

Fines increased for personal data protection violations

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On 27 March 2021, [Federal Law No. 19-FZ dated 24 February 2021](#)* comes into force, which significantly increases penalties for violation of rules applicable to personal data processing in Russia.

This amendment continues the trend aimed at strengthening controls over the processing of personal data.

The Federal Law also introduces more severe sanctions for certain repeated administrative offences.

Administrative sanctions for legal entities in the area of personal data are as follows:

Breach	Sanctions before 27 March 2021	Fines from 27 March 2021
Processing of personal data without legal grounds or in a manner that is incompatible with the purposes of its collection	Warning or fine EUR 333 – 555**	EUR 666 – 1,111 Repeated: EUR 1,111 – 3,334
Failure to comply with the requirement to obtain written consent	Fine EUR 166 – 833	EUR 333 – 1,667 Repeated: EUR 3,334 – 5,556
Failure to publish the personal data processing policy	Warning or fine EUR 166 – 333	EUR 333 – 666
Failure to provide an individual with information on the processing of their personal data	Warning or fine EUR 222 – 444	EUR 444 – 889
Failure to amend, block access to or destroy personal data under the legitimate request of a data subject or competent authority	Warning or fine EUR 277 – 500	EUR 555 – 1,000 Repeated: EUR 3,334 – 5,556
Breach of the secure storage rules for physical storage media (where personal data is processed without automatic means)	Fine EUR 277 – 555	EUR 555 – 1,111
Breach of personal data localisation rules	Fine EUR 11,113 – 66,683 Repeated: EUR 66,683 – 200,051	No change

In addition, the Federal Law extends the limitation period for liability for offences in the field of personal data from three months to one year.

Taking into account the increase of potential financial exposure as a result of breaches in personal data, companies that process personal data are advised to carry out an audit of their existing data processes in order to ensure compliance with the requirements of the legislation. Such audits will also create an opportunity to prepare in advance for possible inspections by the data protection authority.

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