

Regulatory Update: NDPA-GAID Now in Force

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The Nigeria Data Protection Act – General Application and Implementation Directive came into effect on **19 September 2025**. Notably, with its commencement, the *Nigeria Data Protection Regulation (NDPR)* and its *Implementation Framework (NDPRIF)* have been formally repealed. The operative framework for data protection in Nigeria is now limited to the **Nigeria Data Protection Act 2023 (NDPA)** and the **GAID 2025**.

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As highlighted in our prior guidance, the GAID provides the operational framework for implementing the Nigeria Data Protection Act 2023, including detailed requirements on data handling, security measures, accountability obligations, and cross-border data transfers.

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Organisations are to review and update their internal data governance practices, privacy policies, and technical safeguards to align with the GAID. Submitting reports or maintaining compliance frameworks that fall short of these standards may expose companies to regulatory scrutiny and penalties.

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