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- New model clauses for Australian government procurement contracts, p.19
- EU DPAs set up right-to-be-forgotten 'dashboard', p.20

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## Nuisance calls firms to face more fines in UK

Fining companies that bombard people with nuisance calls and texts should be easier, UK Culture Secretary, Sajid Javid, has announced.

The UK government has published a six week consultation on lowering the legal threshold before firms responsible for nuisance calls and texts can be hit with fines of up to £500,000.

The law currently requires the Information Commissioner's Office to prove a company caused 'substantial damage or substantial distress' by their conduct.

The government wants to reduce this to causing 'annoyance, inconvenience or anxiety'. Sajid Javid said:

"Companies have bombarded people with unwanted marketing calls and texts, but have escaped punishment because they did not cause enough harm.

"Being called day after day may not be 'substantially distressing', but that doesn't make it acceptable.

"I want to make it easier for companies to face the consequences of ignoring

the law and subjecting us to calls or texts we have said we don't want."

Justice and Civil Liberties Minister Simon Hughes said: "Being pestered by marketing calls and texts is annoying at the best of times.

"But at its worst it can bring real misery for the people on the receiving end and this Government is determined to tackle the problem.

"We have already increased the level of fine available to punish rogue companies. Now we want

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## DPAs resolve on global enforcement for data breaches

An international conference of privacy commissioners has reached an agreement to improve international enforcement cooperation when regulators investigate data breaches.

The agreement sets out a framework for how regulators can work better together following an international data breach, in order to make investigations more effective.

The UK regulator, which together with the Canadian regulator drove the passing of the resolution, said: "instead of each data protection authority insisting that their way and only their way is essential for cooperating with others, we've secured a common set of rules to work together.

"It should mean a route for cooperation that

avoids the frustrations and delays of endless legal manoeuvrings around Memorandums of Understanding before anything useful can be achieved. It's not compulsory, and any data protection authority that isn't convinced doesn't have to play."

It added: "But, for those who want and need to

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