Author's Introduction and Preface to the 2026-2027 Edition

Information Security and Privacy: A Guide to International Law and Compliance is the first book to tackle the topic of information security and privacy in this comprehensive a manner. The legal landscape has changed dramatically in the last several years and news laws are added routinely. Now, as the globalization of commerce continues, companies are operating in more jurisdictions and privacy and security issues are of critical importance. Failures in these areas can lead to enforcement actions, bad publicity and class action lawsuits.

Few recent changes to privacy law have garnered as much attention as the EU General Data Protection Regulation, or GDPR. Since its enactment, large fines have been issued to companies that have been found to be not in compliance. One of the goals of GDPR is to attempt to harmonize some of the Member States' laws, and the GDPR accomplishes that goal, though Member States still have some room to make changes. In the wake of the GDPR, a number of states, including California, have passed comprehensive data privacy legislation. There are differences between these laws and the GDPR, with some provisions more specific and other areas where the GDPR goes beyond the new state laws. It is important for businesses to understand the new rules. Additionally, non-privacy and security-based laws can have an impact on cybersecurity, privacy, and other data issues.

Updates to the 2026-2027 edition includes a new chapter on age-appropriate design code laws. As the law continues to evolve, the law in many other chapters will be updated in future editions.

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