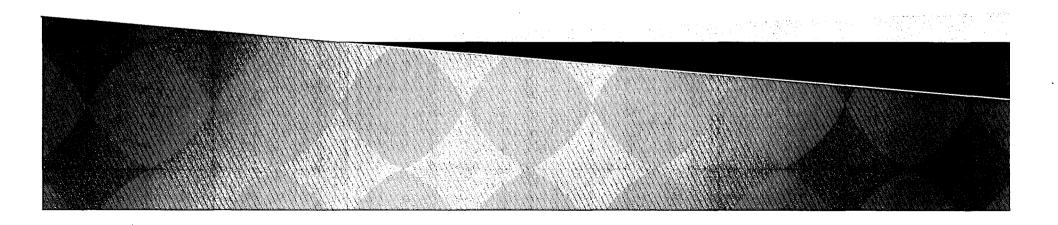


## **Privacy Law and Digital Trade**

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## Three Privacy Impediments to Trade

- Data protection law creates barriers to data transfers
- 2. Cultural differences between observation in the U.S. and other states with data protection laws
- 3. Legal obstacles to big data and analytics



#### Data and Trade are One in the Same

- Data drives every organization
- Every organization today has global data flows
- Even the smallest, one person organization is part of the global market



#### **Data Protection and Barriers to Transfer**

- Privacy enforcement, particularly how it is done in the U.S. directly targets the harm from misuse
- Data protection creates control mechanisms to indirectly prevent harms
- The outcomes are similar, but the processes are different



- Many data protection laws prevent transfers to countries that don't have "adequate" laws
- Our privacy regime doesn't procedurally match therefore not adequate
- Various legal mechanisms to accommodate data movement



# Measuring Organizations Rather than National Laws

- DECD accountability principle is the foundation for governing transfer based on internal rules and processes rather than national laws
- Creates the basis for interoperability



#### **Cultural Differences on Observation**

- Observation linked to U.S. First Amendment
- Any touching of data is a processing in data protection regimes
- Requires permission
- Historically a friction point



### **Legal Obstacles to Big Data**

- Processing in the U.S. is almost never an issue
- Processing in data protection countries requires a legal basis
- Work is ongoing to establish that legal basis



#### Conclusion

- There are impediments to the free flow of data
- Those related to data transfers and big data will be resolved
- Differences on observation are more problematic