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[ICO News: New certification schemes will “raise the bar” of data protection in children’s privacy, age assurance and asset disposal](#)

The Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO) has approved the first UK GDPR certification scheme criteria. Certification was brought in under the UK GDPR as a way to help organisations demonstrate compliance with data protection rules and, in turn inspire trust and confidence in the people who use their products, processes and services.

[News Article: No need to swap data for drinks, says privacy body](#)

Customers should think carefully about handing over personal data when ordering food and drink via their mobile phones, the UK’s body overseeing data privacy suggests.

App and web-based ordering has become commonplace during the pandemic. But the Information Commissioner's Office told the BBC that customers should be aware they had a choice over whether to share information. Venues should only ask for data that is "relevant and necessary", the ICO said.

[ICO Fine: Information Commissioner's Office fines company for illegal pensions calls](#)

The ICO has fined Halifax-based company Parkin Beacher Ltd (PBL) £50,000 for making illegal marketing calls to people about their pensions.

The business, which operates under the trading name ‘Your Pension Options’, called people about their pensions when they were not authorised to do so. This is against the law.

[News Article: Data protection watchdog claims Zoom is incompatible with GDPR](#)

A data protection watchdog in Germany has warned the Senate Chancellery of Hamburg to avoid using Zoom as its video conferencing software is now incompatible with the EU's GDPR.

[Relates to the EU]

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