

Guidance for approved contractors 030

Businesses that supply services using overseas suppliers

Your business activities within the UK must conform to ACS requirements.

If you use suppliers based overseas, you must observe any relevant data protection and privacy laws concerning the transfer of information outside the UK.

The General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) require that you undertake a data protection impact assessment if you are transferring data outside the UK. Your ACS assessor will check that you have done this.

We expect you to make it clear to your customers that you use overseas suppliers to help you deliver services in the UK.

We will add the following statement to your entry on our register of approved contractors:

“This company uses overseas suppliers that have not been assessed by us and are not covered by the scope of this approval. Customers should seek their own assurance of any overseas provision.”

Note:

This guidance applies to any suppliers that are based overseas but support UK-based services. That includes ‘back-office’ functions such as payroll.

Example scenario

