

## Data Protection Summary – 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 Information Commissioners Office\* controls compliance with the recently updated [Data Protection Act 2018](#). (\*This government body is almost identical to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) in the UK).

The Isle of Man's Data Protection Act is very similar to that of the UK, in that it is directed by the same guiding principles, and the overarching requirements enforced by the European Unions' General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). These principles are:

- Lawfulness, fairness and transparency
- Purpose limitation
- Data minimisation
- Accuracy
- Storage limitation
- Integrity and confidentiality (security)
- Accountability

Given that the Isle of Man is not part of the European Economic Area (EEA), the issue 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 document by the European Parliament:

- [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 R000518 and Z3300757 respectively. We treat data protection with the utmost importance and have achieved certification to both ISO 27001:2013 and Cyber Essentials Plus 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 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 ICO

+44 1624 693260

<https://www.inforights.im/>

UK ICO

+44 303 1231113

<https://ico.org.uk/>

European Data Protection Board

<https://edpb.europa.eu/>