

Data Protection in Singapore

Legal Measures

The Statistics Act is the principal piece of legislation governing collection, compilation and publication of statistics by DOS and gazetted Research and Statistics Units (RSUs) in the public sector. Besides empowering DOS and the RSUs to collect and access information, the Statistics Act contains provisions on data protection.

Administrative Measures

General administrative measures to reduce the risk of disclosure include :

- (a) Educate new employees on the importance of data protection;
- (b) Keep sensitive files under lock and key;
- (c) Confine the possession and access of information to authorised persons.

Technical Measures

IT security measures are implemented in accordance with the IT security policies laid down by the Singapore Government. Access control system is in place to prevent unauthorised access and disclosure of information.

In addition, specific measures are implemented to provide added protection for statistical data collections conducted via the internet.

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