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IMPACT OF INDIA'S NEW PRIVACY LAW ON THE GEOSPATIAL INDUSTRY

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Geospatial data or map data, as it is commonly called, has become one of the most important categories of data in recent times. It has wide-ranging uses right from infrastructure, mining and utility services to consumer-facing businesses such as mobility, fitness, and last-mile delivery and logistics. The importance of well-constructed, accurate and extensive map data can hardly be undermined for any modern economy. It is no surprise, therefore, that the Indian Government had significantly liberalized collection, use and other processing of map data through guidelines in 2021 ("Guidelines"). Subsequently, in 2022, the Department of Science and Technology of the Indian Government issued an office memorandum providing clarifications and compliance points regarding the Guidelines ("Geospatial Data OM").

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