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On June 21, 2021, MIIT seeks public comments on the Exposure Draft of the Guidelines of the Cybersecurity Standard System Construction of Internet of Vehicles (Intelligent Connected Car). The Exposure Draft suggests it is necessary to construct a comprehensive framework of cybersecurity standard system which includes the standard formulation of six aspects such as network communication security and data security. The formulation of the Exposure Draft is a significant step to implement the Cybersecurity Law and other laws and regulations, and a step to intensify the top-level design of the cybersecurity standardization work of internet of vehicles. (More)

CSA Launches Centralized Regulation on Camera Cyber-Security

On June 22, 2021, the Cyber Security Administration ("CSA") of the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology ("MIIT") issued a circular, stating that the CSA will recently carry out a nationwide centralized regulation on camera cybersecurity. According to the work deployment, the CSA organizes local Communication Authority and relevant market entities to resolve the potential risks for camera cybersecurity and safeguard the legitimate rights and interests of citizens in the cyberspace, by measures including strengthening the monitoring and disposal of security threats of cyber cameras, carrying out special inspections on data security and standardizing the management of product security loopholes in camera manufacturers. (More)

Yancheng Police Cuts off the Underground-chain of Cybercrime

On June 21, 2021, the Public Security Bureau of Yancheng, Jiangsu issued a circular, stating that they have successfully detected a case of reselling citizens' personal information through "dark network" platform in the special activity of "Clean Net". More than 50 million pieces of citizens 'personal information were seized, 15 suspects were arrested, and the amount of money involved in the case reached equivalent to RMB 150 million. The police found that the criminal gang sold a huge number and variety of citizen's personal information, and the information was mostly used for accurate fraud and marketing by downstream, which has caused serious damage to society. Now, the case has been reported to the Ministry of Public Security for a nationwide cluster crackdown. (More)

Overseas News

Australian Parliament Passes Online Safety Bill

On June 23, 2021, The Parliament of Australia passed the *Online Safety Bill 2021* which seeks to create a new framework for online safety for Australians. The bill would, among other things, create a new complaints-based, removal notice scheme for cyber-abuse and reduce the timeframe for service providers to respond to a removal notice from the eSafety Commissioner from 48 to 24 hours; broaden the cyber-bullying scheme to capture harms occurring on services other than social media, and bring providers of app distribution services and internet search engine services clearly into the remit of the new framework. Both the bill and the consequential amendments bill have been presented to the Governor-

General for Assent. (More)

EDPB Adopts Final Version of Recommendations on Supplementary Measures

On June 21, 2021, the European Data Protection Board ("EDPB") adopted a final version of the Recommendations on supplementary measures following public consultation. They aim to assist controllers and processors acting as data exporters with their duty to identify and implement appropriate supplementary measures where they are needed to ensure an essentially equivalent level of protection to the data they transfer to third countries. Already international data flows are subject to much closer scrutiny from the supervisory authorities, thus the Recommendations follow the tendency, which intensifies the protection of cross-border data flows. (More)

EDPB & EDPS Issue a Joint Opinion on the AI Proposal

On June 21, 2021, The EDPB and European Data Protection Supervisor ("EDPS") have adopted a joint opinion on the European Commission's Proposal for a Regulation laying down harmonised rules on artificial intelligence (AI). The EDPB and the EDPS welcome the risk-based approach underpinning the Proposal, but they consider that the concept of "risk to fundamental rights" should be aligned with the EU data protection framework. Moreover, they also consider that compliance with legal obligations arising from Union legislation - including on personal data protection - should be a precondition for entering the European market as CE marked product. At the same time, taking into account the extremely high risks posed by remote biometric identification of individuals in publicly accessible spaces, the EDPB and the EDPS call for a general ban on any use of AI for automated recognition of human features in publicly accessible spaces. (More)

FTC Holds PrivacyCon 2021

The Federal Trade Commission will host its sixth annual PrivacyCon on July 27, 2021. PrivacyCon 2021 will bring together a diverse group of stakeholders, including researchers, academics, industry representatives, consumer advocates, and government regulators, to discuss the latest research and trends related to consumer privacy and data security. On the Occasion, the presentations will focus on issues such as privacy and security issues related to working from home, the costs and benefits of privacy and security and algorithmic bias. (More)





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