

# Data Protection and the Isle of Man

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This document provides an overview of the Data Protection Legislation of the Isle of Man and its implications for clients of PDMS.

**The Isle of Man Government and PDMS take the protection of data extremely seriously.**

The Isle of Man has its own Data Protection Legislation, and the Information Commissioner controls compliance with the [Data Protection Act 2002](#). (This Information Commissioner is similar to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) in the UK).

The Isle of Man Data Protection Act is very similar to that of the UK, in that it is directed by the same eight guiding principles:

- Data must always be fairly and lawfully processed
- Used for specific purposes and in a manner compatible with those purposes
- Data held must be adequate and relevant and not excessive
- The data must be accurate and, where necessary, kept up to date
- Must not be kept for any longer than necessary
- Data should always be used in accordance with the rights of the individual
- The data we store must be kept secure
- The data should not be transferred to another country outside the EEA without adequate protection

Given that the Isle of Man is not part of the European Economic Area (EEA), the principle of not transferring data outside of the EEA without 'adequate protection' is the one most often queried by PDMS' customers. The following section addresses these concerns.

The Isle of Man Government has been deemed by the member states of the EEA to have 'adequate' levels of protection in place for the security of personal data. This is explained in the following documents of the Isle of Man Government and the European Parliament:

- [Isle of Man Information Commissioner - Overseas Transfer](#)
- [Isle of Man European Adequacy Agreement](#)

Whilst the term 'adequate' infers 'just doing enough', this is simply the terminology used by the European Parliament - it does not indicate a level of competence or compliance.

PDMS is registered with both the Isle of Man and UK Data Protection Authorities. Our registration numbers are **N000973** and **Z3300757** respectively. We treat data protection with the utmost importance and have achieved certification to ISO 27001:2013 for our Information Security Policies and Procedures.

When PDMS hosts and/ or manages software systems and data on behalf of our clients, we set up Data Processor/ Controller Agreements with them. Such agreements provide assurance that their data will be securely stored and accessed, and no actions will be taken in relation to the data without the client's permission.

In summary, the Isle of Man is a safe, secure, resilient, compliant and reputable location for the hosting of software systems; and PDMS is the perfect technology partner to ensure that your systems and data management processes are done right.

Should you wish to find out more about Data Protection, the following resources may be useful:

Isle of Man Information Commissioner	+44 1624 693260	<a href="http://www.inforights.im">www.inforights.im</a>
UK ICO	+44 303 1231113	<a href="http://www.ico.org.uk/">www.ico.org.uk/</a>
European Commission		<a href="http://www.ec.europa.eu/justice/data-protection">www.ec.europa.eu/justice/data-protection</a>