

The China Cyber Security Law: A major step in data protection law in China?

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The Cyber Security Law in China took effect on 1 June this year. The new law contains important provisions relating to network security and data protection, and in particular, data localisation requirements and restrictions on international transfer. However, many of the provisions under the law are still unclear and further implementation measures are expected to be issued by the Chinese Government to provide further guidance. The data localisation requirements and data export restrictions are particularly important to international companies doing business in China who are keen to understand the key requirements and restrictions under the new law, and consider their applicability to their operations in China.

The Cyber Security Law is a major step in the development of data protection law in China. We will analyse the key aspects of the law, explore the areas that currently lack clarification and discuss the key implications of the new law on businesses operating in China.