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Data Protection and Privacy Newsletter

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News Updates



Zoom sued by Consumer Watchdog

Consumer Watchdog, a non-profit consumer advocacy organization sued Zoom Video Communications Inc. on behalf of consumers, in Superior Court of the District of Columbia for violation of District of Columbia Consumer Protection Procedures Act.

The complaint alleges that Zoom falsified the level of security and used the phrase 'end-to-end encryption' as a marketing device, giving consumers and businesses a false sense of security. Opposite to reality wherein it is capable of intercepting and accessing any and all of the data that users transmit on its platform.



Ontario govt launches public privacy consultation

The Government of Ontario, Canada has launched public consultations to improve privacy protections of personal data seeking advice on scope and application, transparency, consent, data deletion, data portability and enforcements. Written submissions will be accepted until October 1, 2020.



GDPR lawsuit against Oracle and Salesforce

The Privacy Collective, a European non-profit foundation has filed class action lawsuit against Oracle and Salesforce in High Court in London UK and District Court of Amsterdam, Netherlands. It is alleged that both the companies have violated GDPR by processing and sharing personal data of millions of internet users collected via third party cookies for carrying out real-time bidding of ads. The foundation claims EUR 10 billion in damages to be paid out to consumers.

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Enforcement updates



Lifespan USD 1M settlement

Office for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services imposed a fine of USD 1,040,000 on Lifespan Health System, a Rhode Island non-profit health system for settlement of violation under Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

In 2017, the health system had encountered an incident wherein unencrypted laptop was stolen which exposed electronic protected health information of 20,431 individuals.



CNIL fines Spartoo

The French Data Protection Authority (CNIL) announced a fine of EUR 250,000 on Spartoo, a french online shoe retailer for multiple violations under General Data Protection Regulation. This is the first sanction enforced by the CNIL as the lead supervisory authority in cooperation with other EU supervisory authorities.



Singapore watchdog fined three organization

The Personal Data Protection Commission, Singapore's privacy watchdog fined Central Depository (CDP) with fine of SGD 32000 for breaching data privacy law. CDP failed to prevent the unauthorised disclosure of individuals' personal data by sending mails to incorrect recipients. Apart from CDP two other organisations were also fine for different violations.

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