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Kazakhstan: Introduction of user identification requirements aimed at regulating mass media

The President of Kazakhstan, Nursultan Nazarbayev, signed, on 28 December 2017, the Law No. 128-VI on Amendments and Additions to Certain Legislative Acts of the Republic of Kazakhstan on Issues of Information and Communication ("the Law"). Marina Kahiani and Lola Abdukhalykova, Partner and Associate at GRATA International, provide an analysis of the obligations under the Law, including user identification, data retention and data localisation provisions, applicable for telecommunications operators and website operators.

Introduction

The Law, which entered into force on 9 January 2018, is largely aimed at the improvement of legislation on issues of information and communication, and regulates social relations in the area of mass media, television and radio broadcasting, informational support and telecommunication.

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