

Abstract

Personal Data Protection with Focus on Processing and Protection in Civil Aviation

This diploma thesis focuses on the matter of EU legal regulation of personal data protection and reflects it in the field of civil aviation with focus on commercial air transport, as commercial air transport is at this moment the area of civil aviation where most of the personal data processing and operations with them are made. The goals of this diploma thesis are mainly to describe respective personal data processing in civil aviation and finding out whether GDPR represents an insurmountable legal obstacle for air carriers and civil aviation to operate or whether it is just another complicated act of legislation that air carriers and other entities in civil aviation must reflect.

The first chapter of the thesis briefly introduces the history of personal data protection while presenting some of its past and current sources of legislation. Moreover, the first chapter introduces certain legal institutes of current EU personal data protection legislation and draws attention to the continuity and discontinuity of GDPR with the previous one.

The second chapter of the thesis provides a short introduction to the topic of civil aviation legislation and describes the relationship between this legislation and GDPR.

The following chapters focus on the actual application of GDPR to the field of civil aviation, while taking in to account the volume of processed personal data, the emphasis is placed primarily on their processing in commercial air transport. In addition to individual processing of personal data in civil aviation, the diploma thesis analyzes and describes, the relationships existing among individual entities that perform it. It also addresses the specifics of the processing of personal data in commercial air transport, which among others, include the transfers of personal data to third countries, that in many cases have not been found out by the Commission as those that provide an adequate level of personal data protection. It also draws attention to the factual consequences of the extraterritoriality of GDPR in commercial air transport. It also briefly introduces the issue of personal data protection in the operation of unmanned aircraft.

The conclusion of the diploma thesis evaluates certain positives and shortcomings of the current legislation in general terms and in terms of processing and protection of personal data in civil aviation as well. It also assesses whether it is possible for the air carriers to comply with the GDPR, taking into account the current state of the art and it highlights certain steps that are essential to achieve it.

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