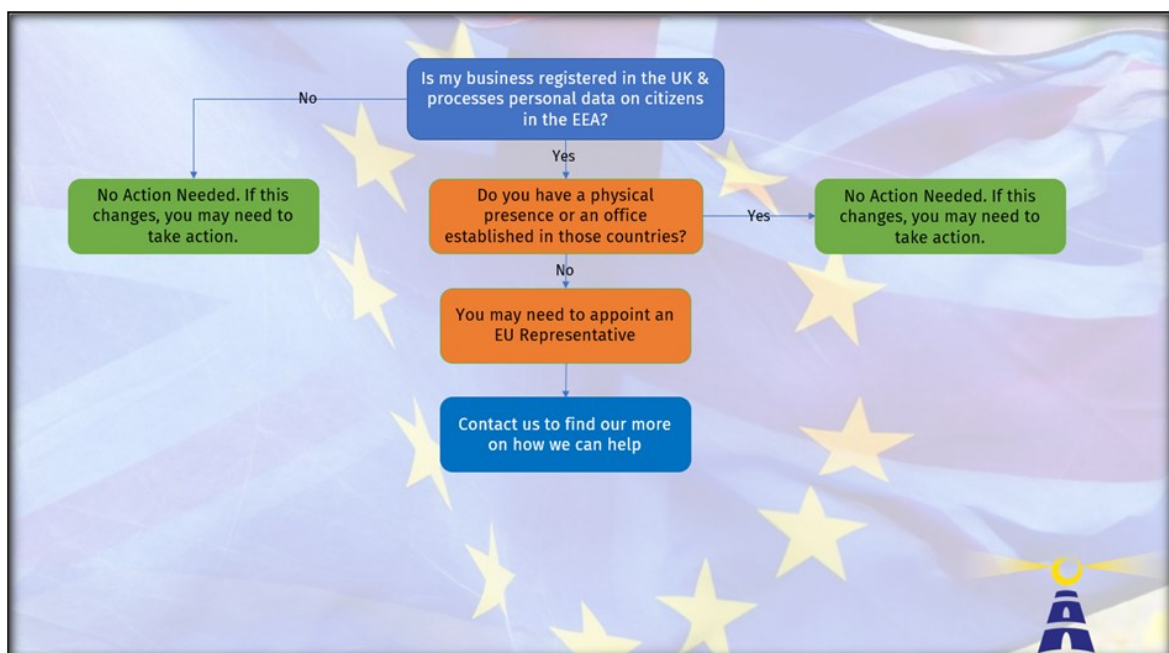
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Beacon can help

If you would like to speak to us about how we can help you & your business with Data Protection and the EU's General Data Protection Regulation, get in touch!

Contact us

To make Beacon Consultant Services your appointed UK Representative, or to find out what other Data Protection services we can help you with, you can contact us through our website.

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