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Connected data rights move into application

The EU Data Act's general application date arrives, making access and switching terms a current contractual issue.

12 September 2025 / European Union

The Data Act becomes applicable

The Data Act began generally applying, strengthening users' access to data generated by connected products and related services and addressing business data-sharing and cloud switching. Specific provisions and transition rules still need to be checked; this is not unrestricted ownership of every dataset.

GENERAL APPLICATION

30 September 2025 / United Kingdom

Data preservation for child-death inquiries

A UK Data (Use and Access) Act provision commenced enabling Ofcom preservation notices in connection with coroners' or procurators fiscal's investigations into a child's death.

COMMENCEMENT

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Our Malaysian business implication is that access, deletion and preservation cannot be reduced to a single "data ownership" clause. Exporters, cloud customers and service providers should identify which data is requested, by whom, for what purpose and under which jurisdiction.

QUESTION TO ASK

Can the organisation honour a valid access or preservation request without losing track of confidentiality and privacy restrictions?

WATCH / NEXT STEP

Check product scope and contract dates. Preserve evidence of requests and responses, especially where operational data includes personal information.

READ THE ORIGINAL SOURCES

European Commission · [Data Act gives users control over connected-device data ↗](#)
UK Government · [Data Act commencement plan ↗](#)

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