

# Data Privacy Protection in Curaçao

Learn how European-based privacy laws help protect data confidentiality at CTEX's datacenters.



## Data Privacy Protection in Curaçao - what does it mean for your data maintained at the region's newest Tier-IV datacenter?

CTEX was formed in Curaçao not by happenstance. Five redundant submarine cables link the island to the rest of the world, and more are currently being connected to the island. As part of the Dutch Kingdom, Curaçao is very friendly to international business.

European-based privacy laws are favorable, taxes are low, and there are no import duties on technology equipment. A multicultural populace, that speaks English, Spanish, Dutch, Papiamentu, and Portuguese, also makes the island an ideal location for transnational commerce.

## Data Privacy Protection - one of the benefits of leveraging the region's most advanced datacenter in Curaçao

In 2013, Curaçao introduced regulations governing the protection of personal data. The National Ordinance on the Protection of Personal Data sets rules for the protection of personal privacy as it relates to the recording, processing and storage of data.

Dutch and European regulations were followed and incorporated in the formulation of the National Ordinance on the Protection of Personal Data. Therefore the level of data and confidentiality protection that is guaranteed by the National Ordinance is almost equal to the level of protection in place in European jurisdictions - a huge benefit for companies using Curaçao as a regional business

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and technology hub.

## Personal data

The National Ordinance also applies to all data that can provide information on an identifiable natural person. Obvious examples include name, date of birth, address, gender, etc. This includes data that is not directly related to a certain person but that nevertheless provides relevant information on a person. The National Ordinance therefore also applies to the confidentiality of data which can indirectly identify the identity of persons.

## Processing

The National Ordinance also applies to the automated or manual processing of data. Processing includes all actions that are related to the collection and recording of information, request and usage of data, distribution, deletion and destruction of data.

Personal data may only be collected for limited, expressly stated purposes. Personal data may only be processed for specific purposes as noted in the National Ordinance. Processing of personal data on the basis of someone's religion, race, political orientation, health, etc. is strictly prohibited.

## Responsibility

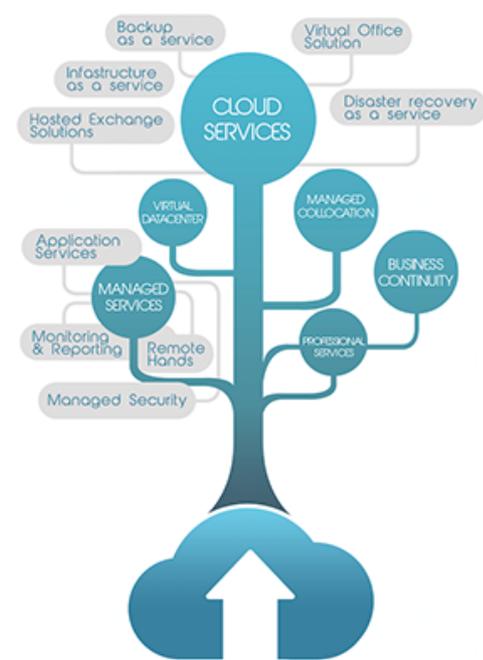
The responsibility to process, manage, store and safeguard data rests with the entity processing the data. In the case that your organization acquires data of clients and/or employees then you are responsible for the processing of this data in accordance with the safekeeping regulations as set forth in the National Ordinance. In the case that your data is stored and maintained at the CTEX datacenters, then CTEX is required to act in accordance with the National Ordinance but under the specific instructions of you as the customer and owner of your data. Customers own their data, CTEX ensures the safekeeping and protection of such data in accordance with the National Ordinance and/or any other non-disclosure agreement terms set forth between CTEX and its customers.

## Supervision

For the supervision on the processing of personal data and the compliance with the National Ordinance, a Personal Data Protection Board is established. The Curaçao Minister of Governance, Planning, and Provision of Services appoints the Members of the Board. However, the Board is independent and carries out its tasks without government interference or government influence. In case of violations of the National Ordinance, the Board can impose fines or sentence a party involved with violating the National ordinance to imprisonment.

## Appeal

Against a verdict or decision of the Personal Data Protection Board a party involved can appeal to the Court of First Instance of Curaçao and ultimately to the court of highest recourse in The Hague, The Netherlands.



## LETS TALK

We are confident that aside from leveraging the region's most advanced datacenter, Curaçao also brings about many business benefits worth exploring. Together with our partners, we can help protect your business and IT assets while at the same time exploring the various business opportunities of leveraging Curaçao as a regional business and technology hub. Let's talk.

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