



SIIA Congratulates the EU on Advancing Process for Data Privacy Framework

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SIIA congratulates the European Commission on launching the process toward adoption of an adequacy decision for the EU-U.S. Data Privacy Framework. We also commend Secretary Raimondo and her team for expertly laying the groundwork for today's announcement. The EU-U.S. Data Privacy Framework is critical to ensure responsible data protection practices that underpin the significant portion of day-to-day global operations that are impacted by data flows across the Atlantic.

The announcement reflects the Commission's assessment that, based on President Biden's Executive Order and new Department of Justice regulations, U.S. law now provides safeguards that are comparable to those offered in the EU and fully address the concerns raised by the European Court of Justice in its *Schrems II* decision. These include a detailed set of privacy obligations, and the ability of EU citizens to seek redress if they believe that their rights have been violated.

Our members, many of whom are small and medium sized entities, along with more than 5,000 companies on both sides of the Atlantic as well as U.S. consumers, will stand to gain from the certainty and clarity that the decision, once final, will bring.

We encourage the European Data Protection Board, the EU's Member States, and the European Parliament to move with due haste, allowing the Commission to quickly move toward adoption of its final adequacy decision.