

# Navigating China: The digital journey



China's cybersecurity and data protection regulatory landscape is evolving quickly. Is your company ready for the rapid change in data and cybersecurity enforcement? Read DLA Piper's Greater China TMT team's series on China's evolving cybersecurity and data protection landscape, Navigating China: The digital journey.

## ISSUES

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### Navigating China Episode 14: New draft national, harmonised data protection law for Mainland China

23 October 2020

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A first national level personal information protection law for Mainland China has been published, reinforcing and heightening existing data protection compliance obligations for organisations doing business in China.

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### Navigating China Episode 13: (More) Important Developments in China's Privacy and Cyber Laws

10 June 2020

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China's privacy and cyber authorities have been busy in the last month enacting substantial enhancements and clarifications to data protection compliance obligations; and even more changes are expected before the end of 2020.

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### Episode 12: More obligations on Chinese mobile app operators to comply with

9 April 2020

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Following the crackdown by Chinese authorities against non-compliant mobile apps in late 2019 (please see Episode 8 in this series), the authorities have issued a series of app compliance guidelines (including the Guide to Self-Assess Illegal Collection and Use of Personal Information by Apps, Methods for Identifying Unlawful Acts of Apps to Collect and Use Personal Information, and Draft Specification for Collecting Personal Information in Mobile Applications). These guidelines imposed detailed obligations and practical actions to urge mobile app operators to conduct self-assessments and to rectify any non-compliant data processing practices. Organisations may have noted that some of these guidelines contain conflicting requirements.

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### **Episode 11: Important clarifications and changes to China's data privacy standards**

27 March 2020

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Important updates to China's de facto data privacy regulations will come into force on 1 October 2020. The amendments to the Personal Information Security Specification (PIS Specification) comprise important clarifications rather than substantial changes to the existing regulations.

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### **Episode 10: Stricter data localisation and security rules for financial and insurance data in China**

06 Mar 2020

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The People's Bank of China has released new guidelines on the collection and processing of personal financial information (PFI Guidelines), which provide much-needed clarity on how personal financial information in China should be processed, secured, and transferred. While the PFI Guidelines do not impose an outright ban on personal financial information leaving China, mandatory compliance steps (including consent and impact assessments) must be taken.

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### **Episode 9: 2020 - Privacy, Security and Content Regulation to Increase in China**

10 January 2020

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China's authorities have published a much-anticipated brand new directive on internet content regulation and governance, which will come into force on 1 March 2020. This law will require organizations which host websites in China to make fundamental changes to their website governance frameworks.

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### **Episode 8: Crackdown on infringing China apps**

13 November 2019

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China's authorities have launched a crackdown against non-compliant mobile apps. The crackdown is taking place during November and December 2019, so businesses operating apps in China must take urgent action or else face sanctions.

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### **Episode 7: New China encryption law passed**

6 November 2019

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The new PRC Encryption Law will come into force on 1 January 2020. It will bring fundamental changes to the sale, import and use of encryption technologies in China by foreign and domestic organizations.

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## **Episode 6: Further developments in PRC data privacy regulations**

1 November 2019

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An updated draft of China's Amended Personal Information Security Specification (Amended PIS Specification) and proposed new amendments to the privacy specification for mobile apps (App Privacy Specification) were published this week, alongside brand new draft regulations for the banking sector.

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## **Episode 5: Apps are being shut down in China - will yours be next?**

12 July 2019

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While apps are incredibly popular in China, in recent months some have been disappearing from app stores in the country because they do not comply with recent apps regulations. Indeed many companies are not even aware of the comprehensive new privacy compliance obligations for apps in China.

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## **Episode 3: Yet more regulators join the party in enforcing cybersecurity**

4 June 2019

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Licensed telcos and internet businesses in China face a new wave of investigations by the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) as they announce a new enforcement campaign aimed at ensuring network security compliance.

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## **Episode 2: New stringent cyber security rules announced in China, what will your business need to do?**

29 May 2019

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Organisations with operations in China must prepare now for new comprehensive cybersecurity rules. The Chinese authorities have announced MLPS "version 2.0", which will come into force on 1 December 2019, and have potential significant impact to businesses' infrastructure and operations in China.

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