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Privacy Act Resources

Last Modified:

The Privacy Act of 1974

USDA Privacy Act Regulations

The Judicial Redress Act of 2015

The Judicial Redress Act, a public law, extends certain rights of judicial remedies established under the Privacy Act of 1974.

E-Government Act of 2002

Governs the requirement of PIAs and PTAs for Information Technology systems.

Federal Records Act of 1950

The FRA provides that “the head of each Federal agency shall make and preserve records containing adequate and proper documentation of the organization, functions, policies, decisions, procedures, and essential transactions of the agency and designed to furnish the information necessary to protect the legal and financial rights of the Government and of persons directly affected by the agency’s

activities.” [44 U.S.C. § 3101]

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

Federal agencies are required to disclose any information requested under the FOIA unless it falls under one of nine exemptions which protect interests such as personal privacy, national security, and law enforcement.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

The Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), signed into law in 1980 and reauthorized in 1995, provides the statutory framework for the Federal government’s collection, use, and dissemination of information.

Federal Privacy Council

The Federal Privacy Council is the principal interagency forum established by Executive Order 13719 to improve the privacy practices of agencies. The Federal Privacy Council seeks to strengthen the protections of personal information and privacy rights across the Federal Government.

Reporting an Incident

Suspected or confirmed PII incidents are reported within 1 hour of discovery to the Cybersecurity Defense Operations Division through the **Incident Reporting Portal** or via the CPOC Cyber Incident Hotline by calling 1-866-905-6890.

OMB Privacy Guidance and Policies

- Privacy Act Implementation, Guidelines and Responsibilities (14.04 MB)
- OMB Circular No. A-130 (537.2 KB), Managing Information as a Strategic Resource- FISMA

- OMB Circular No. A-108 (272.8 KB), Federal Agency Responsibilities for Review, Reporting, and Publication under the Privacy Act
- OMB Memorandum M-99-18 (40.97 KB), Privacy Policies on Federal Web Sites
- OMB Memorandum M-03-22 (160.92 KB), OMB Guidance for Implementing the Privacy Provisions of the E-Government Act of 2002
- OMB Memorandum M-10-22 (102.75 KB), Guidance for Online Use of Web Measurement and Customization Technologies
- OMB Memorandum M-10-23 (103.27 KB), Guidance for Agency Use of Third-Party Websites and Applications
- OMB Memorandum M-16-24 (287.32 KB), Role and Designation of Senior Agency Officials for Privacy
- OMB Memorandum M-17-06 (1.13 MB), Policies for Federal Agency Public Websites and Digital Services
- OMB Memorandum M-17-12 (26.56 MB), Preparing for and Responding to a Breach of Personally Identifiable Information

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