

## **The Crown Dependencies**

**The Crown Dependencies (the Isle of Man and the Bailiwicks of Guernsey and Jersey) are not part of the UK or of the EU. However some aspects of EU law apply to them, relating in particular to trade in goods and the Customs Union, as set out in Protocol 3 to the UK's Treaty of Accession to the European Union. Protocol 3 does not cover Information Rights so the Crown Dependencies are treated as third countries for the purposes of EU data protection legislation.**

**The three Crown Dependencies are among a small group of only 11 jurisdictions world-wide that have been officially assessed by the European Commission as having "adequate" data protection standards enshrined in domestic law, meaning that such standards are consistent with the EU's 1995 Data Protection Directive.**

**This so called "adequacy decision" by the Commission allows for data to flow efficiently between the Crown Dependencies and the United Kingdom and other EU/EEA Member States, and is a vital component in ensuring the continued close economic ties with the UK. The Crown Dependencies are monitoring developments in the EU's data protection legislation, and will continue to work with the UK and the European Commission to ensure the 'adequacy status' continues to apply under any new EU data protection regime.**