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Privacy phases, a UK data law and a trade signature

Three different milestones show why a compliance calendar needs precise labels.

1 June 2025 / Malaysia

Final listed PDPA amendment phase begins

Sections 6 and 9 of Malaysia's 2024 PDPA amendment commenced on the date specified in the December gazette. The notice identifies the phase; the amendment text and regulator guidance explain the resulting responsibilities.

SCHEDULED COMMENCEMENT

19 June 2025 / United Kingdom

Data (Use and Access) Act becomes law

The UK Data (Use and Access) Act received Royal Assent. It addresses data use, digital verification and changes to the data-protection framework. Implementation is staged, so assent does not mean every provision started that day.

ROYAL ASSENT

23 June 2025 / Malaysia • EFTA

MEEPA reaches signature

Malaysia and EFTA signed their economic partnership agreement after concluding negotiations in April. Signature is a distinct step from completion of ratification and entry into force.

AGREEMENT SIGNED

THE MALAYSIAN LENS

Our editorial reading for Malaysian organisations: one calendar may contain commencement dates, legislative milestones and trade announcements. Label each accurately before assigning operational work or promising a benefit to a customer.

QUESTION TO ASK

Does every deadline in the board paper say what actually becomes legally or operationally effective?

WATCH / NEXT STEP

Cross-border contracts should identify the applicable privacy regime and the status of any claimed trade preference.

READ THE ORIGINAL SOURCES

[Personal Data Protection Commissioner • Commencement notice ↗](#)
[UK Government • Data \(Use and Access\) Act collection ↗](#)
[EFTA • Malaysia agreement timeline ↗](#)

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