

China Releases Draft Interim Regulations on the Administration of Personal Information Protection for Mobile Apps

In the last two years, the Chinese Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, together with other agencies in the Chinese government, launched a series of campaigns for the rectification of excessive personal information processing activities of mobile application developers, operators, and third-party service providers. Now, drawing on the insights from these special rectification campaigns, the Cyberspace Administration of China (CAC), the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT), the Ministry of Public Security (MPS), and the State Administration for Market Regulation (SAMR) jointly released the draft *Interim Regulations on the Administration of Personal Information Protection for Mobile Internet Applications* (Draft Interim Regulations) on April 26, 2021. The Draft Interim Regulations apply specifically to data collection via mobile applications and are intended to function alongside China's currently proposed omnibus data protection legislation, the *Personal Information Protection Law* (Draft PIPL). The Draft Interim Regulations will be open for public comment until May 26, 2021.

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