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[ICO News: ICO statement in response to UK Government’s announcement on the extended period for personal data flows, that will allow time to complete the adequacy process](#)
The Government has announced that the Treaty agreed with the EU will allow personal data to flow freely from the EU (and EEA) to the UK, until adequacy decisions have been adopted, for no more than six months.

[News Article: A year in review: why 2020 has pushed data privacy into the spotlight](#)
2020 saw several landmark data protection and privacy events, including record-breaking fines and the handing down of the Schrems II ruling from the European Court of Justice. Now consumers place an even higher value on their data rights as data privacy.

[ICO News: Update to the joint statement on global privacy expectations of video conferencing companies](#)
The Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO) have provided an update following the letter the ICO and five other data protection and privacy regulators jointly signed to companies providing video conferencing services.

[News Article: UK ranked second for value of GDPR fines issued in 2020](#)
The ICO collected the second-highest total value of fines for data protection violations last year, with businesses issued fines up to €43,901,000 (roughly £39.7 million) for breaching data protection legislation.

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