

ACT of 29 August 1997 ON THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA¹⁾

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Chapter 1. General Provisions

Article 1. 1. Everyone is entitled to the protection of data concerning him or her.

2. The processing of personal data may be performed in the public interest, in the interest of the person whom the data concern, or in the interests of third parties to the extent and according to procedures prescribed in this Act.

Article 2. 1. This Act lays down the rules of procedure for the processing of personal data and the rights of the natural persons whose personal data are or might be processed in data collections.

2. This Act shall apply to the processing of personal data:

- 1) in index-card files, indexes, books, lists and other records;
- 2) in information technology systems, also when the processing of data is conducted outside a data collection.

3. With regard to the personal data collections which are compiled on a short-term basis, exclusively for technical or training purposes or in connection with the didactic process in schools of higher education, and which, upon being used, are immediately removed or treated so as to make them anonymous, only the provisions of Chapter 5 shall apply.

Article 3. 1. This Act shall apply to the State authorities, territorial self-government authorities, and to other State and municipal organizational units.

2. This Act shall likewise apply to:

- 1) non-public subjects implementing public tasks;
- 2) natural and legal persons and organizational units having no legal personality, if they process personal data in connection with their profit-gaining activity, professional activity, or in furtherance of objectives stated under their statutes – which have their seat or place of residence on the territory of the Republic of Poland or in a third country, if they process personal data using technical measures situated on the territory of the Republic of Poland.