



NEW LAW ON DATA ENABLING THE UNIFIED DATA MANAGEMENT AT STATE LEVEL

The Vietnamese State has always considered the digital transformation one of the core missions and made all efforts to promote the application of science and technology in the national digital transformation and the digital Government. So far, certain disparate databases have been built by different authorities, serving the simplification of administrative procedures. However, there still exists certain shortcomings such as data duplication, inefficient data sharing, data being stored and processed by third parties which raises security concerns, etc.

There is consequently a need to build a National Data Center and a common legal framework for collecting,

storing and exploiting digital data at the State level, which has been mentioned in various official letters, resolutions, decisions, etc. by the Party and the State from time to time. It however seems that it was not until the issuance of the New Law on Data No. 60/2024/QH15 (taking effect on 1 July 2025) that the aforesaid concerns have thoroughly been addressed.

Below are noteworthy points.

1. **General Principle.** Under the aforesaid new law, it is emphasized by the State that data is a vital asset helping the governmental agencies in improving the public services and the operational efficiency. The State will give priority to develop the National Data Center on the basis of protection of legitimate rights and benefits of organizations and individuals.
2. **State Management.** The Government is highly in charge of the State management of data. The Ministry of Public Security is assigned to implement the State management tasks and will report to the Government. Other administrative departments and the local People's Committees will cooperate with the Ministry of Public Security in building the databases within their scope of authorities and ensuring the connection with the National Data Center.





3. Functions of the National Data Center

- a) The National Data Center will store and share the national databases between the relevant authorities for the purpose of State management.
- b) The National Data Center may provide data services through the licensed service providers allowed by the State such as
 - i. Data intermediary services in relation to exchanging, sharing, accessing data through commercial agreements
 - ii. Data analysis and synthesis services
 - iii. Data platform services
 - iv. E-certification services
- c) The non-governmental organizations may also have databases stored on the National Data Center upon contracts with the relevant licensed service providers.

- d) The data exploitation will be charged according to the Ministry of Finance's regulations.

4. **Transition.** Any authorities who have built their national databases or engaged third parties to provide the data infrastructure services may continuously operate such databases or use such data infrastructure services until the National Data Center fully operates.





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